

*The coming of Jesus·*  
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*know when it is near ?*

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In the time of the apostles even up to the time of Mrs. White, the prophecy related to the coming of Jesus to establish the Davidic Kingdom and its first citizenship of the 144.000 saints upon the Mount Sion in Palestine were not as yet revealed. The most anticipated by the people of the time, therefore, was the second coming of Christ. Nevertheless, of the day and hour of the coming knoweth no man, nor the angels, because only God the Father knoweth the time, and He would just announce it a short time before Jesus descending at His second coming.

Though not knowing the day and the hour of the second coming, however, we are instructed and required to make all efforts to know when it is near, that the doom of mankind in the time of Noah would no more be repeated. This is to mean that though the day and hour of the second coming, might yet be concealed from us, the knowledge of the years and the months pertaining to all events up to the second coming, would inevitably be first discovered, to enable us to know when the second coming is truly near indeed.

## In the Time of William Miller

William Miller and his associates had later discovered the time : October 22, 1844 as the day, the month, and the year of the coming of Jesus to enter the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. The discovery was not wrong, because as the servant of the Lord, Mrs. White, had justified it when she said : *“I saw that they were correct in their reckoning of the prophetic periods; prophetic time closed in 1844, and Jesus entered the most holy place to cleanse the sanctuary at the ending of the days. Their mistake consisted in not understanding what the sanctuary was and the nature of its cleansing. --- Early Writings, p. 243.*

## In the Time of Mrs. White, After the year 1844

After the year 1844, when Mrs. White led the work as the prophet of God, she had given us several statements pertaining to several events and the times. Let us read them here below :

*“Christ did not yield up His life till He had accomplished the work which He came to do, and with His parting breath He exclaimed, “It is finished.” John 19 : 30. The battle had been won. His right hand and His holy arm had gotten Him victory. As a Conqueror He planted His banner on the eternal heights. Was there not joy among the angels ? All heaven triumphed in the Saviour’s victory. Satan was defeated, and knew that his kingdom was lost. “To the angels and the unfallen worlds the cry, “It is finished,” had a deep significance. It was for them as well as for us that the great work of redemption had been accomplished. They with us share the fruits of Christ’s victory.” – The Desire of Ages. p. 758.*

*“Satan led men into sin, and the plan of redemption was put in operation. For four thousand years, Christ was working for man’s uplifting, and Satan for his ruin and degradation. And the heavenly universe beheld it all.”— Ibid. p. 759.*

*“In the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.” In A.D. 31, three and a half years after His baptism, our Lord was crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which for four thousand years had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were there to cease. “--- The Great Controversy, pp. 327, 328.*

*“In the spring of A.D. 31, Christ, the true Sacrifice, was offered on Calvary. Then the veil of the temple was rent in twain, showing that the sacredness and significance of the sacrificial service had departed. The time had come for the earthly sacrifice and oblation to cease.” --- Prophets and Kings, p. 699.*

*“Satan’s work of ruin is forever ended. For six thousand years he has wrought his will, filling the earth with woe and causing grief throughout the universe. The whole creation has groaned and travailed together in pain. Now God’s creatures are forever delivered from his presence and temptations. .... And a shout of praise and triumph ascends from the whole loyal universe. “The voice of a great multitude,” as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders,” is heard, saying: “Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” Revelation 19 : 6.” – Great Controversy, p. 673.*

The Lord God never even for a moment ceases to reign. Therefore, the above statement : *“Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”* is to prove that Christ was just to put off His priestly robe in exchange to His original apparel of Kingly majesty. This event is to take place at the end of probation in the heavenly court of justice, when He shall have pronounced to all the inhabitants of the world : *“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still : and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still : and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” -- Early Writings, p. 280.*

We can now conclude from the above statements, that ever since the fall of Adam and Eve in sin up to the crucifixion of Christ in Golgotha, there are 4000 years. And since the year of Christ’s death in Golgotha was known to take place in 31, then we will have 3969 B.C. as the year of the first fall of men in sin. The calculation is : 4000 years – 31 years = 3969 years before Christ.

And since due to the fact that Satan has only dominated successfully men in sin for 6000 years, then the whole six thousand years should terminate in 2031. At that same time the whole period of probation for men and women to repent from their sins, is to close.

Nevertheless, prior to the close of probation there are yet several main events to take place among us in this time of the end. The servant of the Lord Mrs. White said :

*“God will soon do great things for us, if we lie humble and believing at His feet. .... More than one thousand, will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.” -- Review & Herald, Nov. 10, 1885, p. 700*

*“The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was”the former rain”, and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant.” – Testimony Treasures, vol. 3, p. 211.*

Under the outpouring of the Spirit of early Rain in the first Pentecost, there were converted in a day up to 3000 souls of the Jewish people. But with the Spirit of latter Rain in the future, in the second Pentecost, there is to be more abundantly converted. That is more than 3000 souls to be converted every day. However, since we are now living in the last days, whereas the Spirit of latter Rain is yet future, there is to be inevitably poured out beforehand a little volume of the Spirit to enable more than one thousand souls from among us to be converted every day. This problem should be carefully investigated in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, when the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 has come to unite with the third angel’s message of Revelation 14, to have the Laodicean church of Seventh day Adventist enlightened.

### **During the life time of Bro. Victor T. Houteff**

Later when Brother Houteff came as the last servant of the Lord with the last message for the people of these last days, he then said :

*“Therefore, our symbolical number of the Bible time, 600, must be multiplied by 10. Thus, 600 X 10 = 6000 years of probationary time. This proves the length of time Christ will be a Savior for sinners; and that our sinful world will be 6000 years old when probation closes; and that we are living in the time of the end.” — The Harvest (Tract No. 3, Supplement, p. 11).*

This is to prove that Brother Houteff also confirmed the 6000 years period to be the probationary time, during which Christ works as the Saviour for the sinners of the world. Brother Houteff further said :

*“The church of Christ’s day was determined to have the kingdom set up then, when not all was yet ready for it; the church of today is determined not to have it now, when “the end of all things is at hand” (1 Pet. 4 : 7) --- when the time is fully come ! The Jews wanted back the kingdom of sin and sinners. They were eager to be freed from Roman bondage only, instead of from sin and sinners also.” — Mount Sion at the Eleventh Hour, p. 73.*

*“The Jews wanted a kingdom of their own, a kingdom of this world (saint and sinner in it). Yes, they wanted a kingdom on earth, but none in Heaven. What is more, they wanted it two thousand years ahead of schedule. Now, ironically, in the*

*time of the restoration of the Kingdom, the Denomination takes an opposite attitude : It wants a kingdom in Heaven, but none on earth. Indeed, it wants to board the “chariot” from Tacoma Park. And besides while the Lord says He is to save nations, the Denomination says “He is to save only 144.000 living sons of Jacob,” and consequently none of the sons of other nations!” -- Timely Greetings, vol. 1, No. 15, p. 20.*

Due to the fact that even up to now the kingdom is not as yet established, and for the reason that only the kingdom and its 144.000 inmates are to take the lead in accomplishing the proclamation of the gospel unto all the world under the guiding power of the Spirit of Latter Rain, then the Kingdom should have been established **b e f o r e** the close of probation for the whole mankind in 2031. If only, therefore, could we discover the exact year when the Jews wanted the kingdom to be established then, as mentioned above by Brother Houteff, then we would have known the year of the establishment of the coming kingdom.

At the start of His mission on earth Jesus went first to John to be baptized of him. Then Jesus was baptized in 27. When John knew Him to be the long awaited Messiah of the Jewish people, he then proclaimed to the whole Jewish people of the long awaited Messiah, who was to be their long awaited King. And at the pressure of the people John even had told them that Jesus also was soon to establish their long awaited kingdom. That is the reason why in the same year the Jews should have arranged a very big and extra ordinary rally of the people to welcome Jesus their King, as narrated in Matthew 21 : 9. The servant of the Lord Mrs White said :

*“When the Son of man rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, they expected Him to be crowned king. The people flocked from all the region about and cried, “Hosanna to the Son of David.” Matthew 21 : 9. -- Life Sketches, p. 62.*

Thus from Brother Houteff own statement that the Jews wanted the kingdom to be established by Jesus two thousand years ahead of schedule. That is, the kingdom according to the schedule of the Lord is to be established in 2027. This means, that the prophetic word of John in Revelation 14 : 1 is to be fulfilled in 2027, because Jesus Himself is to descend to stand with the 144.000 saints on the mount Sion in Palestine. Here on earth, on the Mount Sion, the official establishment of the Kingdom is to take place. And who is to be crowned king of the coming Kingdom ? John the Revelator said :

“To **h i m** that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” – **Revelation 3 : 21.**

One from among the 144.000 saints that overcometh at the end of the harvest in the Laodicean Church will be granted to sit with Jesus in His throne. And as Adam of old was ever become the king of the earth at the beginning, so is the coming king of the purified Kingdom. This is the Kingdom of Heaven which was ever be likened by Jesus to the ten virgins, or to wheat and the tares, or to the lambs and the goats, etc.

But before the establishment of the Kingdom in Palestine, there are yet several events to pass as follows.

### **More than one thousand souls to be converted every day**

Brother Houteff as the servant of the Lord said :

*“Then, too, the spiritual “latter rain” must fall as freely and without cost to the recipients as does literal rain. Thus it is that never before has the world witnessed so much absolutely free literature scattered away as this literature is. Millions ! So it is that these small comprehensive publications, the bright clouds, laden with present Truth, are now being scattered as leaves of autumn throughout Laodicea to every church member, “to every one grass” in the vineyard of the Lord. The final results ? “More than one thousand,” attests Inspiration, “will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.” -- **Review & Herald, Nov. 10, 1885.** Accordingly, along with the world’s dark clouds that now hover over those who are pessimistic about the promises of God, there are these bright clouds that hover over the faithful believing and trusting children of God.” --- **The Timely Greetings, vol. 1, No. 17, p. 5.***

We must first understand that the literatures mentioned above are not the books and all kinds of publications put on sale by our colporteurs from house to house up to this day. Besides their prices that are usually high, they contain nothing of the “great light”, which are the combination of the message of Revelation 18 : 1 with the third angel’s message of Revelation 14 that are now enlightening the earth, beginning with our own church.

Free literatures in millions have been scattered in the churches ever since the life time of Brother Houteff in 1930. And there are even several thousands men and women have now embraced the message in the world. The Lord is now calling you and me to join in to be the “v a n g u a r d s”, who are to be the first of the first fruits of the harvest in the church. These vanguards are the appointed ministry of God, who are to welcome those candidates of the 144.000 saints of God, who are

to be converted every day according to the prediction. However, since our people seems still lacking the power of the Holy Spirit to lead them unto the Truth, we should be sure that the emergence of the people should yet be anticipated in the near future. In regard to the vanguard, the servant of the Lord said

“The name, Davidian, deriving from the name of the king of Ancient Israel, accrues to this Association by reason of its following aspects : First, it is dedicated to the work of announcing and bringing forth the restoration (as predicted in Hosea 1 : 11; 3 : 5) of David’s kingdom in antitype, upon the throne of which Christ, “the son of David,” is to sit. Second, it purports itself to be **the first of the first fruits of the living, the vanguard** from among the present-day descendants of those Jews who composed the Early Christian Church. With the emergence of this vanguard and its army, the first fruits, from which are elected the 12.000 out of each of the twelve tribes of Jacob, “the 144.000” (Revelation 14 : 1; 7 : 2 – 8) who stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb (Rev. 14 : 1; 7 : 2 – 8), the reign of antitypical David begins.” -- **The Leviticus of The Davidian SDA, p. 3.**

It means that the presence of General Association of Davidian SDA with its very limited number of membership now, must yet be revived and reformed according to the Call for a Spiritual Revival and a Spiritual Reformation as those stipulated in the Review and Herald, February 25, 1902. And only by then, will the vanguards and their followers emerge on the stage of history, This very great and wondrous event should have been realized soon *b e f o r e* 2027, the year when the judgment on the cases of the living is to take place, either in the church on earth and in the heavenly sanctuary.

## **The second coming of Jesus. When is it near ?**

The coming of Jesus on the mount Sion is an unofficial coming, because He comes only to His temple on earth (Malachi 3 : 1) to save His persecuted people (Daniel 12 : 1). However, at His second coming, He comes to receive all of His saints from all nations, tongues, and peoples, who have been redeemed by Him at His first advent. Therefore, His second advent would have been realized after the close of probation for the whole inhabitants of the world in 2031. After which is the period of the seven last plagues to be poured out, one after the other, upon the unrepentant sinners on earth. And as soon as the seventh last plague is poured out, then the second advent of Jesus would be observed in the far of the heaven. The period of the whole seven plagues is no more a mystery, because it is outlined in the prophecy of Daniel as follows :

*“I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake : I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away : yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.” — Daniel 7 : 11, 12,*

The prophetic words of Daniel have been interpreted in this time of the end by Brother Houteff in the following words :

*“The head of the non-descript beast of Daniel seven, in the burning fire with the “woman” as depicted in the chart, represents the same event. The “beast” is a prophecy, and the “woman” is the revelation of that prophecy. Then the four angels of Revelation seven, who were “holding the four winds of the earth (the nations in check), that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree,” shall let the wind “blow”; and as there would remain nothing to hold the nations and peoples together and to restrain hostilities, the conflict within and without, will result in the final battle of “Armageddon.” (Revelation 16 : 14, 16) From that point of the chart (close of probation) to the second coming of Christ and the beginning of the millennium, there will be fifteen months --- “a season and a time.” (Daniel 7 : 11, 12)” ---- **2 The Shepherd’s Rod, p. 161.***

The whole period of the seven last plagues in the prophetic words of Daniel, will cover 15 months --- “a season and a time.” A season is three months, and a time is a year. The close of probation has been discovered to be in 2031. And by adding 15 months to 2031 years we will have the second coming of Christ in 2033.

The conclusion is, that with the coming of the new light of the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1, uniting with the third angel’s message of Revelation 14, to have our churches now enlightened, then the knowledge of how close the coming of Christ is no more to be concealed in mystery. Even the sequence of events up to the second advent could now be fairly followed. Nevertheless, though the day and the hour of His second coming would be withheld by the Lord God Himself to be announced only a short time before Jesus descending from above.

## **Prior to the Second Advent**

The fact that the second coming of Christ is to be preceded by His unofficial advent in 2027, to stand with the 144.000 elected saints on the mount Sion to have the Davidic Kingdom established there in Palestine. The 144.000, therefore, will be the first citizens saved into the Kingdom in 2027. Hence, for having in advance the knowledge of the second advent to be realized in 2033, and that “the day and the hour” will be announced by God the Father Himself only a short time beforehand, all the saints in the Kingdom would have been always ready for Christ.

Even the resurrected ones who are to be resurrected by Jesus in the resurrection of Revelation 20 : 6, because they are themselves sanctified. Therefore, the words in Matthew 25 : 13 : “*Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh,*” would certainly no more applicable for all those of the Kingdom, because they would have certainly be readied always.

## **The coming of Christ on the mount Sion. When is it near?**

As soon as the Heavenly Court of Justice has accomplished its investigation on the cases of the dead, the Court would recess for a half an hour prophetic time, which is about seven days here on earth. And after the recess the investigation will continue on the cases of the living. The judgment of the living will begin on earth, with the execution of the wicked of the Laodicean Church according to the prophecy of Ezekiel 9. In the same year Jesus would temporary leave His work at the golden altar in the heavenly sanctuary to descend to earth to stand with the 144.000 selected saints on the mount Sion. When is it near, the servant of the Lord, Brother Houteff said :

*“I wish that I could tell you all you want to know, but I cannot say how soon the separation, the purification of the church, (Vol. 5, page 80), will take place. God alone knows the time.”* – **2 Timely Greetings, No. 41, p. 3.**

*“The message sets no date, either exact or approximate, for the closing of the judgment of the dead, or for the beginning of the judgment of the living. The time of the cessation of the one event and the beginning of the other, is not to be known until the one is past and the other begun.”* --. **1 Answerer Book, pp. 94, 95.**

“The **date** of that most glorious event for the righteous, but exceeding solemn for the wicked, will be made known at the fulfilment of the following verse: ‘And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thundering, and lightnings and an earthquake.’ (Rev. 8 : 5). The casting of the fire from the altar into the earth is the outpouring of the Spirit of God. We have stated before that the book of Revelation is a revealing of prophecies, and not a prophecy of itself. Therefore we find the prediction of this glorious event in Joel 2 : 28, 29. The “voices, and the thundering, and the lightning,” denote the opening of the judgment for the living, as they also denote the opening of the judgment for the dead. (See Rev. 4 : 5). The earthquake will be the sign of the event.” - **2 Shepherd’s Rod, pp. 220 – 221.**

## **The day and hour of the beginning of judgment of the living is never to be known**

The servant of the Lord, Brother Victor T. Houteff ever said :

*“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.” (Matthew 25 : 13) This has reference to the time of the judgment, and not of His coming to earth; for, the saints shall know the day and the hour of Christ’s coming in the clouds to receive the redeemed, as it shall be announced by the Father shortly before His coming. (See “the Great Controversy,” p. 640).” – **The Shepherd’s Rod, vol. 2, pp. 184, 185.***

*“The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus’ coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God (the 144.000 saints of God) stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. .... Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of man’s hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 640.***

The day and the hour for the beginning of judgment of the living according to the prophecy of Ezekiel 9 will never be known among us. However, since we are instructed and required to know when it is near, we are inevitably to be informed of the year and the month of that glorious event.

### **Why are we to know when it is near?**

The servant of the Lord said :

*“No man knoweth the day nor the hour” was the argument most often brought forward by rejecters of the advent faith. The scripture is : “**Of that day and hour knoweth no man no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.**” **Matthew 24 : 36.** A clear and harmonious explanation of this text was given by those who were looking for the Lord, and the wrong use made of it by their opponents was clearly shown. .... One saying of the Savior must not be made to destroy another. Though no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming, we are instructed and required to know when it is near. We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, will*

*be as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the flood was coming.*” – **The Great Controversy, pp. 370 – 371.**

This story reminds us to the experience of God’s people in the time of William Miller. Mrs. White’s statement above warned us against those who are yet to repeat the sins of the people in the time of Miller. She said : “*One saying of the Savior must not be made to destroy another.*” That means, we are not allowed to use the Matthew 24 : 36 or any other text against other statements in the Spirit of Prophecy, that lead us to the knowledge of the year of the establishment of the Kingdom in 2027, the year of the close of probation in 2031, the fifteen months period of the whole seven last plagues to be poured on the earth, and the second coming of Christ in 2033.

A clear and harmonious explanation of the text of Matthew 24 : 36 will be given us by only those who are truly looking for the Lord, first at His unofficial coming to stand with 144.000 saints on the mount Sion in Palestine, and then at His second coming in the air. If those good guys could be categorized wise virgins or the wheat, for teaching the right things, then their opponents must be categorized the wise virgins with guile in their mouths or the chaff. The wrong use of the text is usually made by those who oppose the knowledge of the time of Jesus’ coming, whereas we are instructed and required by the Lord Himself to know when it is near.

Dear Readers, the servant of the Lord reminds us further as follows :

*“God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, **which will sift them**, separating the c h a f f (not tares) from the w h e a t. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep. Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is Bible truth, showing the perils that are right upon us. This light should lead us to a diligent study of the Scriptures and a most critical examination of the positions which we hold.” – **5 Testimonies for the Church, pp. 707 – 708. (In brackets added)***

Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY that is now enlightening our churches everywhere. Through the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY the Lord has instructed, and even required from us to know when He is to come. Nevertheless, Mrs White has ever warned in the following words :

*“Again and again have I been warned in regard to time setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.” -- **1 Selected Messages, p. 188.***

Nevertheless, for the reason that the coming deliverance of our people is so short, then of the d a y and the h o u r of the second coming of Jesus. which is only God the Father to know, the d a y seems no more to be concealed from us. To this end Brother Victor T. Houteff gives us the following information :

*“We may not presume that God had brought about these coincidences without an object in view. As the ceasing of the rain is a time type of the end of this world, so the ascension of Christ with those who were resurrected with Him, is a type of the ascension of the saints at the coming of the Lord. It also reveals that His coming would be on **Wednesday**, and the train of glory shall depart for the Heaven of heavens on Thursday. Again we are told that it would take the saints seven days to ascend to the throne of God, and that we shall rest a Sabbath on one of the planets while on the way. From this it is evident that Christ shall come in the middle of the week. So again we find that one thing proves another. Such close calculations of the schedule of events that are soon to transpire, make it evident that the end of all things is at hand; otherwise the information would not as yet have been submitted.”— **The Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 2, p. 255.***

Nevertheless, however, the d a y of the purification of the church as prophesied in Ezekiel 9, would never be known, because the Shepherd’s Rod message does not set any time, either definite or approximate for the end of the judgment of the dead or for the beginning of the judgment of the living. Thus the conclusion why are we instructed and required to know the nearness of Jesus’ coming is :

1. That we may dig deeper and deeper into the mine of truth in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY to find the answer.
2. That the hypocrites who profess to be looking for the Lord, but oppose to know the nearness of Christ’s coming in terms of the years and the months may disclose to view to be identified.
3. That the “wheat” categorized Adventists could be distinguished from the “chaff” categorized ones in the church.
4. That only “the date” of the purification of the church, and “the day and the hour” of Jesus’ second coming that are not known until the Lord Himself announce them on time.
5. That we are obliged to know “when it is near” in terms of the month and the year. And not to know the definite time in terms of the date, or the day and the hour.
6. That if we disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, that will be as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the flood was coming.”

## Concluded

The fact that the coming of Jesus to His temple on earth (Malachi 3 : 1), and the Lamb stood on the mount Sion in Palestine with the 144.000 (Revelation 14 : 1), will be a great and dreadful day of the Lord. It would be great indeed for the 144.000 elected saints and their Lord, because long beforehand they had anticipated the day and had made needful preparation for the glorious event. However, to them who refused to know the coming of Jesus on the mount Sion, and would not care when it was near, the day would be dreadful indeed for them as those presented in the prophecy of Ezekiel 9, because they would find themselves not ready for it. As well as being visited by the thief in the night season they will lose the most highest value of their property, which is none other than their own everlasting life. *“But who may abide the day of His coming ? And who shall stand when He appeareth ?”* -- Malachi 3 : 2. The answer will be found in Revelation 14 : 1 that only 144.000 elected saints of the Lord that were to be found standing with the Lord on the mount Sion in Palestine.

**“Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be  
among the 144.000.”**

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