

## Study 5: The Omega Apostasy

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In this study we will look at the Omega apostasy.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg believed that God was in everything. He believed that it was God in the sunflower that turned the sunflower to the sun. EG White warned him against this false doctrine and she called it the Alpha apostasy. While she wrote about this dangerous doctrine she warned against the Omega apostasy that would rise in the last days. What was she referring to? Let's read what she says about the Omega apostasy when she wrote about the Alpha apostasy:

"Then I heard a voice saying, "Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? **This foundation was built by the Master Worker**, and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to **present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God?** The time has come to **take decided action.**" {1SM 204.1}

Here she warns that the Alpha apostasy brought in doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God. It goes against the foundation that Christ laid for His church.

"I am instructed to speak plainly. "**Meet it**," is the word spoken to me. "**Meet it firmly**, and without delay." ....The **omega will follow**, and will **be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning** God has given." {1SM 200.1}

"We have now before us the alpha of this danger. **The omega will be of a most startling nature.**" {1SM 197.4}

Here she warns against false doctrines that will enter the church, doctrines which go against the foundation that was laid, and we need to meet these doctrines.

The book of Revelation warns us when we study the seven churches:

### ***Ephesus:***

**Revelation 2:2** "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those **who say they are apostles and are not**, and have found them liars;

### ***Smyrna:***

**Revelation 2:9** "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those **who say they are Jews and are not**, but are a synagogue of Satan.

### ***Pergamum:***

**Revelation 2:14** "But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who **hold the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balak **to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel**, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

### ***Thyatira:***

**Revelation 2:20** "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, **to teach and seduce My servants** to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

**Philadelphia:**

**Revelation 3:9** "Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, **who say they are Jews and are not**, but lie; indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Revelation warns that the churches always had these problems. Jews, who are not really Jews, and false doctrines deceiving God's people. This is how the enemy separates the church from within. What can the Omega apostasy be?

A summary from 1 Selected Messages pg. 194-204:

- The principles which God gave to the remnant church will be rejected
- The truth will be criticized
- The fundamental beliefs will be seen as faulty
- "A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced."
- "The new philosophy would "rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science."
- "Books of a new order would be written."

Clearly we can see that the Omega apostasy will be a direct attack on the fundamental truths of God's church. The Bible says God's way is in the sanctuary. In Revelation we see that the antichrist tramples on the sanctuary. Why?

**Psalm 77:13** **Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary;** Who is so great a God as our God?

**Revelation 13:6** Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, **His tabernacle**, and those who dwell in heaven.

**Daniel 8:13** Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the **giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?**"

Here we see that the devil's object is to trample on the sanctuary, because God's truth is found within it. The Holy Place teaches that there are 3 ornaments we need to be sealed with.

**The candlestick:** Needs oil to burn which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4)

**Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the **Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you **were sealed** for the day of redemption.

**The showbread:** When Israel received the manna they went through a showbread experience and in this experience God commanded them to reverence the Sabbath. The Sabbath therefore plays an important role when it comes to the showbread, your health (manna) and the manna also refers to Christ as the living bread.

**Exodus 31:13** "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely **My Sabbaths you shall keep**, for it is a **sign** between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

**Ezekiel 20:12** "Moreover I also gave them **My Sabbaths**, to be a **sign** between them and Me, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

**Ezekiel 20:20** 'hallow **My Sabbaths**, and they will be a **sign** between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.'

**The altar of incense:** The incense is a symbol of prayer and we must pray in the name of the Father (Matthew 6).

In Revelation we read the following:

**Revelation 7:3, 4** saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

**Revelation 14:1** Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

We are sealed by the Spirit, the Sabbath and the commandments or the Father's name in our foreheads.

The devil has a counterfeit for the people in the world as we read in Revelation 14:

**Revelation 14:9** Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand

The devil has the three areas of deception for the world. But what about the SDA church? The SDA church won't fall for these 3 obvious delusions. Therefore the devil will use the Omega apostasy to deceive those in the church. False doctrines that will attack the three ornaments in the Holy Place. What are these false doctrines that change the fundamental beliefs given to the church as a foundation?

The ornaments in the Holy Place gives us clues to where we need to look:

- **The candlestick:** There will be false doctrines regarding the Holy Spirit
- **The Showbread:** There will be false doctrines regarding Jesus (His origin), the Sabbath (extra Sabbaths to keep like the feasts) and the Health message (SDA's teaching high fat and animal protein diet)
- **The Altar of incense:** There will be false doctrines in relation to prayer and the worship of God, like spiritual formation and contemplative prayer

These are the main false doctrines entering the church. I believe, from the testimony of the Sanctuary, as God's way, that these false doctrines form the Omega apostasy. This is leading people to form their own groups, away from Christ's body or worship God in a way which He has not commanded.

In our next study we will start to look at the doctrine of the Holy Spirit...

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