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Between 2004 and 2005 all the imaging instruments aboard the Hubble telescope were used simultaneously to study the Orion nebula: The Advanced Camera for Surveys - Wide Field and Planetary Camera 2 - Near Infrared Camera - Multi-Object Spectrometer. The Hubble telescope took 520 images of the Orion nebula as it made 105 orbits around the earth. The images were taken in five colors, to make this picture. They also added ground-based photos to fill out the nebula. This picture is a mosaic containing a billion pixels. Hubble's Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) uncovered 3,000 stars of various sizes. Some of them have never been seen in visible light. This is one of the most detailed astronomical images ever produced, it offers an unprecedented look at the Orion Nebula. This turbulent star-formation region is one of astronomy's most dramatic and photogenic celestial objects. The Orion Nebula is 1,500 light years from earth.

Dark, heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back, then we could look up through the open space in Orion, from whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space. Review & Herald, August 1, 1849, par. 20, E.G. White