

him, and be forever with him. It will continue with the Sabbath, and that we have proved, never ends.

A sign, *signifies* subscribe, represent, notify, mark, similar to our own usages. A sells B his farm, the contract is closed by giving a deed. How would it look if A first delivered, then sealed, afterwards signed, and then wrote it? You say, wrong; well then, reverse it. A writes it, then signs and seals, and then delivers it. Just so with a letter; just so is God's order; now trying us, to prove us, by seeing whether we will keep his commandments or no; if we do, then we have the sign of the Sabbath, and ready to be sealed, and then delivered by the voice of God from the time of trouble. Here then the sealing process is proved as Paul has Abraham, "and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had," &c., Rom. iv: 11. The sign shows that the seal must follow, and as there is no other truth which God has given his servants that is to be a sign between him and them but the keeping his Sabbath, then "a seal of the living God" is the Sabbath.

"ASCENDING FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN, *having a seal of the living God.*" I had believed that this *ascending* was to have been taken in a literal sense; the sealing messengers going at first from the borders of the Atlantic (sun's rising,) West, and North, declaring the sealing message, but God in answer to united prayer gave us the clear light upon it, through sister Ellen G. White; some of the circumstances were as follows: A small company of brethren and sisters were assembled in meeting in Dorchester, near Boston, Mass. Before the meeting commenced, some of us were examining some of the points in the sealing message; some difference of opinion existed about the correctness of the view of the word *ascending*, &c., and whereas we had made the publishing of the message a subject of prayer at the Topsham Conference (Me.) a little previous, and the way to publish appeared not sufficiently clear, we therefore resolved unitedly to refer it all to God. After some time spent in earnest prayer for light and instruction, God gave sister White the following in vision, viz: Where did the light break out? Let thine angels teach us where the light broke out! It commenced from a lit-

tle, then thou didst give one light after another. The testimony and commandments are linked together; they cannot be separated; that comes first the ten commandments, by God.

The commandments never would be struck against if it were not to get rid of the Sabbath commandment. That one that has relaxed it is very foolish. It was very small, and when it rose, though it rose in strength, it was weak back there, when it came up it increase, (or increased.) If they won't hear it they are as accountable as though they did hear it.

He was well pleased when his law began to come up in strength, and the waste places began to be built up.

Out of weakness it has become strong from searching his word. The test upon it has been but a short time.

All who are saved will be tried upon it in some way.

That truth arises and is on the increase, stronger, and stronger. It's the seal! It's coming up! It arises, commencing from the rising of the sun. Like the sun, first cold, grows warmer and sends its rays.

When that truth arose there was but little light in it, but it has been increasing. O the power of these rays.

It grows in strength, the greatest weight and light is on that truth, for it lasts forever when the bible is not needed. It arose there in the east, it began with a small light, but its beams are healing. O how mighty is that truth; it's the highest after they enter the goodly land, but it will increase till they are made immortal. It commenced from the rising of the sun, keeps on its course like the sun, but it never sets.

The angels are holding the four winds.

It is God that restrains the powers.

The angels have not let go, for the saints are not all sealed.

The time of trouble has commenced, it is begun. The reason why the four winds have not let go, is because the saints are not all sealed. It's on the increase, and will increase more and more; the trouble will never end until the earth is rid of the wicked.

At that time neighbor will be against neighbor. That time has not yet come, when brother against brother and sister against sister; but will come when Michael stands up.

strengthening in power and effulgence until its vertical rays come directly down upon us. So with this mighty Sabbath truth, the sign between God and man, has come up once more free from sectarian shackles in Babylon since a cry at midnight; though weak at first it has been increasing through all opposition; shining in its strength and beauty, showing that it is a test by which the true children of God are to be tried, and justly, "a seal of the living God," to seal them in their foreheads, for the great day of God's wrath; when he shall rat out of Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem, and shake the heavens, earth, sea, and all nations.

But as this message, and its messengers will undoubtedly meet with fierce opposition; 1st, from backsliders who have once professed to keep this Holy Sabbath, but only held it in unrighteousness; and 2d, from the no law, and no commandment professors; 3d, from others who say the Sabbath is changed but don't know how, nor where.

As much has been said to prejudice the honest and candid enquirers after truth, against dreams and visions of these last days, I think it a proper place here to include to some bible history, and make some passing remarks. We are commanded to *try* the spirits, that we may understand which is right. So also to *try* visions by proving all things and holding fast that which is good. The promise stands on record that there should be visions in the last days. Well, says one, we have had them, and it has caused nothing but confusion and fanaticism, therefore I believe all of them to be false. I ask if there ever could be a false, unless there was a true first? how can any thing be counterfeited unless from the genuine? What is still clearer according to Peter, last day visions are to be under the influence of God's spirit—Acts ii: 17, 18. Therefore there is to be spiritual visions from God in the last days, just as certain as there is to be signs, and who will have the hardihood to deny the repeated appearances of these. If the visions this sister has published are false, pray tell if you can, where we are to look for the true ones. Please read them over again, and see how clearly and *brevity* they accord with God's word and Second Advent history. But the great majority have no faith in visions, then they may as

*Literally*

When Michael stands up this trouble will be all over the earth.

Why they are just ready to blow. There's a check put on because the saints are not sealed.

Yes, publish the things thou hast seen and heard, and the blessing of God will attend. Look ye! that rising is in strength, and grows brighter and brighter. That door we have laid. God has taught and taught, but that experience is not the seal, and that commandment that has been trodden under foot will be exalted. And when ye get that you will go through the time of trouble.

Get, all that thou art looking at, thou shalt not see just now. Be careful, let no light be set aside which comes from another way from which thou art looking for.

The above was copied word for word as she spoke in vision, therefore it's unadulterated; some sentences escaped us, and some which we have not copied here. This probably is sufficient to show the answer to our prayers.

Here first, we were taught to publish the sealing message and God's blessing would follow. But be careful not to set aside any light which comes from another quarter from which we were (then) looking.

3d. That the four angels had not yet gone, because the saints were not all sealed.

4th. That it was God which restrained the powers.

5th. That the Sabbath and the shut door were the connecting truths that was now the present truth.

6th. That the Sabbath is the seal, because it's the greatest and the best truth, and continues forever.

7th. That the ascending from the rising of the sun is (symbolical) and represent the rising of the Holy Sabbath from the eastern continent (bordering on the ocean), sun rising from his ocean bed, is small, and its power feeble, but increases in warlike and power, strength and majesty; transcending all other power.

Its beaming rays running out to invigorate and cheer, and warm the earth, is first cold and feeble, because its rays are horizontal, but as she (apparently) ascends in the heavens, they strike obliquely, and continues on.