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while he is learning English, he should be teaching his language to such English-speaking students as may need to acquire it. Thus some of the foreign-born students might defray the expense of their education, and workers might be prepared to give valuable help in missionary enterprises” (*The Publishing Ministry*, p. 196).

I was so impressed with how God’s hand has led in this that I made a personal commitment to help with the translation of Steps to Christ into the Thai language of Mien. Once we have the translation we hope to place it on our website where it can be downloaded for free by Thai speaking people all over the world. This plan can be repeated by students at Mission College for Muslim countries like Iraq, Indonesia and Malaysia where we cannot send literature, but where many people are now able to access the internet. A yearly sponsorship of \$900 will allow a student at Mission College to help pay for his tuition while working to translate the message of the gospel into the tongue of his people. Contact us, or Mission College in Thailand, if you would like to help with this project.

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Herb Montgomery—☎(480)985-3140
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Herb Montgomery—☎(740)397-5411
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James Rafferty—☎(541)942-5213
- **April 20-21**
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Ty Gibson—☎(909)363-6664
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Troubling the Antichrist

By Ty Gibson

“**N**ews from the east and the north shall trouble him; . . . he shall come to his end, and no one will help him” (Daniel 11:44-45, NKJV).

In this stunning prophecy we have been told the secret means by which we may bring trouble and ruin to the antichrist. The word of God foretells that this God-defaming end-time system will be overcome by “news”—specifically, the good news of the gospel delivered by faithful messengers. There are three additional Scriptures that contribute to our understanding of this news from the east.

“The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon” (Revelation 16:12-16, NKJV).

Here we see that the battle of Armageddon is a spiritual war of truth versus deception waged between demons

on the one side, working through the “dragon. . . the beast. . . and the false prophet,” and “kings of the east” on the Lord’s side. Earlier in the book of Revelation John had informed us that all believers are “kings and priests” (1:5-6). Peter says of God’s people, “You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9, NLT). We conclude, then, that the “kings of the east” that fight against the antichrist in Armageddon are none other than you and me, my friend, if we believe the gospel and aggressively tell it to the world, thus breaking the power of the kingdom of darkness and ushering in God’s kingdom of light.

Ezekiel offers this insight: “Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory” (Ezekiel 43:2, NKJV).

Again, we see here the idea of a special message being delivered to earth’s inhabitants. The voice of God is heard as “the sound of many waters,” which is a biblical symbol for many people (Revelation 17:15, NKJV). God’s message will be proclaimed to the world through human agencies—people like you and me who believe the truth about

God, and care for our fellow human beings enough to share that message with them. As a result, the earth will shine with the glory of God, igniting a global theological revolution that will shed true light on the character of God.

In our third interpretive text, John was shown that the angel who accomplishes the final sealing of God’s people comes from the east:

“I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads” (Revelation 7:2-3).

The same message of God’s “glory” that takes the world by storm and brings the antichrist to his “end” achieves the sealing of God’s children in their foreheads. To be sealed means to be settled, immovable and established. The fact that the sealing happens in their foreheads means that the issues and questions of Satan’s accusatory war against God are forever settled in their minds. They have come to know God’s true character and are eternally secure from the deceivers lies.

It’s time that we get serious and aggressive about troubling the antichrist with the good news God has entrusted to us.

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CONSIDER THIS . . .

Our publications should be printed in other languages, that foreign nations may be reached. Much can be done through the medium of the press, but still more can be accomplished if the influence of the labors of the living preachers goes with our publications. Missionaries are needed to go to other nations to preach the truth in a guarded, careful manner. The cause of present truth can be greatly extended by personal effort.

Ellen G. White,
Christian Experience and Teachings, p. 211

Many fail to meet their high responsibilities and privileges. O how long will this deadness and insensibility continue? How long will differences rend the church? The Lord Jesus is the one spiritual Head, and we are the members of his body. The church is represented as growing up "into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Cannot we pray over this matter more earnestly, that the Holy Spirit of God may quicken the discernment of his people to see that by putting away envy, evil surmisings, jealousy, they may

answer the prayer of Christ, that his disciples might be one, as he is one with the Father? Can it be that the senses of those who claim to believe the truth are paralyzed? Do they not see that they deny Christ? Do they not understand that they scatter from him in acting as though it was a light matter to disagree and engage in controversy? Brother looks coldly upon brother, minister distrusts minister. The church seems to have lost the blending attribute of love, and its members unite no better than ropes of sand. And yet the great crisis of the day of God is at hand.

What is the reason of this selfishness and bigotry? What means this self-satisfaction, this disposition to tear down and not build up? The truth is not sanctifying the soul, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Many cling to their independence, choosing their own way, but not the way and will of God. The truth is believed in theory, but not received in the love of it, and the soul is left as cold as an iron wedge. Those who are sanctified by the truth will be one in Christ Jesus. The cleansing blood of the Lamb of God cements hearts together. The branches are united in the vine.

Ellen G. White,
The Review & Herald,
March 19, 1895

THE UNKNOWN GOD

BY JAMES RAFFERTY



In February I returned from Mission College in the Kingdom of Thailand where I conducted a "Spiritual Emphasis Week" for 130 grade school children and teachers, as well as a four day spiritual retreat for the faculty and staff of the Adventist International Missionary School. Most of the school kids, who come from a Buddhist background, listened attentively to the presentations on the first four chapters of the book of Daniel. The theme for the week was, "The Unknown God," and we looked at the way in which God opened the door for Daniel and his three friends to share their faith in Babylon, a place of many false gods.

The overall theme was God's love for believers and unbelievers that led to the placement of these four young men in Babylon where their trust in God brought a personal salvation

I told these young people that God is the only true source of light, life and blessing for all people, and that He has a future and a hope for each one of us.

experience to King Nebuchadnezzar. The Bible says that God brought them to Babylon for their good:

"Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good" (Jeremiah 24:5).

It was both for the good of the Babylonians who did not know the God of Israel and for the good of Israel who had become self-indulgent that God allowed this to happen. I told these young people that God is the only true source of light, life and blessing for all people, and that He has a future and a hope for each one of us (Acts 17:23-28; Jeremiah 29:11).

The retreat for the faculty focused on "The Ministry of Reconciliation." God's Spirit was present in a marked manner. It was a special time of revival, forgiveness and commitment. A number of the staff were from other parts of the world and saw the need

for this same light to be brought to their homelands where division and criticism is challenging the unity of God's people.

On this point we find recorded in Inspiration the very battle plan Satan and his corporate angels are now using before "proceeding" to the "extreme measures" of Sunday law enforcement:

"We [Satan and his angels] must cause distraction and division. We must destroy their [God's people] anxiety for their own souls, and lead them to criticize, to judge, and to accuse and condemn one another, and to cherish selfishness and enmity. For these sins, God banished us from His presence; and all who follow our example will meet a similar fate" (*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 4, p. 340).

It appears that Satan is fully engaged in his plan of undermining the unity of God's people through division and accusation in these last days. Please pray that the powerful message of reconciliation can have access to a larger share of God's people in

other parts of the world and that the influence of Satanic division can be overcome.

During the trip I also met with Brian Howland and Mack Tennyson who were inspired to begin a translation center at Mission College. They have stepped out in faith to create an opportunity for these students from all over the world to pay off part of their tuition by translating material into their mother tongues. Consider this powerful quotation on the subject:

"There is much to be done in the way of establishing centers for our work in new fields. Missionary printing offices should be established in many places. In connection with our mission schools there should be facilities for printing and for training workers in this line. Where there are in training persons of various nationalities, speaking different languages, each should learn to print in his own tongue, also to translate into that tongue from the English. And

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