

Does Sister White say the GC can become Babylon?

"If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favour with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Letter 35, 1898, p. 6-7

"We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, and cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Letter 51, 9/6/1886

"The world must not be introduced into the church. And married to the church, forming a bond of unity Through this means the church will become indeed CORRUPT AND AS STATED IN Revelation, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Testimonies to Ministers p.265

"In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from Heaven." - Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 424 or Great Controversy, p 606-607

"It is impossible to tell what might have been the character of the church today, had its members been doing the works of Christ. It is a sad fact that the great proportion of **God's professed people** have not had faith in Christ as their personal Savior..." "The devotion and experience of the professed people of God are not in harmony with the light and privileges that God has given them. They are to be children of the light, children of the day, and yet many who have had exalted privileges fail to manifest corresponding faith and works. Jesus says to them as He said to the city wherein He had done mighty works, and they failed to appreciate the light and to confirm their life to it, **"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida!** For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes,'.... "Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, "But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. **And thou, Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], SHALL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO HELL...**" for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.' At that time Jesus answered and said, " I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things for the wise and prudent [in their own estimation], and hast revealed them unto babes' [Matthew 11:21-25].

"And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto this place which I give to you and to your fathers, as I done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren,

even the whole seed of Ephriam' [Jeremish 7: 13-15]... -*Review and Herald*, vol 3, p 69-70 (August 1, 1893) (Brackets by Ellen White)

“As for the voice of the General Conference, there is no voice from God through that body that is reliable.” *Manuscript 57, October 12, 1895 & Manuscript Releases, vol 17, p 178*

“The enemy of souls, has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place **among Seventh-day Adventists**, and that this reformation would consist in **giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith**, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result?—The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that has sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built upon the sand, and **storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.** -*Letter 242, October 1903 & Special Testimonies, Series B #7, p. 36-42*

- **The Word of God says..**

Revelation 18:2, "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.**"

Many of the SDA people declare they know their church is in apostasy. Some actually leave the church because of this apostasy. However, even after leaving some still claim the SDA church is not a sister to fallen Babylon? If that is so, I would ask them to please explain this quote from Ellen G. White:

"Concerning **Babylon, the symbol of the apostate church**, He says to His ministers of judgment, "Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double." Rev. 18:5, 6. -*Christ's Object Lessons 178.4*

Sister White is clearly stating that if the church is in apostasy, it is Babylon. Truth is, if the SDA church is not a sister Babylon, then all the SDA people that left their churches should go back into the SDA church to repair it. For them to stand outside the church claiming it is not in agreement with and displaying the fruits of Babylon is nothing more than more confusion. The basic fact is; if it is not Babylon, why did you leave? This also illustrates some are not walking with Christ as closely as James 4:8 declares is

necessary. If Jesus wouldn't stand in an apostatized church, why would any follower of Christ want to? Only the "double minded" would declare a church is in apostasy (Babylon) and then declare it not Babylon in the same breath.