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Exodus 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two **tables of testimony**, tables of stone, **written** with the **finger of God**.

Bible Study Summary Introduction Statement

The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.

BIBLE STUDY

The Seven Physical Tests of a True Prophet of God found in the Bible that prove Ellen G. White to be a Prophetess for the Remnant Church

Where some of the prophecies of Ellen G. White conditional like some Bible prophecies were?

Jeremiah 18:7 *At what* instant I shall **speak** concerning a **nation**, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to **destroy it**;

Jeremiah 18:8 If that **nation**, against whom I have pronounced, **turn** from their **evil**, I will **repent** of the **evil** that I thought to do unto them.

Jeremiah 18:9 And *at what* instant I shall **speak** concerning a **nation**, and concerning a kingdom, to **build** and to **plant it**;

Jeremiah 18:10 If it do **evil** in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will **repent** of the **good**, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

Jonah 3:4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet **forty** days, and **Nineveh** shall be **overthrown**.

Jonah 3:5 So the **people** of Nineveh **believed** God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

Jonah 3:6 For word came unto the **king** of **Nineveh**, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

Jonah 3:7 And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and **published** through Nineveh by the **decree** of the **king** and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

Jonah 3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and **cry** mightily unto **God**: yea, let them **turn** every one **from** his **evil** way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands.

Jonah 3:9 Who can tell *if* **God** will **turn** and **repent**, and turn away **from** his fierce **anger**, that we perish not?

Jonah 3:10 And God **saw** their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God **repented** of the **evil**, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to **observe** *and* to do **all** his **commandments** which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt **not** hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to **observe** to do **all** his **commandments** and his statutes which I command thee this day; that **all** these **curse**s shall **come** upon thee, and overtake thee:

Deuteronomy 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall **hearken** diligently unto my **commandments** which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with **all** your **heart** and with all your soul,

Deuteronomy 11:14 That I will **give** *you* the **rain** of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Deuteronomy 11:15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Deuteronomy 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and **serve** other **gods**, and worship them;

Deuteronomy 11:17 And *then* the LORD'S **wrath** be kindled **against** you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a **sign** upon your **hand**, that they may be as **frontlets** between your **eyes**.

Deuteronomy 11:19 And ye shall **teach** them your **children**, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then **we** which are **alive** *and* **remain** shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

God's Promises Are Conditional

The angels of God in their messages to men represent time as very short. [See **Romans 13:11, 12**; **1 Corinthians 7:29**; **1 Thessalonians 4:15, 17**; **Hebrews 10:25**; **James 5:8, 9**; **1 Peter 4:7**; **Revelation 22:6, 7**.] Thus it has always been presented to me. It is true that time has continued longer than we expected in the early days of this message. Our Saviour did not appear as soon as we hoped. But has the Word of the Lord failed? Never! **It should be remembered that the promises and threatenings of God are alike conditional.** [See **Jeremiah 18:7-10**; **Jonah 3:4-10**]. . . {LDE 38.3}

We may have to remain here in this world because of insubordination many more years, as did the children of Israel, but for Christ's sake His people should not add sin to sin by charging God with the consequence of their own wrong course of action.--**Ev 695, 696 (1901)**. {LDE 39.1}

What Christ Is Waiting For

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. {LDE 39.2}

It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 69 (1900). {LDE 39.3}

By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:12, margin).--DA 633 (1898). {LDE 39.4}

He has put it in our power, through cooperation with Him, to bring this scene of misery to an end.--Ed 264 (1903). {LDE 39.5}

The Testimony of Jesus is the Ten Commandments

What were the Ten Commandments called?

Exodus 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two **tables of testimony**, tables of stone, **written** with the **finger of God**.

Exodus 32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two **tables** of the **testimony** *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

Exodus 32:16 And the **tables** *were* the **work** of **God**, and the **writing** *was* the **writing** of **God**, graven upon the tables.

Exodus 34:28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he **wrote** upon the **tables** the **words** of the **covenant**, the **ten** commandments.

Exodus 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two **tables of testimony** in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

Who is the greatest of all prophets?

Luke 24:19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning **Jesus** of Nazareth, which was a **prophet** mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

Who is the lawgiver who wrote and gave the Ten Commandments to Jesus?

Isaiah 33:22 For the LORD *is* our **judge**, the LORD *is* our **lawgiver**, the LORD *is* our king; he will **save** us.

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all **judgment** unto the **Son**:

Mark 2:28 Therefore the **Son** of man is **Lord** also of the **sabbath**.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall **save** his **people** from their sins.

What did Jesus teach us about the Ten Commandments?

Matthew 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have **eternal** life?

Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, **keep** the **commandments**.

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I **do** that I may inherit **eternal** life?

Mark 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God.

Mark 10:19 Thou knowest the **commandments**, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

Will all other True Prophets of God uphold the “Ten Commandments” which are also called the “Testimony of Jesus”?

2 Chronicles 24:19 Yet he sent **prophets** to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

2 Chronicles 24:20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why **transgress** ye the **commandments** of the LORD, that ye **cannot** prosper? because ye have **forsaken** the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

Zechariah 7:12 Yea, they made their **hearts** as an **adamant** stone, lest they should hear the **law**, and the words which the **LORD** of hosts hath sent in his **spirit** by the former **prophets**: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

What would happen to a Prophet who did not follow the Ten Commandments which is the Testimony of Jesus?

Deuteronomy 13:1 If there arise among you a **prophet**, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

Deuteronomy 13:2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us **go** after other **gods**, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

Deuteronomy 13:3 Thou shalt **not** hearken unto the **words** of that **prophet**, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 13:4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and **keep** his **commandments**, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

Deuteronomy 13:5 And that **prophet**, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be **put to death**; because he hath spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

What instrument was named after the Ten Commandment Testimony of Jesus?

Exodus 25:16 And thou shalt put into the **ark** the **testimony** which I shall give thee.

Exodus 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the **ark** thou shalt put the **testimony** that I shall give thee.

Exodus 26:33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the **ark** of the **testimony**; and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy.

What else was named after the Ten Commandment Testimony of Jesus?

Numbers 1:50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the **tabernacle** of **testimony**, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

What pattern was the earthly Tabernacle of Testimony copied from?

Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a **sanctuary**; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:9 **According** to all that I shew thee, *after* the **pattern** of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

Hebrews 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high **priest**, who is set on the right hand of the **throne** of the Majesty in the **heavens**;

Hebrews 8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true **tabernacle**, which the **Lord** pitched, and not man.

Hebrews 8:5 Who serve unto the **example** and **shadow** of **heavenly** things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the **pattern** shewed to thee in the mount.

Is the original Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven mentioned in other parts of the Bible?

Revelation 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the **temple** of the **tabernacle** of the **testimony** in **heaven** was opened:

What did John see in the Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven?

Revelation 11:19 And the **temple** of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the **ark** of his **testament**: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Will the Sabbath Commandment be kept in Heaven and on the New Earth?

Isaiah 66:22 For as the **new** heavens and the new **earth**, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one **sabbath** to another, shall all flesh come to **worship** before me, saith the LORD.

Would you like to keep the Testimony of Jesus which is the Ten Commandments of God written with His own finger? **Yes!**

Where there some prophecies in the Bible that were conditional and did not come to pass? **Yes**

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Name one conditional prophecy that did not come to pass when the people truly repented and turned away from their sins? **The prophecy of Nineveh given by Jonah that the city would be destroyed in 40 days.**

What are the conditions that will bring blessings and prosperity to all? **The keeping of the Ten Commandments**

What breaking of the conditions will bring cursing and destruction? **The breaking of the Ten Commandments**

**How often should we teach our children these Ten Commandments?
When we are sitting down, walking, lying down and getting up**

Did Paul and many others believe that they would be alive and remain until the Second Coming of Jesus? Yes

Were some of Ellen G. White's prophecies also conditional and did not come to pass just like some of the prophecies of the Bible? Yes

**What were the Ten Commandments called in Exodus 31:18; 32:15, 16; 34:28, 29?
The Testimony**

Who was the greatest of all prophets? Jesus

Who was the lawgiver who wrote the Testimony on the Tables of stone? Jesus

What did Jesus teach us to do in order to inherit eternal life? Keep the Ten Commandments

How many of the prophets upheld, taught and kept the Ten Commandment Testimony of Jesus? All of them

What did God command to be done to a false prophet who did not uphold, teach or keep the Ten Commandment Testimony of Jesus? To be put to death

What instrument was named after the Testimony of Jesus? The ark of the Testimony

What place of worship was named after the Testimony of Jesus? The Tabernacle

Is there a Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven? Yes

From what was the Testimony of Jesus and the Tabernacle and all the instruments in it patterned after? The tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven

Where will the Sabbath be kept by all that shows its eternal nature? In the New Heavens and the New Earth

Is there an ark of the Testament in Heaven that contains the Ten Commandment Testimony of Jesus? Yes