January 9, 2011

I have done an exegetical study on the Shaking Events from its Biblical Context for Amos 9:9 which includes the Biblical basis/outline for E.G. White’s sweeping vision of the Shaking from a particular cross-section of the prophecies of Revelation. It is too large to post here but can be read on this [url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2010/11/shaking-in-it-biblical-context.html]blog post[/url]. Comments on it can be made here.

January 11, 2011

When will the shaking of Adventism start?

The “ongoing Shaking” will ‘start to culminate’ just as soon as God’s people are sealed in their forehead with an unshakeable understanding of what is “fully” entailed in God’s Sabbath, (which is much more than ‘observing the correct day, in the proper way’), and thus prepared for it. Then all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand, and sacrifice for God and His cause. The angel said, "Think ye He will compel any to sacrifice and give up their possessions? No! no! It must be a freewill offering. It will take all to buy the field." [Matt 13:44 - COL 103-114] (4BC 1161; 16MR 31, 32). And as shown following the sealing event in Ezek 9 (10:8; 11:23), and as seen in the time of Christ (Matt 23:37-24:2), God’s True Church is not limited to the physical buildings and institutions that have been built up by “Israel” over the years! So if one is going to judge who is being shaken out merely by who is not a part of the organized Church, they are in for a shocking surprise. Full Biblical Truth, in whichever building/organization where it is being upheld, proclaimed and practised is where God’s True Church is.

January 12, 2011

I have just included a developed exposition on this Biblically/SOP-based understanding in my blog post on the [url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2010/11/shaking-in-it-biblical-context.html]Fuller/Biblical Shaking[/url].

January 13, 2011

Do you anticipate the official SDA Organization being shaken out?

In all reality, the aftermath of the Shaking will be what it will be. If only a few current SDA (= the SOP “small number”) will be “intellectually and spiritually” capable to make it through this Shaking, then they surely cannot force the e.g., 90% of failing SDAs to turn over the control of all of their institutions and Churches. In all probability this small number of “survivors” will be made up of individual SDAs from different Churches, so they may not even be capable of holding on to a whole physical Church, which actually is the property of Local Conferences. So they’ll have to regroup together, re-establish their own, even initially smaller organization, churches and institutions. As stated in my [url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2010/11/shaking-in-it-biblical-context.html]blog post[/url],
This is exactly what took place in the time of Christ where His “shaking event” (cf. Matt 3:12) yielded a group of only 120 people vs. the 3,000,000+ that consisted of God’s Israel then. And as already stated, the, as depicted in Ezekiel, [u]mobile[/u] presence of God is not confined to and limited by any physical building that man may build for Him. If He left a Temple that was done at His approval and instruction to house His presence, He surely can easily depart from institution which He also had helped to establish but who no longer serve His Truth and redemptive purposes.

January 21, 2011

Very interesting. Please post SOP passages that clearly say the shaking of Adventism will result in a new church organization.

My understanding here is, rightly not merely/solely based upon what Ellen White has said or understood, but on the full testimony of Scripture. And that also includes other teachings, topics, theology and prophetic interpretations in the Bible and also SOP.

For starters I do not believe that the knowledge of those who will survive the Shaking is known for certain in advance, just as the knowledge of who will be saved is also not known for certain in advance. Ellen White was merely told that Church after the Shaking will be less than its number before. How much less? Who knows. Only time will reveal this.

It would be great if another physical organization was not needed after the Shaking, i.e., if those Shaken out were more (i.e., a minority) to those that remained, however I think the possibility fully exists that those who are “shaken out” will be a majority. EGW once spoke as possible of 95% (i.e., 19/20) of people in the Church in danger of being eternally lost, how much more being “Shaken out”, So if like in the days of Christ those shaken out are in such a majority, then a new organization will be needed for that righteous remnant of e.g., solely 5%.

As discussed on
[url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2010/11/shaking-in-it-biblical-context.html]my blog post[/url] on the Shaking, the often quoted SOP statement in (1 SM 179; [LDE 51]), assumed to mean “No New Denomination Needed” does not mean, as its full context clearly indicates, that no new SDA denomination (i.e., organization) was, nor will ever be, needed,’ but that this is solely true if there is never a substantive [u]need[/u] for such. So in the case where e.g., 95% of the Church refuse to advance and uphold further and more accurate Biblical, especially those discovered in a fuller understanding of the Sabbath, it would become [u]necessary[/u] to form a new organization for e.g., the 5% of Church members who want to uphold these (fuller sabbatical) truths.

January 21, 2011

In your discussion on the authority of EGW vs, the Bible it may be significant to make a
significant distinction between being “infallible” (i.e., not capable of making an error) and having “final authority” (i.e., having the final interpretation/understanding on a topic). In that sense EGW is not to be set up as the final interpreter of Scripture. She has much light, especially for her days, however she will be the first to say that she did not have the final word in matters of interpretation and understanding. Nonetheless her writings are key in arriving at this further light.

Conversely EGW should not be seen as infallible with the sense that she made a mistake in her interpretations and statements. Her statements were 100% valid for her days and when not fulfilled as she said, they, like unfulfilled OT prophecies/statements can be expected to still have a future, spiritual application.

These understandings are controlled by how we view God and the Future. I discuss this in another thread and on my blog.

[quote=mountain man] [19 MR 319-320 quoted] [/quote]

I indeed quote and discuss this passage of EGW on the 7 thunders in [url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2010/12/message-of-seven-thunders.html]my post[/url] and it is indeed here that I find the “testing” aspect of the 7 Thunders.

[quote=mountain man] How do you envision this being repeated in the future? 

Also, do you think the events delineated in Ezekiel transpired during the Millerite Movement? [/quote]

The background of much of what I have posted on my blog is contextually needed for the following statements but I cannot restate them all here. Nonetheless, here goes:

In a vision on the Third Angel’s message (EW 254.1ff) EGW says that: “[Jesus] sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. A parchment was placed in the angel's hand.” Not much has been said about the pointed and deliberate description and clear association here, but thematic comparison and exegetical studies shows that this is echoing the angel in Rev. 10 that descends with a “little scroll” in his hand. As such the Third Angels message can be understood to be most prominently associated with the message of the Seven Thunders, and as already demonstrated on my blog, this is also associated with the “unrolling of the scroll” theme crucially expressed by EGW.

It can therefore be seen and understood that the message of Ezekiel, which is, from Ezekiel 8 & 9, a “post Church-sealing’ message, revolves especially around the full unfolding of the third angel’s message.

I see that the first and second angel’s message were, like the first part of Ezekiel, as shown in the table on my blog, an attempt, in judgement by God’s approaching throne, to reform the existing Israel. This was all seen in the judgement message upon the Millerites, which similarly spoke of
a “approaching of God to earth” and then (second angel) sought to separate God’s people from the Babylonian error it had “collected” during its days of Captivity. It is then that the Third Angel (in Ezekiel 8:1ff begins to do its work, starting with a sealing message which paramountly also involves God Sabbath, as well as a deeper intellectual and spiritual understanding and application of the truth. Much more is said on these in my blog posts.

January 21, 2011

NJK, what do you make of the following insights:

The great issue so near at hand [enforcement of Sunday laws] will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.--3SM 385 (1886). {LDE 179.2}

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.--2SM 380 (1886). {LDE 180.5}

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.--GC 608 (1911). {LDE 180.6}

Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks.--EW 271 (1858). {LDE 182.1}

The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who [now] have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched, His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time.--Letter 103, 1903. {LDE 182.2}

Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God.--8T 41 (1904). {LDE 182.3}

January 21, 2011

Technically speaking, out of the 5 passage that you have cited only one, 2SM 380 (1886) {LDE 180.5}, mentions anything that can be understood as “the physical/formal Seventh-day Adventist Church Organization,” all of the other passages can easily be understood and/or fulfilled by,
simply ‘a group of God faithful people (i.e., a distinct Remnant from the Remnant). Still that lone passage speaks of the ‘little c’ “church” which could be understood as a gathering that is not necessarily the formal organization. In that sense, with a nucleus of truth surviving the shaken, even if it is outside of the formal organization, “the (true) church” will indeed “not fall” (i.e., completely disappear following its ordeal.

Ellen White has indeed never be explicitly told that the/her current Church organization may be superceded, probably, as she indicates in 1 SM 179 [LDE 51], ‘there then was no present or foreseeable “need”.’ However she clearly left the possibility open if such a need would ever arise. She could have easily made the categoric rebuttal in 1 SM 179, that this need will never arise, but she deliberately did not. Her controlling concern in that letter was against actions to bring about a new movement that were not rooted in Scriptural/Biblical [u]necessity[/u]. As I have stated above, such a new movement would become a need if e.g., 95% of the current Church refused to advance in the advancing and “sanctifying” (i.e., a [u]wholly[/u] setting apart for God) light of the Third Angel.

January 21, 2011

NJK, it seems to me you are unnaturally forcing the 7 Thunders to fit into your prophetic model. John was told not to record them. Consequently, we have no idea what they are (other than Ellen saying they described events that happened during the Millerite Movement).

As I have said before, if you refuse to read the establishing background and contextual materials in regards to the 7 thunders it is really only “natural” (1 Cor 2:14) that you come to such ‘knee-jerk’ conclusion. Biblical Exegesis and the many thematically linking clues that God has given around this message help us to figure out what they are. If you “won’t read details” then don’t make the false claim that “these can never be understood”. That is a quite unbiblical approach, to say the least.

Also the torch of Biblical understanding did not end with EGW and, as shown before, she also did not see that the 7 thunders were [u]all[/u] exhausted/fulfilled with the Millerite. She understood that a future, (i.e., future to 1900) fulfillment under the Third Angel’s message would transpire. There is also a whole issue of Historical fulfillments and eschatological fulfillments that is to involved and complex to be succinctly stated in sound bite here, nonetheless I have through study seen and understood that the eschatological fulfillment is applicable today, with the previously started historical one having been halted, as seen with OT prophecies, and also due to the unworthiness of God’s Israel then.

Also you may see this as “forcing” because the 1st Angel and 2nd Angel message were said to cover the events of Ezekiel 1-7 while the Third is said to start with Ezekiel 8 and extend through the end of the book. Well proportionality of text is not a hermeneutic requirement for understanding applicable fulfillment, but only the actual content of the passages. Still it can be seen even in the experience of the Millerites and later SDA’s that the 1st and 2nd Angel’s Message periods were relatively short compared to the Third Angel which started in the late...
1840's and continues until today, as its message has not yet done its work.

**January 22, 2011**

I believe the passages above make it clear what you call the 95% will leave the SDA Church. I also suspect the mark of the beast will eliminate most of the infrastructure.

A couple of points here that will explain our different perspective here:

(1) As clearly demonstrated in the Bible, especially up through the Gospels, God’s True Church is not in physical institutions, infrastructure, or a formal organization, but wherever His Truths are truly upheld. Thus I think you are seeing way too much “validification” in mere physical Denominational structures and infrastructure.

(2) It is because the current Church is fully adherent to the Sabbatical-opposing principles also found in the fuller understanding of the Mark of the Beast (MOB), that they comfortably remain in the Church. Were these unbiblical tenets and practices all eradicated in the Church, all of these would leave, and that, not by become heathenistic atheist, but re-organizing themselves to continue to uphold their current cherished and world-conforming ways. (Even Sunday Worshipping Christians who will also accept the MOB will be faithful churchgoers, even more than today). And thus their vast majority would, in all legality give them the right to retain possession of the corresponding, if not whole of these Church institutions, including the exclusive rights to the “SDA” trademarked denominational name.

(Of course since/if you do not understand all that is entailed in the MOB, as “detailed” on my blog, you won’t see this implication. It is because you only think/know from your self-limited study on the MOB issue, that it merely involves Sunday Sacredness that you cannot envision that (a) many SDAs can receive it, and (b) that those who receive it will be completely irreligious, at least compared to their former Sabbathkeeping years. And so you cannot see how a carrying majority can easily retain the current assets all the while being the one’s who were shaken out of God’s True Church.)

I rather see that EGW quite deliberately left it open that a new denomination could be formed if the “need” ever arose. In that letter (Letter 15a, 1890), published in full in 1SM 176-184, she easily could have told this “extreme”, ‘imbalanced’, unsanctified, headstrong “Brother K.” that his notion of a new denomination was completely “anathema” to God’s will, (i.e., never any possibility) but she did not. Instead she practically told him to first get more substantive proof for this proposed change.

There is a quite disputed 1908 vision (rightly) attributed to EGW, the [url=http://www.greatcontroversy.org/gco/rar/awkp-apocryphalvision.php]Loma Linda Vision[/url] which is dismissed by many as false, however I find it to be in perfect harmony with what the Bible teaches in regards to the Shaking Vision of Ezekiel 9 and the prophecy of the [url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2009/10/testimony-to-church-part-1a.html]Two Witnesses[/url]. All this to say that EGW may have known for quite some time, as many of her other statement imply, that the position of the Church before God, like Ancient Israel, was never
“irrevocable”

So again, do not place your hopes in mere building and formalities of men to determine what God’s true Church is. God’s Throne/presence will always be where His truth is. And do think it through, if 95% were of current SDAs were to be in direct opposition to 5%, why in the world would they abandon the various institutions that they had paid to establish and build up? The defining issues in the end will be much more subtle than that.

January 22, 2011
What does the Bible say about the 7 Thunders?

Well, as Rev 10:4 indicates, nothing explicit. Nonetheless, through careful exegetical study, in the Bible and SOP, as done on my blog post and its related posts, one can figure out what the message series entails. And, summarily stated here, it is the still not fully fulfilled message of Ezekiel rightly understood through a New Covenant prism.

(With you clearly are interested in my substantiating details, yet “religiously” refuse to visit my blog, I must tell you, if this applies, that I do not make a penny off visits to my blog!?! Nor do I have to restate what is already, structuredly and documentedly posted there. You are only fooling yourself if you think that your oblivious ways are justified, and if you are merely trying to maintain a traffic/content focus on MSDAOL, then I cannot/will not sustain such Capitalistic mentality. Like usually the ultimate truth comes down between Biblically Righteous Acts and Capitalistic tenets and dogma.)

January 23, 2011
NJK, please understand that I am a regular person on this forum. I have no agenda. Your comments elicited a chuckle.

Well you did fool me with your patent, and at times mindlessly redundant, one-liner questions and comments combined with your noticed, most-probable, staunch refusal to visit my linked blog posts containing background and/or further information. This illogical incoherence all points to some sort of agenda to me, and even if it is solely a personal one. (Perhaps your “personal agenda” is to comment in as many forum as possible, for whatever reason??? Thus your “necessitated” non-interest in ‘bogging details.’)

I do not have the time to restate, and that forcefully out of context, what I have already fully discussed elsewhere.

January 24, 2011

“Soon God’s people will be tested by fiery trials, and [b]the great proportion[/b] of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal .... To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when [b]the majority forsake us[/b], to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test.” (5T 136)
“I have stated before them [God’s people] that, [u]from what was shown me[/u], [b]but a small number[/b] of those now professing to believe the truth will eventually be saved—not because they could not be saved, but because they would not be saved in [u]God’s own appointed way[/u].” (2T 445)

-The entire vision based testimony is important (2T 439-489) and, quite exegetically sound, in 2T 444.1 - Ezek. 14:3-5 is stated as the chief cause of this prophesied great (Omega) apostasy.

January 25, 2011

Well then just don’t ask, factually, “mindlessly redundant” questions!! Opting to ignore obtainable posted details is a waste of my time. Don’t blame me if you are choosing to, literally “stick your head in the sand!”

More frankly, many of you all act like ‘spiritually prideful, grown up children’ (1SM 109-111)... vexatiously looking for quibbling excuses to self-justify their, various, non-assumption of responsibility. Anything to skirt the actual, full and pertinent issues at hand.

January 26, 2011

I’ll most naturally change my communication when I objectively see that you are being honest in this discussion by actually reading the background details instead of making me waste my time with questions on issues that I have already covered on my blog (and that can be electronically closely ascertained)! How’s that for a “deal”?!

You may believe that your ‘EGW and nothing else’ approach entitles you to your defaultly dismissive stance, however that stance in its is rejected by both the Bible and EGW herself.

January 26, 2011

[quote=kland]Is it, leave the building or leave the belief?[/quote]


Consequently those who refuse to engage in this objectively (i.e., through concrete and proper exegesis) Biblical endeavor will come to form the side of opposition in the Church during this Shaking.

[quote=kland]Could it be because of total chaos at the end of time?[/quote]

There is ample of especially SOP-based evidence to believe that when such Shaking events will
fully transpire, one will be able to literally look outside their window and see the most chaotic of events, however there Spiritually also is the probability that, like the First Century Jews, God will come to effectuate these eschatological themes through an interchangeably applicable Spiritual testing of His People and the world at large. Hence, as my eschatological studies on this have shown to me (cf. e.g. [url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2009/11/advanced-prophetic-symbology.html]here[/url] with Prophetic symbols, which also apply in the SOP), all of the Apocalyptic, physical scenarios, also can have a most tangible Spiritual application. The objective of God is to test whether His truths have change the hearts of His people and readied them to be trusted to live eternally in Heavenly Places, and if, as He has always desired, perfect/true love for others, particularly those in vital need, had come to be realized in His People, they would be in the position to both see and understand these deeper spiritual things. (Matt 13:10-16). So rather than, as it is commonly being done, merely look for outward physical “signs” and manifestations, do firstly become capable of perceiving the Spiritual ones.

So, in summary, if it comes that a Church that refuses to advance in the light of God’s Truth ends up being a [b]“cumberer of the ground”[/b] (cf. 5T 81.2), thus tangibly [b]hindering[/b] the advancement of God’s True/Full Gospel Work (cf. COL 215.2), then they, by tangible [b]necessity[/b] (1SM 179.4) will need to correspondingly be most tangibly [b]superceded.[/b] (cf. 14MR 102.1 (1903) {LDE 59.2}) Again God’s Presence (=His True Church) is where His Truth is being fully upheld, even if it is in e.g., a lowly and simple tent structure (vs. a glorious temple edifice/complex -cf. 2 Sam 7:1-7).

**January 27, 2011**

**I am uncomfortable building a prophetic interpretation on a prophecy John was forbidden to record.**

I can, and do, readily understand that. In fact I was of the same opinion before a particular, recent watershed moment. And still, even after what I have been able to exegetically understand from that prophetic series, I know and understand, even better than before that if God’s people were/are faithful in endeavoring to accomplish Jesus Christ’s exhaustively comprehensive Gospel, indeed how He wants and expects it to be done, they would indeed never need to know the details of this “testing” prophecy, because in these concrete ‘righteous actions’ in their lives, they would have been walking in the light that God wanted them to, thus easily passing this test. So even if one understands these exegetical details in this prophecy, if they still refuse to truly accomplish Christ’s Gospel, they’ll still not pass this test.

That “watershed” moment, was, after having done exegetical studies on other “recorded” prophecies, particularly the one on the SOP [url=http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2010/12/unrolling-of-scroll.html]‘Mark of the Beast/Unrolling of the Scroll”[/url], which dealt with the statements in Rev. 10. So many recorded key points in that prophecy were so sounded exegetically identified/explained that the relation of the Seven Thunders and the Prophecies of Ezekiel was then a self-evident given. The ending mention of the ‘eating of the scroll” (Rev 10:9-11) which almost verbatim echoed the
action that launched Ezekiel into his prophetic ministry (Ezek 2:8-10) sealed this exegetical association.

So as seen in the deliberate, sequential placement of this prophecy in my blog’s listing, it was the end result of several other underlying studies and not a vice-versa shot in the dark. That is why I am emphasizing the study of these prior posts first.

January 27, 2011

How can you concretely and confidently say your understanding of Ezekiel's prophecies definitely reveals the details John was forbidden to record, details we must know and believe to pass the end time test?

That is a question that requires the restatement of all of the background studies that had led to this noticed association. So you’ll have to read these studies which are posted on my blog. And, in regards to understanding that the test involves truly ful-fill-ing Christ’s exhaustively comprehensive Gospel, cf. John 7:17. (You evidently are not aware of this, but such “redundant” as these questions are simple being caused by your manifest choice not to read any of these posted studies, because their background/context info addresses these issues. Honestly-speaking, as this might help, your line of questioning resembles a person at the airport who missed their transatlantic flight yet is pestering the ticket agents about why it is not return to get him so that he won’t be late to his scheduled meeting. Seems to me that in your continued questioning, still with the chosen ignorance of these previous posts, you are hoping for an “impeachable” out-of-context (thus “proof-text” type) answer here in order to have some sort of summarily dismissive “gotcha” moment here!?? The fact of the matter is, I know the foundational facts which support my conclusion, so if you also really want to know, you’ll have to, actually, just read them.

January 28, 2011

Please work on your communication skills.

As much as you may self-justifying want to believe it, I do not have “communication skills” problems’ I am just utterly annoyed by, in this pointed case, your senseless refusal to read background info from my blog. So call me human, but when I am so annoyed, I use the, indeed, appropriate expressions. Seems like Jesus also did not mince words with people who knowingly insisted on being “blind”, “moronic” and “foolish” (Matt 23). So, once again, as “tone deaf” as you seem to be, when you exercise your reading skill in regards to the related material on my blog post, (i.e., I have not seen a visit from (ca.?) Cotton_ _ _ _ , A_ to my blog since ca. 9-minute, 2 page+ 1 graphic view, visit, January 10, 2011 11:05:32.), then I’ll consider you to be sincere and truthful and my attitude towards you will natural change. Otherwise this is all just a waste of my quite valuable time.