

The Present Truth
Vision of Ellen White

Quoted in an article by Hiram Edson in "The Present Truth"
-- December, 1849. p. 1, Para. 1, [EGWVIS].

[This paragraph preceding the vision, written by Hiram Edson: The next morning we had a season of prayer, and the Spirit was richly poured out, and the Lord gave Sister White the following vision, which was contrary to her former opinion and feeling relating to our going after Bro. Rhodes, up to that time that the Spirit took her off in vision.] p. 1, Para. 2, [EGWVIS].

"While in vision the Angel pointed to the earth, where I saw Bro. Rhodes in thick darkness; but he still bore the image of Jesus. I saw that it was the will of God that Brn. Edson and Ralph should go after him. Then I was shown Bro. Rhodes' past labors in the Advent cause; that he had been mighty in word and in deed. I saw him standing before the people, with the Bible in his hand, and a stream of light coming from his mouth, which found its way to the hearts of the people. Some rejoiced, while others, who were in darkness, were troubled. I saw that he had proclaimed the advent with great confidence, and had shown his faith by his works, and when the time passed, the disappointment was very great. Then some professed Adventist wounded his heart, and I saw him overwhelmed with discouragement, and grief, as he left the little flock, and retired to the wilderness. p. 1, Para. 3, [EGWVIS].

I saw that Jesus was pleading his blood for Bro. Rhodes, and that the Angel ready to enroll his name, as soon as he would come out of that dark place, and stand on all the present truth. The Angel pointed me to the snare of Satan that bound him; and I saw that he thought that there was no hope, no mercy for him; and it would be no use for him to try. I saw that Brn. Edson and Ralph should make him believe there was hope, and mercy for him, and tear him away, then he would come among the flock; and that Angels would attend them on their journey. I heard an Angel say-- "Can ye not see the worth of the soul? Pull him out of the fire." I saw that in Bro. Rhodes' there had been no guile in speaking against the present truth, relating to the Sabbath, and Shut Door. I also saw that the Lord had laid Bro. Rhodes' case heavily on Bro. Edson." E. G. White. p.

1, Para. 4, [EGWVIS].