

A STATEMENT BY ELLEN G. WHITE ¹ About the Year 1908

Brother Will Ross (now deceased) was a personal friend of mine, and an acquaintance of about forty-five years. In our church fellowship we frequently spent our Sabbath afternoons discussing his experiences in the message, and his conversations with Mrs. Ellen G. White.

About 1908, while in Loma Linda and living near Sister White, he would frequently accompany her in her walks, and would discuss the message and future events. On one of these walks together, and while waiting at the Loma Linda railroad depot in the company with Sister McInterer and Elder D. E. Robinson (her grand-daughter's husband), Sister White related to the three of them about the storm of persecution that was coming upon the Seventh-day Adventist church. Will Ross related it to me as follows:

„Sister White told us, as we three stood there on the railroad depot platform, that **a terrible storm** of persecution was coming, just like **a windstorm**, that blew down every object that was standing. There was not a Seventh-day Adventist to be seen. They, like the disciples forsook Christ and fled. **All who sought positions were never seen any more**. After the storm there was a calm. Then the Adventists arose like a great flock of sheep that were **without shepherds**. They all united in earnest prayer for help and wisdom, and the Lord answered them by helping them choose **leaders among them, who had never sought positions before**. They prayed earnestly for the aid of the Holy Spirit, which was poured out upon them, making them fully ready for service. They then went forth **‘fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners’** to give the message to all the world.”

„I was astonished, and asked if that applied to Loma Linda, as we were looking that way. Sister White replied to my question by stating that **it applied to the entire denominational world**. It so stunned me, that I did not ask any more questions.”

Will Ross, Boulder, Colorado

In the year 1943, Elder D. E. Robinson was visiting the churches of Colorado. I was serving as the elder on the platform that Sabbath that Elder Robinson visited and spoke to the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church, and having with him the large Bible which Sister White held in her hand and leafed through during one of her visions.

At the close of the service, Brother Ross talked with Elder Robinson and asked him if he remembered when he and Elder Robinson, and Sister McInterer were standing on the depot platform visiting with Sister White, and related about the terrible windstorm of persecution that was coming upon the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

Elder Robinson replied, „Yes, Brother Ross, I remember it.”

So I documented this reply January 15, 1946. Not wishing to forget this important narration that was related to me by Brother Ross, I frequently discussed it with him in later years, and his statement never varied.

[signed] – Elmer M. Johnson

¹ „Loma Linda train station vision” by Elmer M. Johnson