



# The Fall of Babylon— Daniel 5





# The Feast—Daniel 5:1-4





# Handwriting on the Wall— Daniel 5:5-9





# Belshazzar's Fear



Little did Belshazzar think that there was a heavenly Witness to his idolatrous revelry; that a divine Watcher, unrecognized, looked upon the scene of profanation, heard the sacrilegious mirth, beheld the idolatry. But soon the uninvited Guest made His presence felt. When the revelry was at its height a bloodless hand came forth and traced upon the walls of the palace characters that gleamed like fire--words which, though unknown to the vast throng, were a portent of doom to the now conscience-stricken king and his guests.

Hushed was the boisterous mirth, while men and women, seized with nameless terror, watched the hand slowly tracing the mysterious characters. Before them passed, as in panoramic view, the deeds of their evil lives; they seemed to be arraigned before the judgment bar of the eternal God, whose power they had just defied. Where but a few moments before had been hilarity and blasphemous witticism, were pallid faces and cries of fear. When God makes men fear, they cannot hide the intensity of their terror.

— *Prophets and Kings*, p. 524





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# Daniel and Belshazzar— Daniel 5:17-24





# Interpretation—Daniel

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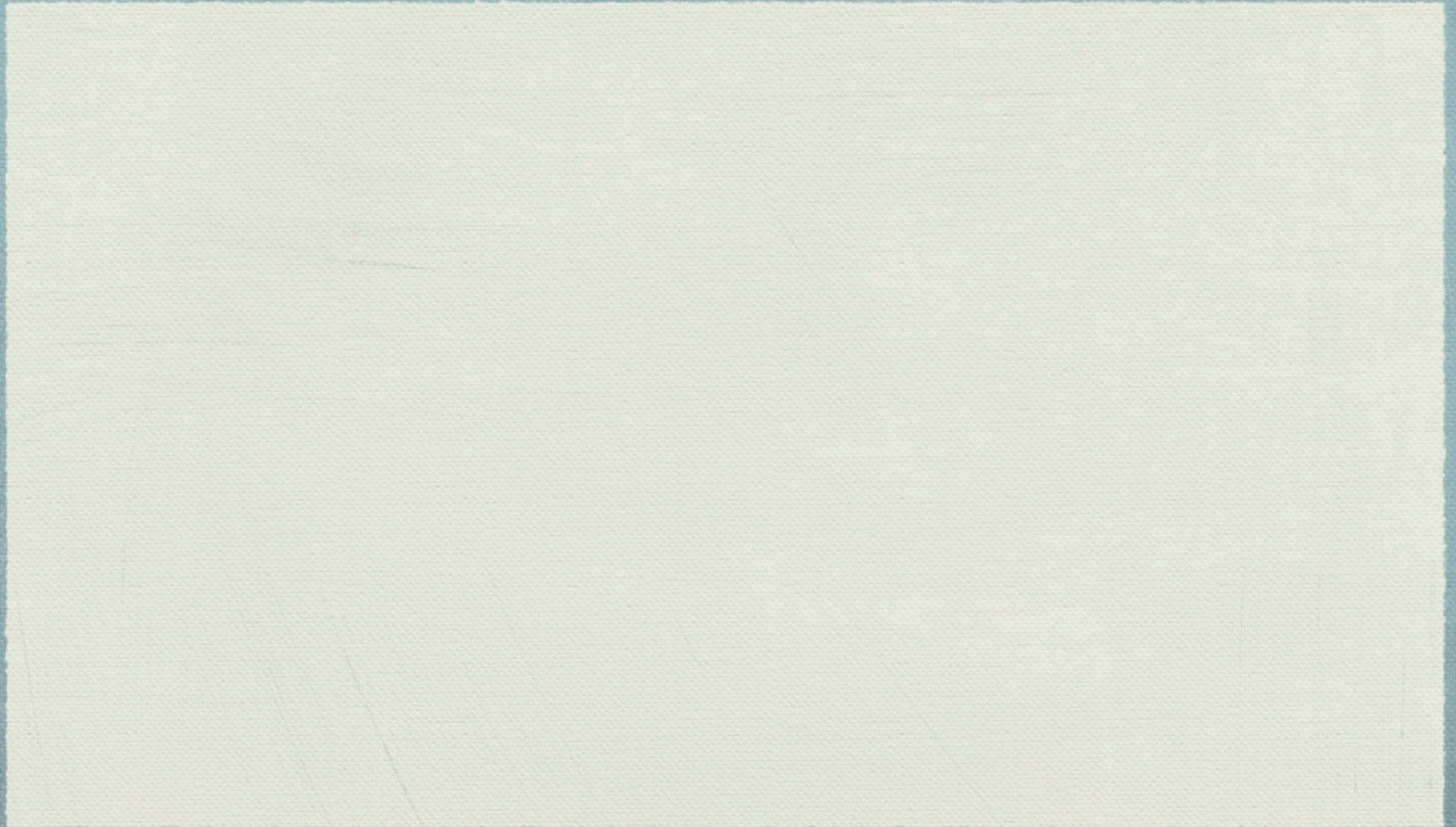




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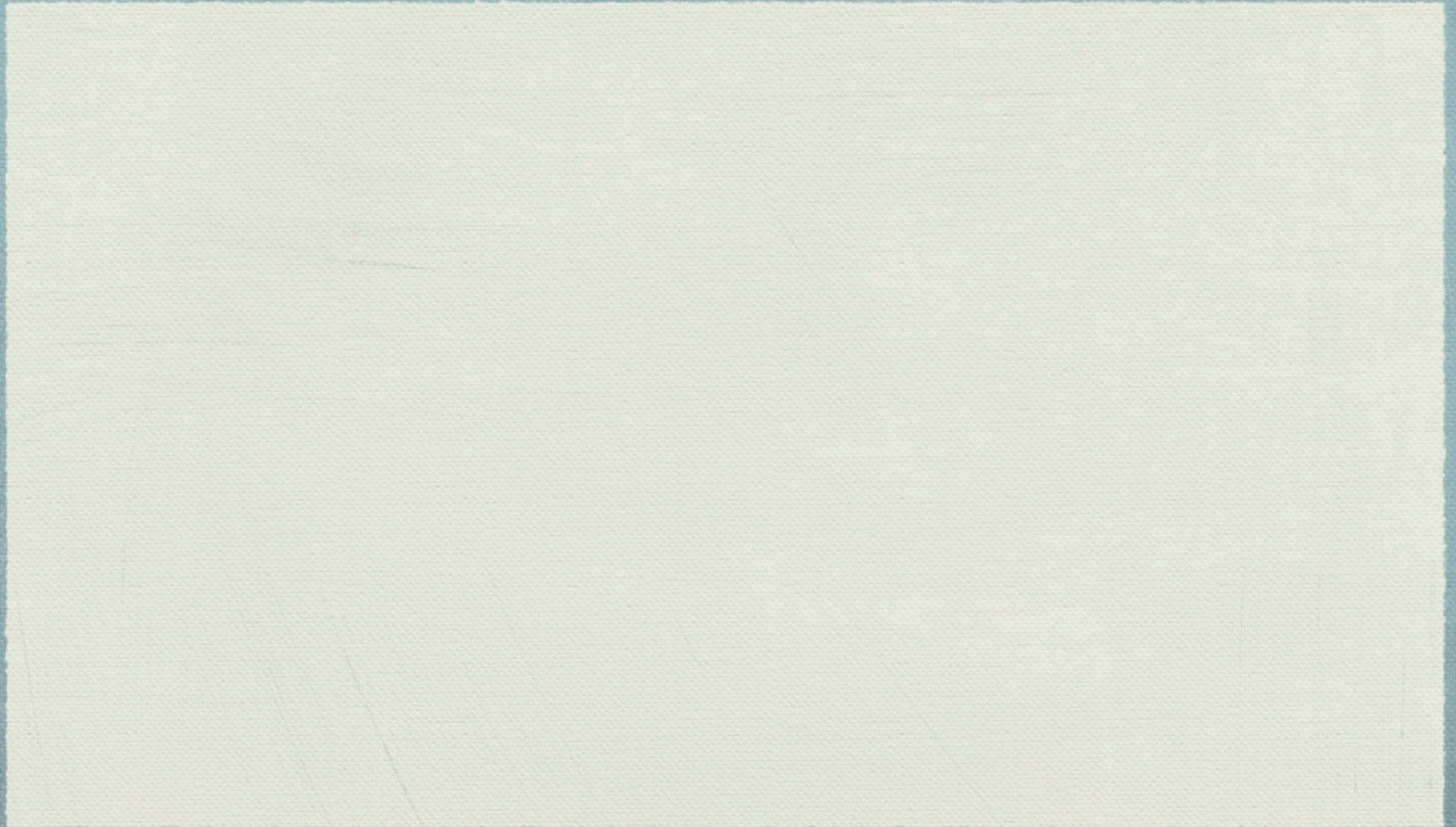


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- ◆ End-time Babylon intoxicates the world with its wine causing it to worship a common day (Sunday) and to profane the holy Sabbath day (the seventh day of the week). This causes its final fall.



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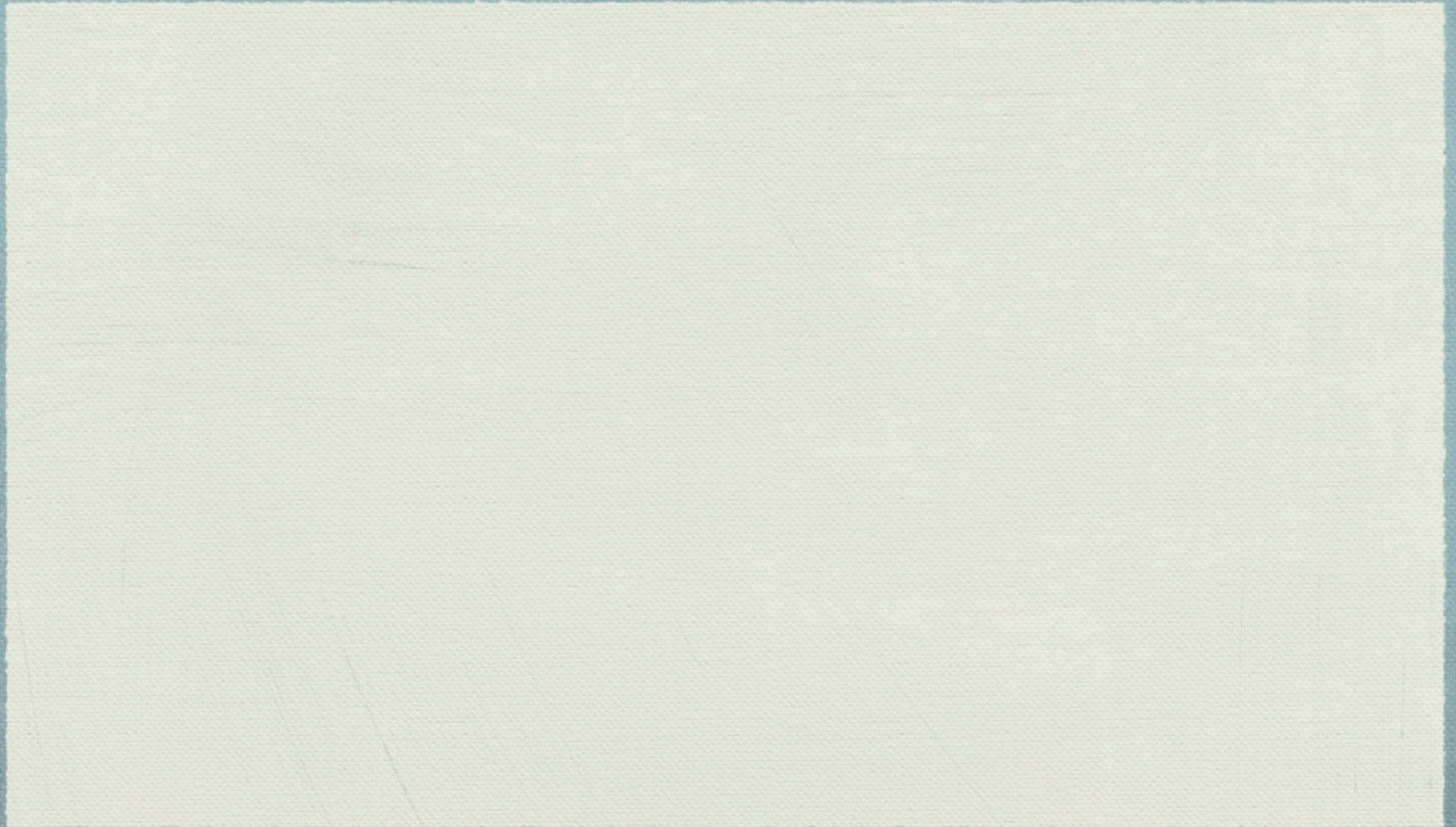


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- ◆ God will use messengers from His last-day church to proclaim that Babylon is fallen. As they give this last message, God's character (glory) will illuminate the entire world. Only those who demonstrate Christ's character will be entrusted with this final message of the fall of Babylon as seen in Revelation 18.



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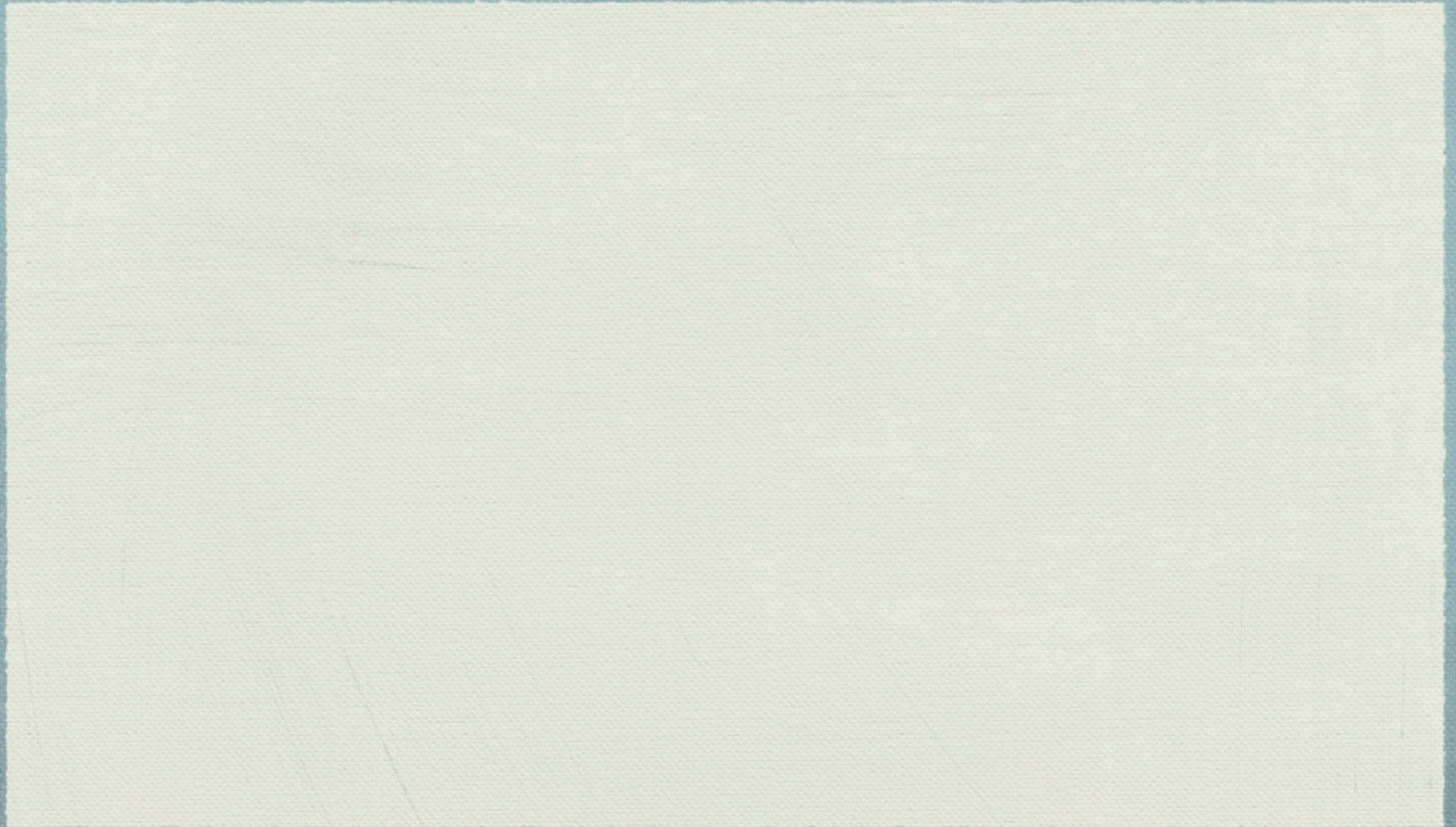


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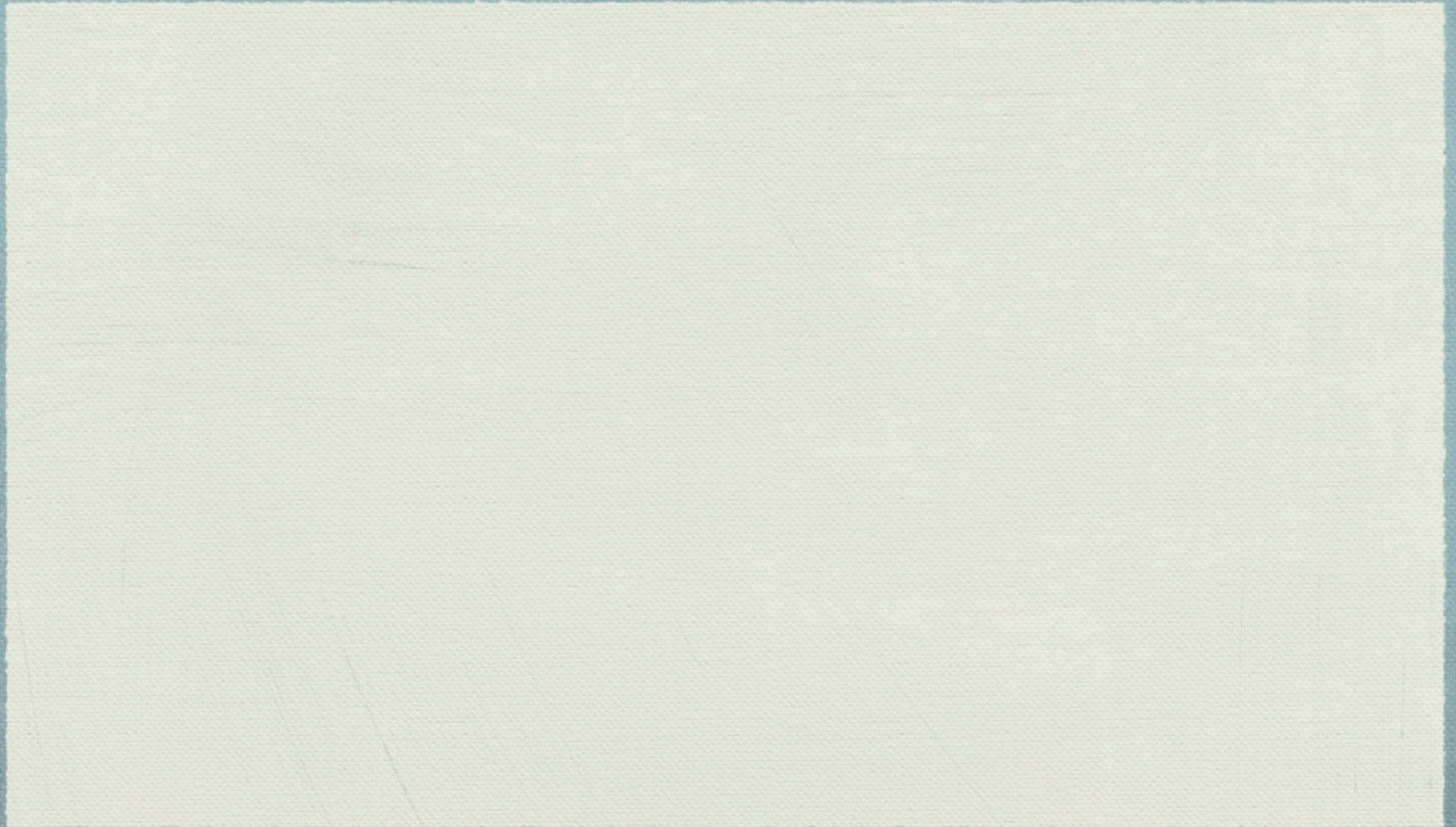


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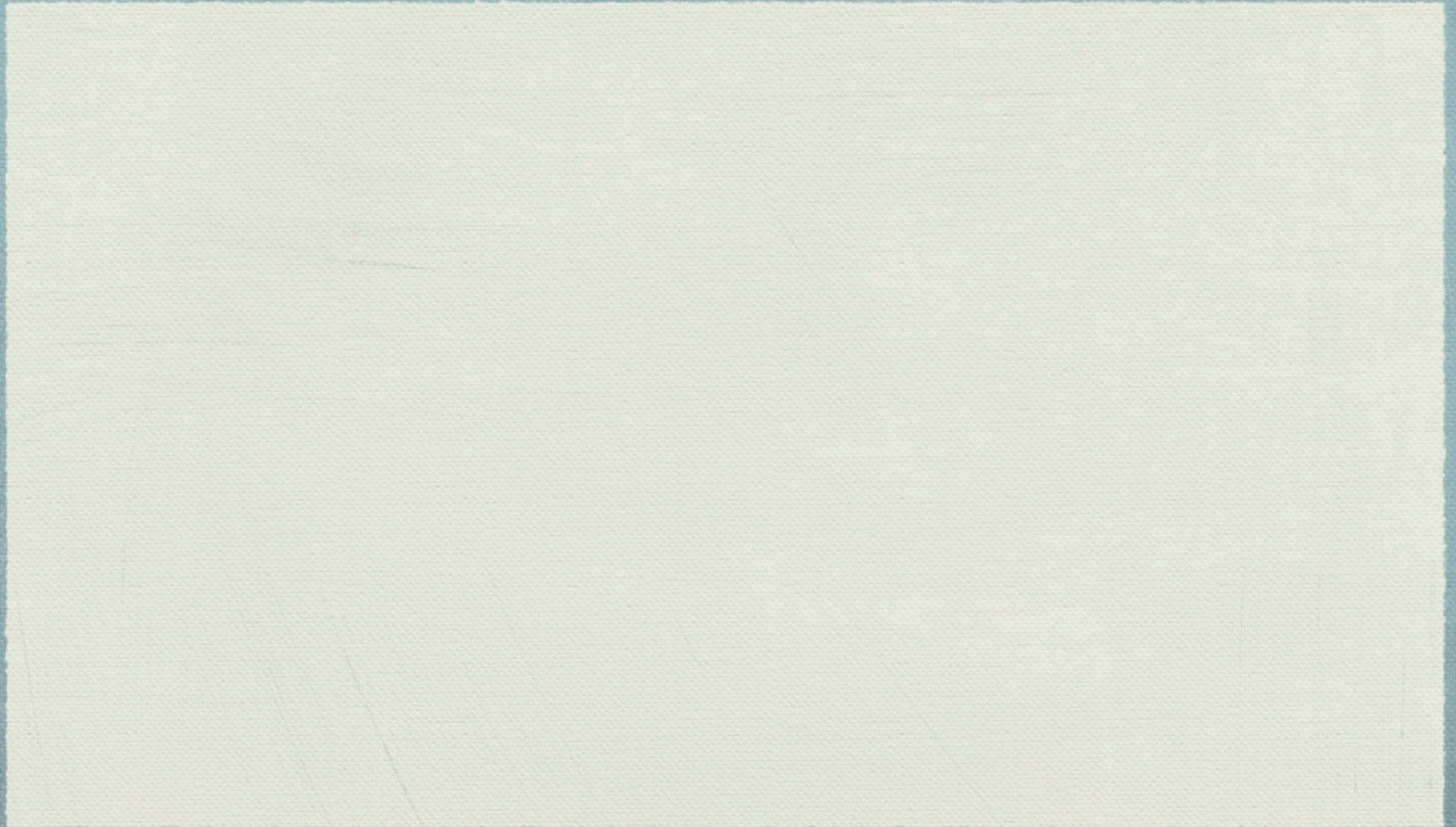


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- ◆ A candlestick represents a church in Bible prophecy (see Rev. 2 and 3). Just as a candlestick gave light to the three part judgment message announcing the fall of ancient Babylon, God's last-day church, the seventh candlestick, or the Seventh-day Adventist church, gives light to the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 which announce the fall of Babylon.



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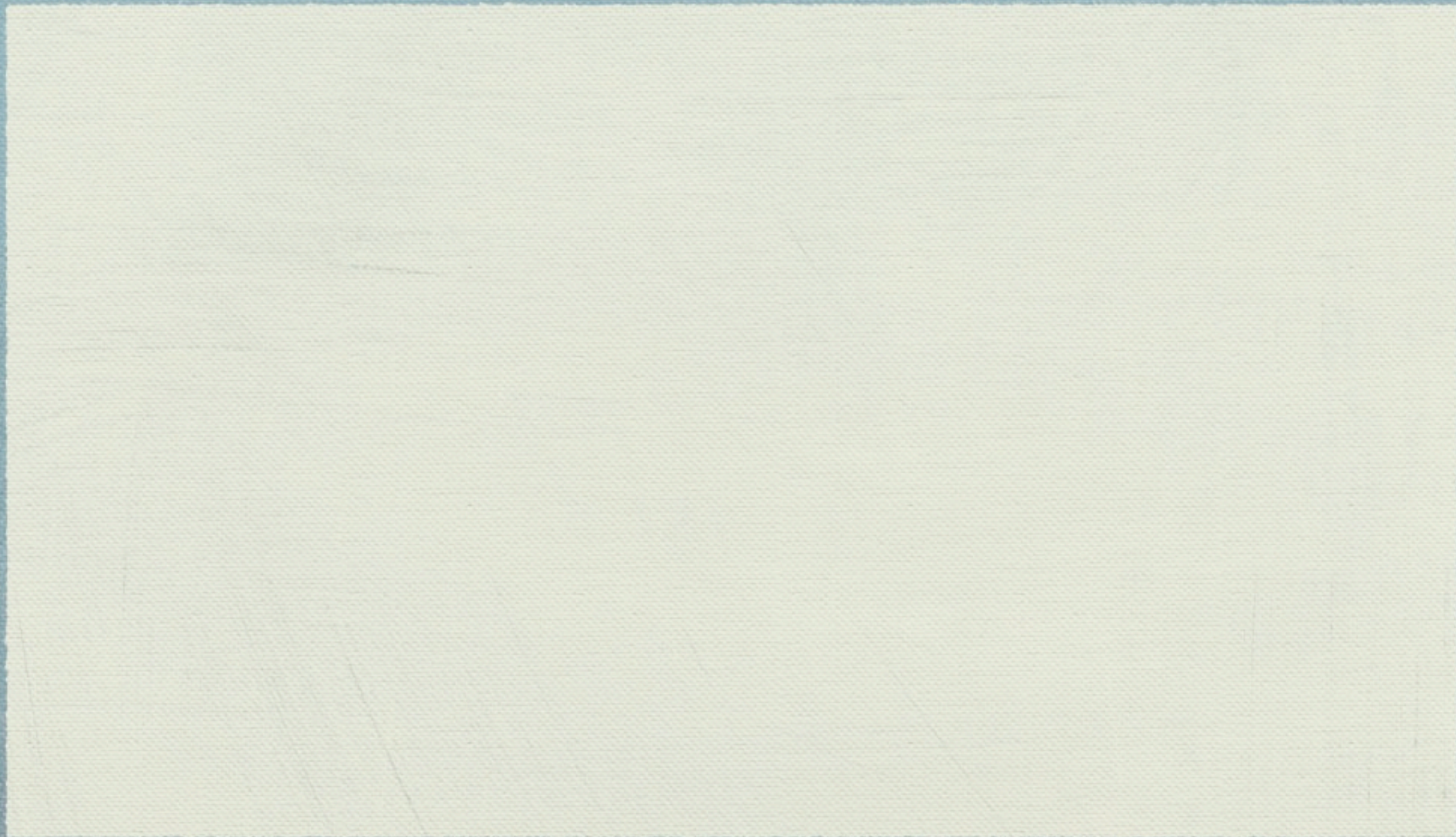


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- ◆ In God's last day church, He has also raised up a prophet, Ellen G. White, and in her writings we find a clear delineation of the three angels' messages.



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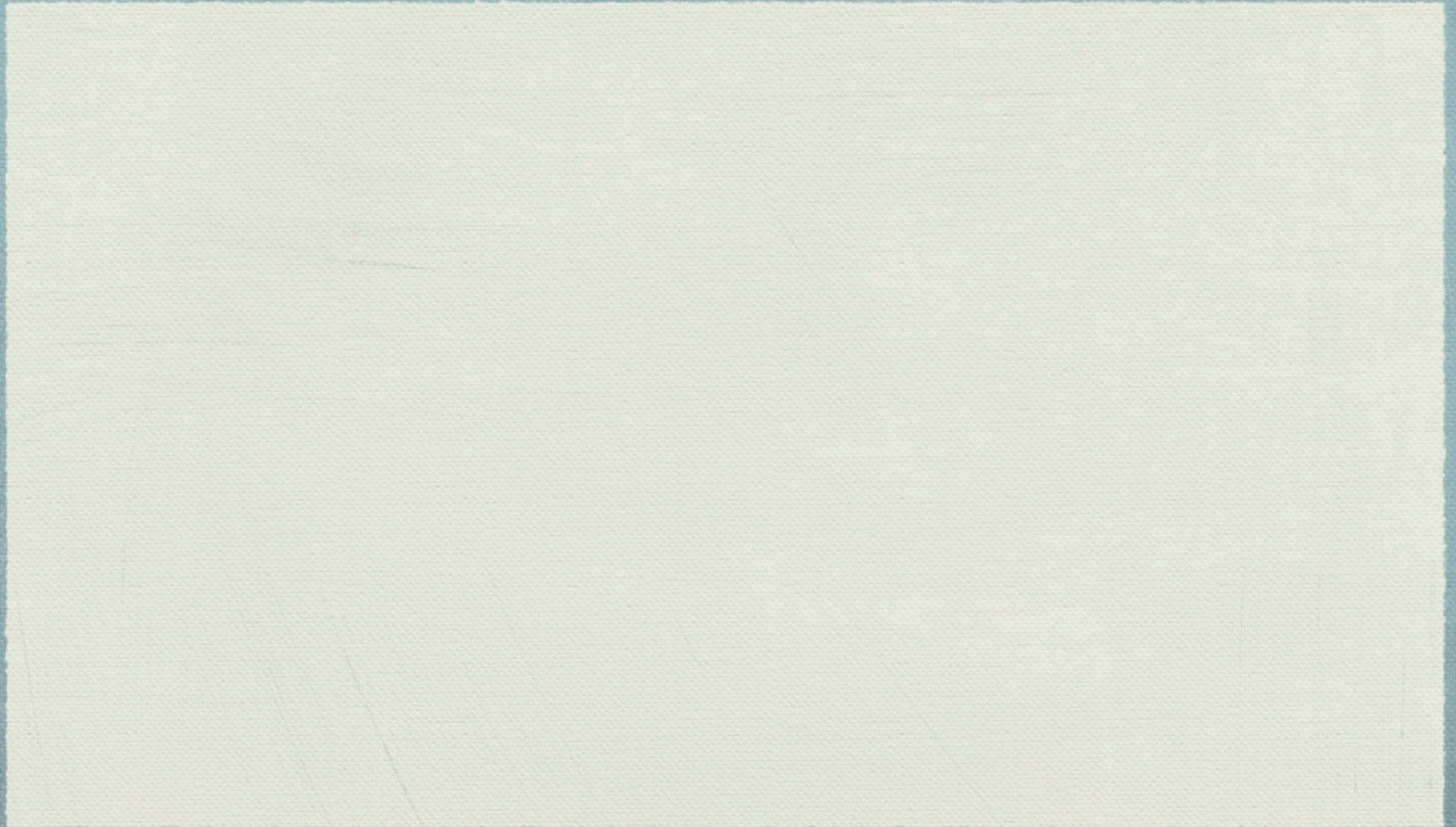


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- ◆ Not yet, however, can it be said that . . . “she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” She has not yet made all nations do this. . . . Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future. — *The Great Controversy*, pp. 389, 390.



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- ◆ When do her sins reach unto heaven [Revelation 18:2-5]?  
When the law of God is finally made void by legislation.—ST June 12, 1893.



# The Loud Cry

- ◆ Revelation 18:1-5 — And after these things I saw another angel come down heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her . . . And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.



# Personal Application

- ◆ "Watch ye therefore: . . . lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping." Mark 13:35, 36. Perilous is the condition of those who, growing weary of their watch, turn to the attractions of the world. While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments—it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Daniel 5:27. — GC 491