

“Asteroids: Coming to Cities Near You” ***(“Balls of Fire!” #2)***

1. Is it really possible that one day soon wicked cities of America and around the world will be struck with an asteroid or a comet or meteorite?
 - Will the stars fall again?
 - We have learned the Bible, God’s Word, proves it (See Luke 1:28-30; Luke 21:25, 26) and science confirms it. (Read Lesson #1)
2. There are two other reliable sources that will verify what the Bible and science say:
 - In this lesson we will note what a woman who lived in the early 19th century predicted. Her name was Ellen G. White.
 - During the 4th lesson we will note similar statements from what the Church of Rome claims are from Marian Apparitions.
3. In this study we will consider what Ellen White has to say. Read them for yourself. Did what Ellen G. White wrote confirm what the Bible teaches on this issue?

Maranatha, p. 174: “In the last scenes of earth’s history, war will rage. There will be pestilence, plague, and famine. The waters of the deep will overflow their boundaries. Property and life will be destroyed by fire and flood.”

Selected Messages, Vol 3, p. 417:

“And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and waves roaring.” (Luke 21:25). Yes, they [the sea and the waves] shall pass their borders, and destruction will be in their track.”

Review & Herald, 10/26/1886:

“As the sun rose for the last time upon the cities of the plain, the people thought to commence another day of godless riot. All were eagerly planning their business or their pleasure, and the messenger of God was derided for his fears and his warnings....Suddenly as the thunder pealed from an unclouded sky, fell balls of fire on the doomed capitol. “So shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.”

Evangelism, pp. 27, 29:

“Cities full of transgression, and sinful in the extreme, will be destroyed by earth-quakes, by fire, and by flood....The time is near when large cities will be swept away. Oh, that God’s people had a sense of the impending destruction of thousands of cities, now almost given to idolatry.”

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“We are living amid the perils of the last days. The wrath of God is preparing to **come upon all the cities-not all at once but one after another.** And if the terrible punishment in one city does not cause the inhabitants of other cities to be afraid and seek repentance, their time will come. When the Lord ariseth to shake terribly the earth, He will not cease until His work in punishment is done....I am instructed by revelation to say that most solemn and overwhelming judgements are determined upon all people who have the light before them in the Word of God, but who do not follow it.”

Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 412:

“So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace.”

Manuscript 102, July 2, 1904, cited in "Reflecting Christ", p.143:

"Last night a scene was presented before me. I may never feel free to reveal all of it, but I will reveal a little. It seemed that an immense ball of fire came down upon the world, and crushed large houses. From place to place rose the cry, "The Lord has come! The Lord has come!" Many were unprepared to meet Him, but a few were saying, "Praise the Lord!" "Why are you praising the Lord?" inquired those upon whom was coming sudden destruction?"

"Because we now see what we have been looking for." "If you believed these things were coming, why did you not tell us?" was the terrible response. "We did not know about these things. Why did you leave us in ignorance? Again and again you have seen us, why did you not become acquainted with us, and tell us of the judgment to come, and that we must serve God, lest we perish? Now we are lost!"

Letter 278, August 27, 1906. Cited in Evangelism, p. 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

Manuscript 188, 1905.p13:

"When I was at Nashville, I had been speaking to the people, and in the night season, there was an immense ball of fire that came right from heaven and settled in Nashville. There were flames going out like arrows from that ball; houses were being consumed; houses were tottering and falling...Some of our people were standing there. "It is just as we expected," they said, "we expected this." Others were wringing their hands in agony and crying unto God for mercy. "You knew it," said they, "you knew that this was coming, and never said a word to warn us!" They seemed as though they would almost tear them to pieces, to think they had never told them or given them any warning at all."

4. God is calling you to be ready. You have a choice; you can place yourself under the Law (under the demands of God's Law) or under God's Grace.

-To be under the Law (Rom. 3:19) is to place yourself under the obligation to meet the requirements/demands of God's Law: a perfect nature-perfect thoughts-perfect actions from birth to death. The real truth is: (Rom. 3:19, 20, and 23; Gal. 3:10; Matt. 5:3; Isa. 64:6; Gal. 4:4, 5)

-To be under Grace means you acknowledge to God that you do not have the righteousness the Law demands but Christ does. He had a perfect nature, but a body just like ours with all of the infirmities, yet He had perfect thoughts-perfect actions from the time He was born to the time He died for you on the Cross. He was God's perfect Offering and our one and only Substitute.

-Whose righteousness do you want to bring to God's Law; your rags of finite righteousness or Christ's Infinite Righteousness?

-Even Ellen White taught this in vol. 1 of "Selected Messages", page 367, and "Steps to Christ", page 62; "Reflecting Christ", page 76; "Christ's Object Lessons", page 245, 246.

She also wrote: "We must also know our real condition, or we shall not feel our need of Christ's help." (COL158); "When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ." ("The Faith I Live By", page 111); "Righteousness without a blemish can be obtained only through the imputed righteousness of Christ." (RH, Sept. 3, 1901); "God always demanded good works, the law demands it, but because man placed himself in sin where his good works were valueless, Jesus' righteousness alone can avail." (SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 6 vol. p. 1071); "The law requires righteousness, a righteous life, a perfect character; and this man has not to give. He cannot meet the claims of God's holy law. But Christ, coming to earth as man, lived a holy life, and developed a perfect character. These He offers as a free gift to all who will receive them. His life stands for the life of men." ("Desire of Ages", page 762)

