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# THE SHAKING AND SIFTING



**After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues,**

**Revelation 7:9a**



**standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb, clothed with  
white robes, with palm branches in  
their hands,**

**Revelation 7:9b**



and crying out with a loud voice,  
saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our  
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**Revelation 7:10**



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“We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands.” [Testimonies for the Church 6:332](#) (1900).

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**In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”**

**Genesis 22:18**



“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come.”

Manuscript 173, 1902, cited in [The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 4:1161](#).

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**All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,**

**Revelation 7:11**



**saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory  
and wisdom, Thanksgiving and  
honor and power and might,  
Be to our God forever and ever.  
Amen.”**

**Revelation 7:12**



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“The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us.

Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard

matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened

imprisonment, and death.... In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church.”

[Testimonies for the Church 5:81](#). See also [The Great Controversy, 608](#).

A high-angle photograph of a person panning for gold in a stream. The person's hands are visible, holding a metal pan filled with water and sediment. The stream bed is covered with rocks, and the water is clear enough to see the rocks. The person is wearing a grey t-shirt and a grey sneaker. The background is dark, suggesting a shaded stream bed.

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“When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness.” [Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 112.](#)

**“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.**

**Matthew 7:15**



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“Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils and will depart from the faith.”

**Testimonies for the Church 6:401.** “As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition.” **The Great Controversy, 608.**

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“I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God’s people.” [Testimonies for the Church 1:181](#).

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“The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith.”

Evangelism, 224. See Evangelism, 221-225; The Great Controversy, 423, 488; The Review and Herald, January 21, 1890; Testimonies for the Church 5:575.



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“One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan’s banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God’s Spirit.” [Selected Messages 3:84](#). See also [Selected Messages 3:48](#) [Testimonies for the Church 4:211](#).

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“Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness.” [Prophets and Kings, 188.](#)

“Many will show that they are not one with Christ, that they are not dead to the world, that they may live with Him; and frequent will be the apostasies of men who have occupied responsible positions.” [The Review and Herald, September 11, 1888.](#) See also [Manuscript Releases 13:379, 381.](#)





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“Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan.... Some will go out from among us who will bear the ark no longer. But these cannot make walls to obstruct the truth; for it will go onward and upward to the end.” [Last Day Events, 179](#). See also [Selected Messages 3:385](#); [Manuscript Releases 7:192](#).

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

**Revelation 7:13**



**And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”  
So he said to me, “These are the  
ones who come out of the great  
tribulation, and washed their robes  
and made them white in the blood  
of the Lamb.**

**Revelation 7:14**



Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

**Revelation 7:15**



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“The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out—the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place.” [Selected Messages 2:380](#).

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“The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves.”—

[Testimonies for the Church 4:89](#). “As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.” [The Great Controversy, 608](#). “Soon God’s people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal.” [Testimonies for the Church 5:136](#).

“The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour....

Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time.” [Letter 103, 1903](#), cited in [Last Day Events, 182](#). See also [Early Writings, 27](#) [Testimonies for the Church 8:41](#).



**They shall neither hunger anymore  
nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not  
strike them, nor any heat;**

**Revelation 7:16**



for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Revelation 7:17**





# How to prepare for the crisis?

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“When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.” [Testimonies for the Church 5:136.](#)



**Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”**

**1 Kings 19:18**





Closing Hymn - #369  
**Bringing in the Sheaves**

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