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In my dream, I am standing at the bottom of a very large cone-shaped valley. The valley floor is actually round and covered with lush trees and flowers. There is such a variety of animals and birds. Everything is truly beautiful. The walls of the valley go almost straight up and slope out more towards the top. Many trees, flowers and grass grow out of the sides of the walls of the valley. The height of the walls is about 1,500 feet.

Looking up, I see dark blue sky above. My angel is standing next to me. He explains that there are 800 little black birds that have been [1] trained to all fly at once. They are to fly out of the large, deep [2] valley. My angel looks at me and smiles, and I know it is the Herald. He looks up and says, "Great Creator, we are ready to see." Suddenly all the birds begin to fly and look so excited. As they get higher and higher, they have such fervor to ascend to the top. The Herald looks at me and smiles. He calls me by my heavenly name and asks, "May I have your hand?" I hold out my left hand. He looks at me, at my left hand, and then back at me. He smiles a larger smile, calls me by my heavenly name again and asks, [3] "May I have your right hand?"

I hold out my right hand and the two of us ascend. As we fly up, we are sometimes surrounded by all the birds. I look at them and it is as if they still have an excitement about what they are doing. The Herald and I continue to ascend and pass all the birds. After a little time we are at the very top of the large valley. We go to a large, white observation deck which is built into the side of the wall at the top of the valley. There is a large white wall behind the deck in the valley wall. We turn and look down into the vast valley below. We watch as the birds keep flying and flying, some in a circle and others at different angles. Each is trying to get higher and higher to leave the valley.

After a while I notice many of the birds [4] get tired and give up. They turn and fly or glide back to the valley floor. [5] Others become disinterested in flying out. They become [6] distracted with the many beautiful flowers and trees. Other birds begin to fight and try to [7] stop each other from flying out. They show a [8] greedy, selfish tendency. They are always doing what they can to get ahead of the other birds, while using up precious energy to fly out of this vast valley. I watch as others [9] stop to discuss the ancient books of the best ways to fly. They get out charts to plot and study the wind currents and try to figure out what is the best way to ascend. Many continue to ascend, but many continue to give up and glide back down. Seeing the beautiful trees, others fly over and [10] begin building nests. Some stop to enjoy the beautiful, fragrant flowers.

The Herald now points out one single bird. He says, "Notice how he always keeps looking up. He keeps his eyes on the top of the valley wall." As I watch, I tell the Herald that he looks very tired. The Herald says that he is but has not lost site of his goal. I

watch the few birds that are left. Many have grown tired, given up and returned to the valley floor. [11] All the while this one small bird keeps his eyes on the very top of the valley. As he gets closer he is now all alone. All the rest have given up. Many are fighting and trying to get ahead of each other while slowly descending. However, the one bird gets closer and closer to the top. He looks very tired, but he keeps his eyes on the open sky. He never looks back. As he passes us, I know he could have stopped to rest on the deck, but he doesn't. He continues on, up and out of the valley.

Looking at the Herald, I tell him that it appears only [12] one bird made it out of the valley. He says, "Come, I have more to show you." I ask him why I was shown that. Holding my hand, he and I walk through the white wall on the side of the valley where the deck is attached. We are once again in the corridor and sit down on a couch. He says, "Many will not understand what you were just shown. Many did not understand the things you were shown in the last dream either. Let me give you something to read after you are awake. Share this and let those who believe read and study so they will understand. Our Creator showed His prophet, Ellen White, to pen what is now written in *Maranatha*, page 253 and also *Last Day Events*, Chapter 12. Many believe because they are given a certificate that it will allow them entrance to heaven. What I have shown you now you will understand after reading again what you have already read. Remember only one of the 800 birds came out of the great valley. The same with the last dream--many read but only a few were able to understand what was being taught." The Herald looks at me and calls me by my heavenly name. He says, "Remove your shoes and use this cloth to [13] remove the dust and dirt from your shoes. When you are done, put your shoes back on and let us continue as I have something I must show you again."

I stand up and the Herald and I walk through the wall. I am again where I was not long ago in another dream--high above the surface of the Earth. The Herald says, "I am to show you once again the things which are going to be happening to the Earth soon. Hold strong to your faith, as I will be right here and no harm will come to those 'who are they.'" I watch as suddenly [14] balls of fire come screaming past us at a very high speed. They break through the atmosphere and explode, causing destruction from where they are to the surface below. Others go through and hit the Earth. As they hit, the Earth shakes and pulses. I see many buildings collapse. Others burn up and are consumed in an instant. It can only be described as shock waves that ripple through the ground. Complete highways and freeways disappear, either from the ground opening or they simply dissolve and disappear into the ground. I watch as these fireballs hit the ocean, [15] which causes the water to rise up into a large wall. It hits many of the coastal cities that are still standing. The walls of water dissolve bridges and buildings as if they are simple sand structures.

I see, hear and can feel explosions everywhere. Hot flames of fire shoot upward hundreds of feet. Large rivers of fire melt everything in a flowing path. I watch as buildings twist and turn from the Earth moving. Oceans ripple from the vibration of the Earth. Suddenly all becomes still. It is as if God Himself has reached down with His mighty hand and staid the destruction that Satan was allowed to do. The smoke clears,

fires subside, and water recedes back toward the oceans. I now see destruction unlike anything I have ever seen before. Cities are completely gone, many towns are in rubble, many highways and bridges have disappeared. Airplanes cannot take off since the runways are destroyed. I know that I just watched so many people die. Many were God's people and many were not.

I turn to the Herald and I ask him once again if everyone was destroyed. Looking at me with patience in his eyes, he says, "Watch very closely." I watch as many go into what is left of the streets. Many come together and start praying for forgiveness. Many say that all this is their fault and that they have strayed from worshiping the true God. I see a newspaper stand where the headlines read, "Let us all worship God this Sunday." Another says, "Sunday, Sabbath, God's Day." The Herald says, "What I show you now I will veil from your eyes and ears, but I have been instructed to tell you. [16] A great king will arise and walk the Earth and claim he will make all things new. He will make all sick well and all things will be as if it never were. He walks about performing miracles, but this only lasts for a short time. He tells them, 'You have sinned against me. But I am your king and I will serve you, but you must submit and serve me. I now want you to only worship me on the new holy day. Those who will not comply will be handled as I know best.' " The Herald says, "Enough of this here. Lucifer shows no love or compassion, just lies. Our Father holds the one true book and it is called truth. Let us leave here."

The Herald and I return to the corridor. I stand there looking at him. He can tell I am very shaken from all I have seen. He looks at me and says, "Keep your faith. Stay on the path God has shown you." As he smiles he says, "I have been instructed to take you one more place."

We walk to the wall and pass through. We instantly are in a garden of extreme beauty that cannot be put into words. As we walk along a path, we come to an open area. I see many angels lined on each side of the path. They all form one focal point, and that is Jesus who sits on a most beautiful throne. The Herald takes me to Jesus. I fall to my knees at His feet. He calls me by my heavenly name and puts a hand on each of my shoulders. He says, "I have a message you are to share, along with what you have been shown." He then wraps His left arm around me and I feel His large open hand against my back as He draws me close to Him. His large right hand now cups the left side of my face as He pulls me to His chest. I can feel His strength pull me close to Him. He then says, "Tell my brothers [17] Our Father loves them so very, very much. Tell them He is patiently waiting but wants you home [18] now. Tell them to watch and to listen. Tell them to not give up. Tell them to keep their eyes and ears to the horizon. Tell them to not be distracted with the things of this world. Tell them to hold fast to what lies above and is just ahead." Then He pulls me even tighter. I can feel the warmth of His hands on the side of my face as He says, "Tell them I am coming to bring them home. Tell them, [19] 'Get ready!' "

[1] Luke 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

[2] Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and [for] my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

[3] Psalms 73:23 Nevertheless I [am] continually with thee: thou hast holden [me] by my right hand.

[4] Early Writings of Ellen G. White Page 14

While I was praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, "Look again, and look a little higher." At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the city, they were safe. [4] But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted, "Alleluia!" Others rashly denied the light behind them and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below.

[5] Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of [this] life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

[6] 1. John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

[7] Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

[8] Isaiah 56:11 Yea, [they are] greedy dogs [which] can never have enough, and they [are] shepherds [that] cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

[9] John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

[10] Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

[11] Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

[12] 1. Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

[13] Mark 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

[14] Evangelism page 29

Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time I awoke and found myself at home Letter <EI 278, 1906.

[15] Last Day Events page 24

The tempest is coming and we must get ready for its fury by having repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth. We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent. Confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near, probation is closing. Oh, let us seek God while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near!--MYP 89, 90 (1890).

[16] Last Day Events page 165

Satan . . . will come personating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles; and men will fall down and worship him as Jesus Christ. We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ. What shall we do? Tell them that Christ has warned us against just such a foe, who is man's worst enemy, yet who claims to be God, and that when Christ shall make His appearance it will be with power and great glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels and thousands of thousands, and that when He shall come we shall know His voice.--6BC 1106 (1888).

Satan is striving to gain every advantage. . . . Disguised as an angel of light, he will walk the earth as a wonder-worker. In beautiful language he will present lofty sentiments; good words will be spoken by him and good deeds performed. Christ will be personified. But on one point there will be a marked distinction--Satan will turn the people from the law of God.

Notwithstanding this, so well will he counterfeit righteousness that, if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. Crowned heads, presidents, rulers in high places, will bow to his false theories.--FE 471, 472 (1897).

The sick will be healed before us. Miracles will be performed in our sight. Are we prepared for the trial which awaits us when the lying wonders of Satan shall be more fully exhibited?--1T 302 (1862).

[17] John 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

[18] Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

[19] Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.