

11. Man's Impact on Nature Sermon Transcript

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Father, we just thank You for the blessedness of the Sabbath. And I just thank you for giving that song to Brother Joseph, it really speaks to our hearts. As we think about Your loving character, it just goes deep into us. We just want to say that we love You, so much. Our hearts are filled with joy as we think about how tender You are, and we think about the cross, and all of the suffering that You've been willing to endure just that we might have eternal life. We worship You; we praise You, and we ask that You would invite the angels. We ask the angels to sing a song worthy of your praise, that is fit for You. We know that our expressions of joy, our tears of joy, are also a symphony for You, and we offer those to You today. We thank You in Jesus name. Amen.

It's nice, for the labourer, as it says. Paul says that the labourer must first partake of his own crop. It says that. There are times when I think about this subject, and it just overwhelms you with joy. I've had so much joy in the last few years. It's getting clearer and clearer, this picture of my Father. It's like, yes, I want to believe this, and yes, I'm seeing evidence that this is true, and as each piece comes in, it's the joy rises up further in my soul, with confidence. I knew my Father was truly loving, I knew that He never got to the point where He says, "I'm sorry, My child. You're going to have to die, you have no more value to Me because you've broken My commandments. So I have to kill you." My Father's not like this.

As Shane and I were talking before, the path that led me in this direction was the identity message. "You're My beloved child in whom I am well pleased." And the cross, the gift of the cross, and the concept of how much God is giving, how much value He is investing in each of us, that value can never be eroded. Nothing that we can do, can erode the value that we have in God's eyes. And so, it became completely inconsistent in my mind to say, "Well, God's strange act is that He suddenly suspends all of His value system, and all that He's invested, and all that He's given, and He's just hitting the pause button on that,

to finally fulfil what Satan said about Him all this time, and to be arbitrary, and to say, "Well, you're going to have to die."

But it's been a long journey. But I say this because people come to me and they say, "What about this?" And "What about this?" And "What about that?" Don't be lazy. Study.

Congregation member: Amen.

Well, I can show you some of the things I've found, but it's not all going to be handed to you on a plate. Well, it could be, but there are going to be some things where you see quotes, and you're just like, "How do I reconcile these points?" And there are just, where I've had to kneel and say, "Father, I can't understand this. This is not making any sense to me. Can You show me what this means? Help me because I'm confused now. I'm reading this here, and I'm reading this here, and it's not making any sense to me." And every time I've done this, I sit there for a moment, and then a thought comes. "Oh, go and have a look at this. Oh, look over here. Oh, wow, look at this." And then I dance. Wow, I didn't know that was there, that's amazing. There's struggle for birth to take place.

Congregation member: God does not say study to be approved, He says study to show that you're approved.

Thank you, Brother. Nice little turn on that one. Is it all right if I take this down now? That's a nice synopsis, isn't it? Who, what, when, how. Nice. Why? If. Get rid of the if. No if, why? Because God is love. Where? In the forehead. Yeah, the where is in the forehead. Verse one. It is there.

So, let's now consider. I need to also share ... I'm operating on the principle of the divine pattern. This is always figuring in our thinking. And as I said yesterday, what is happening in the New Testament is an amplification of the Old Testament. This is source, and this is channel. And Jesus says, "I am the way to the Father." So my understanding of what's going on here is, I'm going

to start here, and I'm going to work my way back into here. This is my methodology, okay?

If I read a lot of the things in the Old Testament, and I ignore the Revelation of Jesus here, then I'm not going to have an accurate picture, because it's only through Christ that we can know the Father. This is the only way we can know who God is. If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father. So this becomes our measuring rod. And I have a little booklet over there called *The Two Mirrors*. And I just want to read you a few statements. I've got this on the back.

This is *Signs of the Times*, February 24th, 1909. "We need to understand," this is Ellen White speaking, "that the gospel fully reveals the glory," which is character, "of the Lord. It is the mirror that reveals the character of God to the converted soul." The gospel. And where is the gospel revealed? It's written in the New Testament. Particularly in the first four books in the New Testament. Fully reveals the character of God. It is the mirror that reveals the character of God to the converted soul.

Now, we have some other statements here. "What was the earthly mission of Jesus? In describing His earthly mission, Jesus said, "The Lord has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, and those that are bruised."" And then it goes on. "While He ever bore himself His divine dignity, He bowed with tenderest regard to every member of the family of God. In all men, He saw fallen souls, whom it was His mission to save."

In how many men? All men. He saw in them a duty to save them. "Such is the character of Christ, as revealed in His life. This is the character of God. It is from the Father's heart that the streams of divine compassion manifest in Christ, flow out to the children of men. Jesus, the tender pitying saviour, was God manifest in the flesh." This is the point we have to keep coming back to. Emmanuel, God with us. And we have as many quotes. That one was ... Where was that one? Well, it's in the book.

This is on page 22, this is Signs of the Times, December 30 1889. "The whole character of God was revealed in His Son." The whole range of the possibilities of Heaven is displayed for the acceptance of man in the Son of the Infinite One. The way for man's return to God and heaven has no barriers. The matchless depths of the Saviour's love have been demonstrated. And if this manifestation of God's love for the children of men does not prevail to draw men to Himself, there is nothing that ever will. God has left nothing undone that He could do for us. He gave a perfect example of His character in the character of His Son."

This is the statement over and over. And we found statement after statement after statement. So this is your measuring rod. This is your measuring rod. Looking at the life of Christ, looking how He lived. He defined what the 10 commandments mean, because He is the living 10 commandments. So whatever those 10 commandments are, He's living life defines the meaning of those terms. So when we come to the sixth commandment where it says, "Thou shall not kill," and people say, "Well, the Hebrew word means murder, and killing is not murder when it's in an executive judicial phase.

Well, Jesus is the one who defines that term. How many people did Jesus kill? Zero. And if you want an inspired statement for that, this is Unpublished Writings, Manuscript 62, 1886. "Christ never killed anyone." There you go. So that's the definition of what it means, "Thou shall not kill." He is the definition of this statement. The other reason why this is really important, if it's for us to be able to keep the commandments, the spirit of who is living inside of you, Christ, if Christ is executing executive judgment and that's in His Spirit, and that Spirit comes and lives in you, what will you do? You'll do the same thing. Won't you?

But the commandment says, "Thou shall not kill." And He's the demonstration in His own life. You see, there's a number of things that we need to consider when we look at these things. So let's come to Genesis, now. Genesis 6. "Let's not be hearers of the word only. Let's be doers of the word." Doers of the Word are taking the gospel mirror, and they are applying this. We look at the life of Jesus on earth, and we begin to study this passage. Now, verse 7. It says, "And

the Lord said, "I will destroy man, whom I have created from the face of the earth. Both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air, for it repenteth Me that I have made them." So many people quote to me, "I will destroy man." Period. Okay.

So, the term, "I will destroy man," in that statement, is there any statement here of how He will destroy man? There's nothing there. It just says, "I will destroy man." So, let's keep reading, because He does tell you how He will destroy man. It's quite evident, here. We come down to verse 11. Well, verse 10 tells us about Noah's three sons, and verse 11 says, "The earth also was corrupt before God." And when you read that term, "the earth was corrupt," what are you thinking, with the word earth? What does the word earth mean, here?

We naturally think it's the inhabitants of the earth. Yeah, the physical earth, the earth. So the earth also was, past tense, corrupt. Now, that word, corrupt, someone like to look that up? What are some of the Hebrew definitions of the word corrupt there? I need to dig around a little bit. Let's have a look at the word, Genesis. Wasting, H7843, to decay, wasting, causatively ruin, batter, cast off. Corrupt, destroy, perish, spoil. Spoiler, earthly waste. So destroy is one of the meanings here. To decay.

Congregation member: Inaudible.

To cast off. Okay. So the earth was decayed. And one of the meanings there is destroyed. So this is important. It says the earth was decayed. So something has happened to the earth that it's fallen away. It's become ruined. The earth is ruined. And one of the meanings there is destroyed. Now it says, "It was decayed before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Now, when you read that word again, "the earth was filled with violence," what are you thinking about? You're thinking about people. What about the earth itself? Was the earth itself filled with violence?

All of the violence of men affecting the earth. This is what we want to look at. That the earth itself was filled with violence, and it's about to erupt and explode. Because it's filled with violence. It's inert? Okay. So what are you understanding? Let me go on a little bit more, I'll explain a little more on that one. I need to read you a quote out of this little book. The Dominion of the Earth. I'm going to read you, I think it's in the book, Education. Here it is. Listen carefully to this. This is Education, page 26. "Continually, they were reminded also of their lost dominion. Among the lower creatures, Adam had stood as king, and so long as he remained loyal to God, all nature acknowledged his rule." All nature acknowledged his rule. "But when he transgressed, this dominion was forfeited. The spirit of rebellion, to which he himself had given entrance, extended throughout the animal creation." Yeah. We hear the wows. Spirit of rebellion entered into the animal creation.

"Thus, not only the life of man, but the nature of the beasts, the trees of the forest, the grass of the field, the very air he breathed, all told the sad lessons of the knowledge of evil." They were corrupt, because the spirit of violence within man was affecting the earth. So now we need to look at, there is a divine patent relationship between man and the earth. And how do we know this? What is man made of? Earth. And man was given dominion over the earth. Now, the earth has no ... It has no intelligence of its own, does it? This is not Pantheism. The earth has programmed intelligence. What do we mean by that? Laws of nature.

Laws of nature are programmed intelligence that God has placed in nature. There is no living being in nature, it's just programmed laws. What is it? Garbage in, garbage out. Blessing in, blessing out. It's programmed intelligence. God has programmed it that way. So let's go to Genesis 3, and look at something interesting. But notice verse 17. Where the thorns and thistles come from, and unto Adam, He said, verse 17, "Because thou has hearkened under the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee saying, thou shall not eat of it, cursed is the ground for thy sake."

So, does God take his little box of curses and sprinkle some curses on the ground? Why is the ground cursed? Well, we just read. The spirit of rebellion in Adam went through the whole animal creation. This was the curse that went in to the animal creation. And so it says, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake." What does that mean? It's providing a feedback loop. The more the earth is becoming like Eden, the more we know that man is becoming more righteous. The more death, decay and destruction and more tornadoes, earthquakes and floods occur in the earth, the feedback loop is telling you, this nation is becoming sinful.

How many hurricanes came through here last season? Yeah. Is that a record number? Anyway ... No? Not a record number, it's been ... Oh, it's not THE record. It's up there. "Cursed is the ground for thy sake. In sorrow, thou shall eat bread all the days of thy life. Thorns and thistles, shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shall eat the herb of the fields. " Now, did God make the thorns and the thistles? Yes? They weren't there in the garden. Garbage in, garbage out. Man becomes hardened and prickly in nature, the creation will reflect man's nature. I think I've got the statement in here. I think if you look in here, it talks about that there are triggers within plants, and that leaves can wind themselves tight into a spike, depending on certain inputs. They become thorns. They were leaves, and they become thorns. There's an incredible bush in South Africa. It has two types of thorns on it. One is a hook, and as you're walking along, it hooks you in. And then there's another one that's a spike, and it spikes you. Have you ever met people like that? The wait-a-bit. Yes, that's it. That's the wait-a-bit bush, isn't it? Just go, "Don't."

It was for their sake. When thorns and thistles are coming, they can see, this is reflecting your nature. It's a feedback loop for you. And as I'm talking to some of my friends, more and more insects, more and more things that are destroying agriculture and all this is reflective of man's nature.

And all of this stuff is happening because it's reflecting what is in man. The spirit of rebellion in man is going into the creation. The more that man rebels, the more the earth is going to become violent. It's man's violence affecting the

earth that will come back on man. So, in heaven, the lion and the lamb will lie down together. Because the Spirit of peace in Christ, and those who have dominion over the animals, flows onto those animals. But as we rose up against our maker and wanted to kill him, what do now the lions and the bears want to do to us? And why do they want to do this to us? Because we put this spirit in them.

They have our spirit. The spirit of rebellion went all through the animal creation. Now, this is interesting. The young men who taunted Elisha. Spirit of rebellion, it went into where? Went into the bears. That's an interesting story. Interesting story. So, come over to Isaiah 24. And just on that particular story, most people I talk to, they say, "Well, those bears killed those boys." It doesn't say that. It says that they were torn. It mauled them. Now, it doesn't say they died. Just being accurate, that's all. Isaiah 24. Listen carefully to these words, verse 4. Isaiah 24:4. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away. The world languisheth and fadeth away. The haughty people of the earth." Which means the first part is the earth itself, is fading away, the word languisheth and fadeth ... this is this decay that is taking place. The haughty people of the earth do languish. "The earth also is defiled, and the inhabitants thereof. " Do we see the connection? How is the earth defiled? Under the inhabitants. The inhabitants are breaking the commandments of God, their spirit of rebellion is having some kind of an effect on the earth. Because we have to have some explanation of when Adam ate the fruit of the tree, why did leaves start falling off trees? Why? Because there is a direct connection between man and the earth. There is a dominion that man has been given over the earth. And his spirit affects the creation. When his spirit is evil, garbage into creation. When his spirit is righteous, blessing into creation. And it's going to come back. So the system that we have been put into, it's an unbreakable system. God doesn't have to do anything. We are the ones that are creating these situations, we are the ones that are destroying ourselves. We are the ones that are putting violence into the earth.

That's why it says in Genesis 6, that violence filled the earth. And that word, *erets* in the Hebrew, means the earth. It can mean, by extension, humanity on the earth, but it's the earth itself. And we need to read the text as it reads, don't we? So violence is coming into the earth.

Congregation member: In Romans 8, Paul tells us the creature is going to be delivered from the bodies of corruption in the glorious liberty. He says, "For we know that the creation groans."

Groans. And prevails. We need to get into that text. Now, a little bit further on here, the earth also is defiled and the inhabitants thereof, why? Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the what? Everlasting covenant. Therefore, hath the curse devoured the earth. There was the curse that came on the earth when Adam sinned, and what happened to the earth when Abel's blood ran into the soil? What came upon the earth? Let's have a look. It was a double curse. Another curse.

Now, it happened with Adam, because notice what it says here. No, it's written in 4:12. "When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength." So, Abel's blood going into the earth brought a curse upon the ground itself, that the earth would not give back the strength that it would have given before. The killing of Abel put death deeper into the system, and it means the earth would not yield its strength like it did before.

There's a direct connection between the actions of man and the effect on the earth. Every murder affects the ability of the earth to produce as it should. Which leads us to an important question. With all the murders that have taken place, we should be living in a desert. And you know why we're not? Because of the blood of Christ causing resurrection in the desert, causing speaking life, speaking life into the creation. Every loaf of bread is stamped with the cross of Christ.

And let's get something really clear. The food that you eat, is that what keeps you alive? No. It's God's life through that food that keeps you alive. God's life.

It's God's life that keeps us alive, and He puts it through the channel of the things that we eat. Just to get that clear. Because none of these things would grow without the life of Christ, without the spirit of Christ being breathed into the creation. When Jesus spoke to the wind and the waves. If you speak to wind and waves, what do people think you are? He spoke to the wind and the waves, "Peace, be still." And they went still. His Spirit of total submission to the Father, came up against the wind and the waves, which were in rebellion... And notice by the way, when you read *Desire of Ages*, because the disciples were in the boat, and... They were about to get in the boat, and Ellen White makes this interesting statement. She says, "As they're getting into the boat," she says, "their thoughts were storming."

Look it up. Thoughts, storming. Their thoughts were stormy, and then she says, "So God gave them something to think about." Meaning, breaking the hedge. He let their thoughts have a direct impact on the creation. And I want you to think about this point. Because this adds a dimension to the cross that many of us have not thought about. Many of us are engaging in rebellious defying action, and it should go straight into the earth, and the earth should rise up and kill us, but Jesus, He absorbs, He groans and travails, under the weight of our sinfulness, and He absorbs the curse as much as He is able to do.

When Adam sinned and this curse came, it says, "Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee." Now, where were the thorns when Jesus died on the cross? Right here. Piercing His mind. And this is symbolic of when we are violent and rebellious, and our spirit has an effect, a garbage-in response to the earth, and the earth should immediately fire back at us, and do to us what we did to it, just by garbage in, garbage out. It's just programmed logic. Jesus immediately steps in and breathes, and tells the angels to hold the winds. The winds of human strife and passion. And we do not die.

Every time you walk through the forest, and you feel the peace and the tranquillity in that place, it is because Jesus has spoken or breathed His Spirit into that place. That forest should be trying to kill you with every ounce of its strength, by dropping things on you, opening holes, sending creatures to

destroy you. Shouldn't it? But you feel peace. You have to be like Daniel Boone. To survive in the wilderness. Because mother nature is going to get you.

This is what I wondered. Walking, I'm thinking, the beauty of creation, it's only because of the cross. Because beneath all of this peace and tranquillity, Jesus is being spiked with the crown of thorns, and He's holding back what really should be happening, in order for you to experience the tranquillity of the creation. Now, that's a dimension of the cross that just blows my mind. It's just absolutely amazing.

So, we can read ... I think I've got some other ... This is all in this booklet. This is Bible Echo, July 15, 1893. "Not only had man come under the power of the Deceiver, but the earth itself, the dominion of man, was swept by the enemy." You see?

Congregation member: The voice said, "Your brother's blood cries to Me from the ground."

Okay, the voice. The voice. And what is... We don't want to go too technical on this, but what is in the voice? The vibration. You do some research on water memory. Water memory. Vibration. The things that we speak, the things that we say, it has spirit in it. Water and breath. Water and wind is coming out, it has vibration. And it affects the earth. And when we have thoughts of love and peace and joy, that has an impact. Of course, the new age has taken this and twisted it. Good vibrations. You want to become tree huggers.

There is an element of truth in this, but of course, it's been twisted. It's been twisted, and pantheism comes in and it's turned around from what it actually was intended. Now, I want you to notice this statement. "Satan works through the elements also to garner." So of course, Satan is able to take more control of the earth as men turn away from God's everlasting covenant, and His commandments. And Satan's spirit takes more control of man. That automatically gives Satan more power over the earth.

You see? It has a direct ... so the more he causes men to sin, the more he knows he can use nature to smash mankind. And so he studies laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements, as far as God allows. How does God allow Satan to control the elements? By man refusing to keep the commandments of God, it allows Satan more and more to control the elements. And so when we have a national Sunday law in the United States, following on the back of gay marriage, and all these other things, these things are going to give Satan more and more control of the elements, to really start to bring problems on the earth. And then they will rise up and say, "Those Sabbath keepers are the ones who are causing these problems." That's serious projection, isn't it?

"When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children were swept away. One trouble succeeding another as in a moment. It is God that shields His creatures and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer." Hello? Anybody listening? "It is God that shields His creatures, and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. But the Christian world have shown contempt for the Lord, Jehovah. And the Lord will do just what He has declared He would do."

What does He do? "He will withdraw His blessings from the earth and remove His protecting care from those who are rebelling against His law. And teaching and forcing others to do the same." Now, just on that point, and just to make a little bit of a side note, in Mathew 5. I've not come to destroy the law or the prophets. Not one jot, not one tittle, in no way should be taken from the law, till all be fulfilled. Nothing is going to be taken out. He that shall teach men to break one of the least of these commandments shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven.

And Ellen White says, "He that is least in the kingdom of heaven is not in heaven." How long have we as Seventh Day Adventists been teaching that the festivals are not important? You're teaching men to break the commandments of God. One jot, one tittle, shall in not ways be taken from the law. And I just want to connect some dots here for you, and we're going to go back into the

Sabbath on this particular point. But if what we're saying is correct, that the Sabbath and the festivals are providing a Sabbath fountain where the Spirit of God is coming in greater measure, and that the feast of unleavened bread is a thirtyfold magnification of the Sabbath, if you are keeping the festivals and drawing down that amount of Spirit, what is going to happen to the earth? Isn't it going to bless the earth? Isn't it going to have a good effect on the earth? Isn't it going to stay the effect of the earth?

Now, let me read you something. Exodus 5. We're jumping around a little bit, but I think you'll be okay. Exodus 5. In this context, you'll begin to understand why God instructs Moses to go to Pharaoh and ask him to keep a what? A feast. Exodus 5:1, "And afterward, Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus sayeth the Lord God of Israel, "Let my people go that they may hold a feast under me in the wilderness.""" God is wanting to pour Spirit out on Egypt. Why does He want to pour His Spirit out on Egypt?

Look at Leviticus 18. Verse 3. "After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein you dwell, you shall not do, and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whether I bring you, shall you not do." You go through Leviticus 18, the list there is vile. Adultery, paedophilia, homosexuality, incest, all of these things are listed here. This is what the Egyptians are doing, and this is what the Canaanites are doing. These actions have what result? Verse 25, "And the land itself is defiled by these actions."

Do you think Satan's dumb? Do you see why he's pushing for stuff like pizza gate? Gives him more control of the earth. Verse 25, "And the land is defiled thereof. I do visit," as in, I do oversee, "the inequity there upon it, and the land itself..." Does what? "...vomiteth out the inhabitants thereof." The earth is about to vomit out the Egyptians, because they are practicing these abominations. They have filled up the land with their abominations and their rebellion against God. And the winds can no longer be held back. God in His mercy is looking for a way to get His Spirit into Egypt. And He says, "Moses, go to Pharaoh and ask him if you can keep a feast." Why does he need to ask Pharaoh if he can keep a feast?

Because in granting the permission, he obtains the benefit. The blessing. So that Egypt could be preserved and could be protected. God loves the Egyptians. They are His children. He wants to save them. And so, notice what it says in Exodus 5:3. And Pharaoh of course, "Who is the Lord that I should serve Him? I know not the Lord." Rubbish, Pharaoh, you know who the Lord is. You know who Joseph is. You know that you are sitting on that throne because Joseph had put you there, and made Egypt a great nation. He knew this, so he's lying.

Verse 3, "And they said, "The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us, let us go we pray, the three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice under the Lord, our God, lest He fall upon us with..." What? "...pestilence and sword." Pestilence is nature in spirit of rebellion. Sword is man in a spirit of rebellion. Both man and nature is going to rise up in Egypt, and terrible things are going to take place. That's why we need to keep the festivals. Keep a feast under the Lord. We need festivals, we need the Sabbath, we need the new moons, we need the festivals, to bring the Holy Spirit into this land, to buy more time for this nation and for my nation, and all the nations. We need to ask God to give us His spirit.

You're getting a different context, a different paradigm on these things now? I mean, doesn't it blow your mind? It's just like, it makes sense now. It makes complete sense about, why do to Pharaoh and ask to keep a feast? I mean, what's the big deal? Pharaoh doesn't even know what the feasts are about. Keep a feast. God is wanting to save this nation. He's wanting to save the Egyptians, and of course, they are not able to do that. And difficulty happens. So, we've side-tracked a little bit, so let's come back to Genesis 6.

So we're talking about the effect of the earth. So, what does it say in verse 5 of chapter 6? "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth." In the earth. "And the very imagination of the thoughts of His heart was only evil continually." So this is all going into the earth. It's all affecting the earth, and that's why verse 11 says, the earth also was corrupt, it was decayed, it was destroyed, because of all the abominations they were practicing. And

now verse 12 tells you, "And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth."

It's very clear, isn't it? Why was the earth corrupt? Because all flesh had broken the everlasting covenant, the earth was defiled under the inhabitants thereof, the earth is stirring up the wrath, it's stirring up the rebellion, and it's got the point where the whole thing is going to blow apart. And who did this? Man did this. But if man accepts that we did this, if we accept this, then when we have tornadoes and winds and destructions, then we have to accept the responsibility for it. So it's better to blame God, that God did this. God smote sinners, God did this to people. Because otherwise, I have to accept that we are responsible for doing this.

Verse 13. "And God said unto Noah, "The end of all flesh is come before me."" What does that mean? As He's looking into the future, He can see ... I can see. It's all going to collapse. It's all going to fall apart. "The end of all flesh is come before Me for the earth. The earth itself is filled with violence." How did the earth itself become filled with violence? Because man was violent. And his spirit. Through them, the earth itself became filled with the frequencies of violence. Through them. Violence through them. "And behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

So, the earth is already destroyed, and the language is, "I will destroy them." Meaning, "I'm going to let this happen. They have chosen this, I've reached out to them as much as I can. They're refusing to listen. I'm not going to stop what man has sown. As man has sown. I've been holding this off as long as I can. Holding back the winds, trying reaching, sending Noah 120 years, pleading with them, please stop doing these things. Not listening, not listening. I can't I have to let them have their own way." And notice something really interesting about this story in Job chapter 22.

Oh, why would we find... Well, Job was actually the first book of the Bible that Moses wrote. Did you know that? Job 22. It tells you what the people said to God. Job 22:15. "Has mark the old way which wicked men have trodden, which

were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflowing with a flood?" What did they say? "Which said unto God, "Depart from us." And what can the Almighty do for them? Yet what did He do? He filled their houses with good things. "But the counsel of the wicked is far from me."

You see what happened? They said to God, "Depart from us." And in telling God to depart from them, Jesus could no longer carry the crown of thorns for them. He was absorbing as much of the violence as He could absorb, and they said, "Get away from us. We are breaking every one of your fingers." The fingers being the finger of God, being the Spirit of God. "We are breaking your fingers, get lost. We don't want You."

And so finally, in grief, God is forced to withdraw, and the earth erupts. And this is what we are seeing within the flood. So people say, "Well, why was it a flood? Why wasn't it some disease? Why was it water that destroyed them?" This applies to the plagues in Egypt as well. If you study the Antediluvian world, the primal god of the Antediluvians was a god of water. Nammu, the goddess. She was the one that created the goddess of the sky, and the earth. Water. As you judge, you will be judged. Why were they destroyed with water? Because they believed in the god of water. And so that's why water destroyed them. They destroyed themselves through their belief in the god, because they knew they were worthy of death, and their death came through the god that they worshiped. It came through water. Man destroyed himself.

Carl: And it's the same way with the plagues to come. All the plagues are of what they worshiped. The sun, the frogs. All these different plagues that fell on Egypt were the same way. They were known as the gods that they worshiped. But the seven last plagues leave out three plagues that fell on Egypt and on the Israelites. So, we see the same kind of thing with the last destruction. It's what they worshiped, it's what they had reflected on, will be reflected back on them. And I'd learned this a long time before I even knew or understood anything on the character of God.

There you go.

Carl: This was something we were even talking about in Andrew's university. This is something they know. They know that each one of these gods is depicted by the plague that would fall.

So why will the earth be destroyed by fire in the end? The gods, both in Christianity and Islam, and Judaism, they worship a god of fire. That's why fire is going to destroy the earth. It's because we... It's our conception, our dominion of the earth is used to destroy us. That's why it'll be fire, not water. This is why the plagues in Egypt. They worship frogs, they worship these things, they worship. And these gods destroyed them. Because they worshiped them. And God was trying to hold it off.

Ben: Jeremiah 12:4 says, "How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein?" So that's giving the reason. "The beasts are consuming the birds because they said, He shall not see our last end." And if we look at William Miller's rules, rule number 11, "If a word makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, it is to be understood literally, if not figuratively."

There we go. For the wickedness of them that dwell therein. You see? It's all here in the Bible. Why haven't we been taught these things? Why haven't we seen these things ourselves? It's all here. It's in the Spirit of Prophecy. It's all laid out there. "Oh, God says, "I will destroy them."" That's lazy. That's very lazy. The Bible is telling you what is going on and how the earth is going to be destroyed, why it was destroyed with water.

Now, you come back to Isaiah 24. Isaiah 24. So the flood came because men stored up wrath in the earth, they worshiped the god of water, they told God to depart from them, they wanted nothing to do with Him. And so they say, and it says in Romans chapter one, it says that they knew that those who do these things are worthy of death. They know this. The wicked know this. Because the sin is written in the heart with a pen of iron. And so when it's coming, they know that it's coming. This is why we have such a phobia and fear of a new world order and being enslaved. This is the psychosis of humanity

that's guilty with sin. The expectation that someone is going to destroy them. And because that's what they expect, that's what's going to happen. We bring it upon ourselves.

Congregation member: I was going to say, another reason why the earth is not going to be destroyed by water is because God said He would not destroy with water anymore.

Okay. Because God looking ahead in the future, He knew. He knew the direction it would go. That's a good point. Very good. Thank you. He wasn't going to destroy the world with water anymore. He's going to let man go in that direction. For He knew where the man would go. Let's lay aside this water stuff. Let's go for the Greek gods.

So, this really opens up our understanding, doesn't it? I find this fascinating. In as many more quotes, Isaiah 24, notice something here. Isaiah 24:6. "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, they that dwell there are now desolate, therefore the inhabitants of the earth are..." What? "...burned, and few men are left." So in Romans chapter one, it says, "Men burned in their lust, one for another." So when they burn in their lust, one for another, how does the earth respond? It burns. What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah? Did men burn in their lust, one for another? Doesn't it say in the Torah, Leviticus chapter 18? Lists all these perversions which were being done in Sodom and Gomorrah, and it says the earth itself will vomit out the inhabitants. How were they vomited out? Fire and brimstone. Because they burned in their lust, and so the fire comes down and consumes them. This is the laws of nature. Oh, but we want to blame God. We must blame God so we don't have to take responsibility for it. But man is the one that is doing this.

I have several other quotes in here. And this is only the beginning. I think it's in 3 Manuscript Release. Let me find this quote for you. You remember key words. Unregulated mechanical forces. How's that one? Unregulated mechanical forces. Three MR 342. "Winds and earthquakes and tempests are not capricious outbreaks of unregulated mechanical forces. All nature is in the

fullest sense, under the control of physical law." Garbage in, garbage out, blessing in, blessing out. That's the law. "It is the expression of a higher will. He holds the wind in His fists, He gathers the waters in the hollow of His hands." Now that's interesting, isn't it? In the hollow of His hands.

"He maketh the clouds His chariots. The Lord sitteth upon the flood. The Lord sitteth King forever. Let not human wisdom dethrone and defy the great Sovereign of the universe. He that made the worlds and all that are therein. He is the sustainer. All nature is but the working out of the laws which He has made, a manifestation of His sovereign will." And His will is to bless. But man turns it around. Now, notice, it keeps going, a series of quotes here, in 3 MR that's really good.

"It is a wonderful and grand fact that the laws of God in nature, effect follows cause with unerring certainty." Effect follows cause. Blessing brings the cause of blessing. Curse, sin, brings the opposite. "The seed sown will produce a harvest of its kind. So it is in human nature. He that sows to the flesh shall have the flesh reap corruption. He who sows to the Spirit shall have the Spirit reap everlasting life. If human beings would consider that they are making their own harvest," flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, making their own harvest, "they would be careful what seed they sow." And there's some more quotes here.

Now, listen carefully to this one. "Under the supposed wisdom of men, nature is placed where she becomes a destructive agency." Under whose wisdom? Men, nature is placed where she becomes a destructive agency. This is nothing to do with our Father, other than the laws that He created, which He designed to bless us with, but are now turned against us under human wisdom. That's three MR, 342 to 344.

I don't know if I've got it in here or not, but, "The good things which were given to man only to bless him are converted into a curse." And then she gives an example within man. "By the use of wine and liquor, men become slaves to appetite. God does not interpose to work a miracle to convert evil into good, for He has laid all nature under His eternal laws. "Let there be no peace to the

wicked," He says. "Let everything be at war with him." And nature responds. "There shall be none." If man takes himself into his own hands to do with himself as he pleases, if he works against God and nature, his indulgences will become to him, the instruments of death."

Ben: Over here we notice how she says, "all nature."

All nature is operating by these laws. "Under the hand of God, nature ministers against the transgressors of God's laws." He visits the inequities of the fathers. The inequities of the fathers go into the earth, and they come back to the third and fourth generation, and destroy the earth. You see? You see how it works? "She holds her destructive elements in her bosom." Interesting language. Who put those destructive elements in there? Under the human supposed wisdom, nature becomes a destructive agency. It's man who puts these things in there. And notice this. "When Pharaoh defied God through Moses and Aaron, saying, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." Nature expressed her sympathy with her injured Maker, and cooperated with God," interesting language, "cooperated with God to avenge the insult to Jehovah. All Egypt was laid desolate because of the stubborn resistance of Pharaoh."

How did the plagues come? Man had stored up wrath, the earth vomited out the inhabitants thereof, and this is God's vengeance. God's vengeance. Yeah. They're gods. These are the gods, and the immorality that they were practicing.

Ben: Just one more scripture. Job 21:27, Ruben found it this morning. "The heaven shall reveal his iniquity, and the earth shall rise up against him."

The earth shall rise up. This is what's going to happen. I mean, isn't it clear? This is only a small portion of the text that exists on this particular point, which explain the flood, which explain the plagues, which explains Sodom and Gomorrah, and all of these things that are explained in the scripture. And all the while, the reason why we are not being annihilated right now is because Christ is carrying a crown of thorns, He's being pierced by this rebellion, He's

holding on. But eventually, the typology of the cross is that Christ is carrying the cross, and then what happens? He collapses under the weight of the cross, and then the winds are released, and then destruction comes. This is how it's going to happen.

And it's on this particular point that the angels of God are holding back the forces. And when they are forced to stand down, they become, in the language of the spirit of prophecy, they become angels that determine the destiny of souls. And this is interesting because it says, "We have come to overthrow this city." Now, that word, overthrow, is also translated, throw off this city. Which means the angels come down, the angels that are protecting Sodom and Gomorrah from Satan and the elements. To release all the elements, the angels are told to stand down, and that releases all of the violence, both within men and within nature, and that's how Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed.

That's how they overthrew the city. They threw off the city. And why did they throw it off? Because man had said, "Depart from us. We want nothing to do with you. Leave us alone." You see? So hopefully, that will stimulate your thinking on this. I mean, this just excites me so much. And there was a lot of study. I said, "Father, how do I explain this?" Bang, bang, bang, take. It's just here, here, here. Just waiting for someone to ask. To put the pieces together. And of course, others, "What about this, Adrian? Look at this, look at this, look at this." And it all fits together. My Father is not a destroyer. Satan is the destroyer. Christ is the restorer. That's a quote. In the Spirit of Prophecy.

So I don't know, maybe there are some questions. Other questions? Otherwise, we can finish off.

Congregation member: Inaudible comment.

That's an act of man, not an act of God.

Congregation member: Inaudible comment.

It's an act of man. Man is projecting. I forgot something I needed to share with you. Now that you've raised that point. The issue of the Sabbath is directly right at this, because the Sabbath and the festivals are bringing Spirit that bring peace into the earth. So when a Sunday law is enacted, it ensures that the whole world is going to shift away from Sabbath, which means it cuts off the ability of more of the Spirit of God to come into the earth. And it guarantees more violence in the earth.

And let's have a look at Early Writings. We'll see this in Early Writing. So Early Writings, 34. Us keeping of the Sabbath is buying time for this nation. So I've got to go back. 30 ... Oh, it's 33:2. "I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They had not rejected the light upon it." And then she says this, "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." The Sabbath more fully is the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Sabbath. The Sabbath more fully is that keeping the Sabbath brings the Holy Spirit and subdues violence in the earth. This is Sabbath more fully.

And as we proclaim the Sabbath more fully, as we engage in the Sabbath and the new moo in the feast, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. And what does this do? Notice what it says. "Proclaim the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and the nominal Adventists." Who were the nominal Adventists to the time of the commencement of the times of trouble? Well, I hope some brethren in the GC come through. Anybody who is ceasing to study, and follow present truth. Who just are attending, those who are ready to settle down on the creed and cease to continue to study their Bibles become nominal. Whose who are simply wanting a degree from Andrew's in theology or whatever else. Those who are doing these things become nominal. And these people will become enraged as we present, and as we proclaim the Sabbath more fully.

Carl: Okay, may I read something from Leviticus 26?

Good. 26. Excellent.

Carl: Yeah. Exactly where we're going.

Yeah.

Carl: "And I will bring the land into desolation, and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and I will draw you out a sword after you, and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her Sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate, it will be your enemy's land. Even shall the land rest, enjoy her Sabbath." And I know this goes to the fulfilment, but it goes on and says, "As long as it lieth desolate, it shall rest because it did not rest in your Sabbath when you dwelled upon it." And then it goes on to say, "And upon them that are left alive, I will send the faintness into the hearts of the lands of their enemies, and the sound of the shaking leaf shall chase them, and they shall flee as fleeing from a sword." There's a fear going on in this. "And then it shall fall, and none pursueth."

Carl: I always think about these quotes in this particular area, where this actually happened. And this actually happened a couple times in Babylon, is one that most people understand it to be. But it also happened before that, and it's going to happen again. The land has to have its rest, it has to have its time. Its Sabbaths. The Sabbaths weren't just for man, even though they were made for man. They were there for the land as well.

Doesn't that show there's a connection between man and the earth? The fact that the land must have its Sabbath? If the land must have its Sabbath, it is affected as well as we are. It needs rest. It needs a spirit of rest to be put into it.

Carl: And any good farmer knows that after seven years, they have to stay off the land that they have and till into another portion of land.

Yeah.

Carl: Six years, and give it the rest year.

Let me ask you this question. This opens up a whole can of worms, and maybe puts the can of worms away. No, we need the worms. How much longer can we afford to eat food that is being offered to idols? Do you know what I'm talking about? Food produced by the heathen, what effect do they have on the food that they produce? Now, of course, when you pray, God will bless, and yes, He'll take care of you, but as the wickedness of man increases, the quality of the food will continue to go down, the disease will increase. The whole food production system is going to break down. That's where it's going.

Ben: What Carl was saying, and what Pastor Adrian was encouraging, Leviticus 26, all this is detailing all the consequences of not walking in the statutes and the judgements, which includes the Sabbaths. And so, it says here, "Your heavens will become as iron and the earth is brass." Pastor has already said that. "That the land shall not yield its increase, the trees of the land shall not yield their fruits. Wild beasts will be sent among you. Your cattle will be destroyed. Everything will become desolate." It just goes on and on and on. It's everything that we experience today.

Absolutely. It's all laid out there. These are just things that stimulate our thinking. I'm not telling you to stop shopping at the supermarket, I'm just saying, we need to start thinking.

Dennis: You brought up an interesting point here, because my brother is in Mariam. He farms, he still farms, and it is getting harder and harder for farmers to give a quality product in agriculture. Not only in plants, but also in the meat production. And now, they are resorting to more and more chemicals-

The laws of nature.

Dennis: ... to take the place of the loss of the good food. And that comes right into us if we eat that stuff. So, what you're saying has a ring of truth to it, not only from scripture, but we're seeing it in evidence today.

And I travel in several countries, and I'm hearing the same in all of them.

Congregation member: To hear about the mites that are being experienced by the bees. Now, if the bees are destroyed, there's no fruits or vegetables. I have a question about Genesis 8:20. Because after the flood, it said Noah took an altar to the Lord and took every clean beast, and the Lord smelled the sweet savour, and the Lord said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground anymore for man's sake.

Yup.

Congregation member: How do we fit that into what we are studying right now?

Verse 21, and the Lord-

Congregation member: Verse 20.

20. And-

Congregation member: Genesis eight.

Noah built an altar unto the Lord and took of every clean beast and offered of every clean fowl and offered burned offerings on the altar. Yeah. So the question is? And the Lord smelled the sweet savour, and the Lord said in His heart, "I will not again curse." Now, that word, smelled, actually, if you look at it more closely, is exhale. The Lord breathed. So, He's breathing His Spirit into the earth, to hold back the curse that man is bringing. The Lord breathed the sweet savour, and the Lord said in His heart, "I will not again curse the ground anymore for man's sake. I'm going to hold back what man's doing to the earth. I'm going to hold it."

He's going to breathe His spirit as much as He can, to hold the creation. We are living in such mercy from our Father in Heaven. We should not be alive. There's just no way. No way possible. But it is by the grace of God that we're able to live. Now, I want you to notice something here. "This enraged the churches and the nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth, and at

this time, God's chosen oh so clearly that we had the truth, and they came out, endured the persecution with us."

We have brethren at the present time who are? They're watching. They're observing. And then they'll see and they'll come out and join us. And then she says this, "I saw the sword, famine and pestilence in the land." Those who do not come into this truth, who do not come in to receive the Spirit coming through the Sabbath more fully, the Sabbath, the new moon, and the feast days three times in a year, will begin to experience sword, famine and pestilence like Egypt did. And then what happens? Notice.

"And great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgements upon them. And they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking then the evil would be stayed." You see how this is all going to play out? The Sabbath is intimately linked to the final events of earth's history. "In the time of trouble, we fled from the cities and villages, but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the house of the saints with a sword." Are you going to be ready with your AK-47s to blow them away then?

"They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke and fell powerless as straw." There you go. It'll be a tense moment as the sword's coming down. It'll be a bit tense. But then it becomes as powerless as a straw. "Then we all cried day and night for deliverance, and the cry came up before God. The sun came up and the moon stood still. The stream ceased to flow." The streams of what? Of the Spirit. Ceased to flow to the world. And then it says this, "Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other, but there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God, like many waters which shook the heavens and the earth. The sky opened and shut." That's interesting.

"It opened and shut with commotion. The mountain shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out rugged rocks all around." The earth is starting to manifest itself according to what man has done. "The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day in the hour of Jesus' coming, and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence

and then paused as the words were rolling through the earth." And then it goes on and describes. And then it says something interesting. "Just after this, then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest."

From all of the abominations of man and the evil that's going to the earth, and then the jubilee would commence when the earth would rest. It's all connected together. And I find this fascinating. So I think I will leave it there. I hope that that will encourage you to study more, and as you can see, as we look at each topic, it just gets better and better and better. And so, I appeal to you to participate in Sabbath, New Moon, and feast days, three times in the year, to bring down the Spirit of God to buy more time for this nation, and that the earth will be held a little longer. And let us share this with as many people as possible, and tell them it is man who brought the flood, it is man who caused Sodom and Gomorrah, it is man who brought the plagues on Egypt. This is how it happened, if I'm understanding the Word of God correctly. So let's kneel and have a prayer.

Father in Heaven, I just thank you so much for the scripture. Line upon line, precept upon precept. As we follow and we put all the piece together and grab all of the texts, it's so clearly revealed, to show that the earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof. That Adam's sin brought thorns and thistles, and Cain's sin caused the earth to reduce in its prosperity. Please help us, Father, to not only be planting spiritual seed, but in the divine pattern, physical seed. That we may pray over the produce and things that we would produce. That we would be like Joseph. To store up not only spiritual seed, but physical seed, that we might feed those around us, spiritually and physically. And I thank You in Jesus' name. Amen.