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A WARNING TO THE LITTLE COMPANIES IN PRESENT TRUTH SCATTERED ABROAD

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MT. CARMEL CENTER

“**T**hough only a few of you I have personally ever met, yet I feel free to address you as though I have always known you, and I praise Him for making it possible by uniting us in Himself as one family, and that “hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

“I am writing the following lines with a prayer that I may be able to help you to stand more firmly on the platform of eternal truth and that you may be filled in your joy “to the stature of the fullness of Christ” in the hope that is within you.

“The spirit of jealousy and selfishness is endeavoring to leaven the believers in Present Truth in some sections of the field and I am impressed to write beforehand a few words of counsel. First of all, let me say that **some of those who have embraced Present Truth seem to be yet in darkness concerning the necessity of our work and of the method by which it is now being carried on**, and though they may not be conscious of this fact, it weakens their faith in the sealing message and breaks down their power to proclaim the same. Hence, I shall endeavor to pass on such information as seems necessary on some points of our work for your enlightenment.

“The old devil well knows that this is the last message the world will ever receive and that it will chain him for a thousand years and at last reduce his being down to ashes as though he never was. Therefore, he is like a “roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.” Hence, because we can not be too cautious of his snares or too particular in following “the Lamb whither-soever He goeth,” I am sending this warning.

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“The apostle’s council, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall,” shows that we who have the message and full assurance to receive “the seal of God” and to live forever are in the same danger as the ancient Jews who, for being the direct descendants of Abraham and perfectly satisfied that the promise was theirs, were found off guard and lost the kingdom! Having their example before us we should be wide awake lest we, too, be devoured by the old roaring dragon.

“Satan is suggesting to some in certain sections of the field that they are doing more for the cause of truth than some others and that those who may be doing less are reaping the benefits of their labors instead of they themselves.

“If this be so, and if they have fully trusted in the One Whose the vineyard is instead of in the stewards of His means for their reward, they should be the happier, for the fact that He Who said, “The laborer is worthy of his hire,” will more abundantly reward them than we could ever do even at our best.

“Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend You to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them, that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul’s neck, and kissed him.’ (The Acts 20:31-35, 37.)

“You know that Satan is on one hand determined to multiply the ‘tares’ among the ‘wheat’ and Christ on the other hand to keep them out. It is especially true at this time while He is “taking the reins in His own hands;” and as He is assuring us now, after the

period of time while 'men slept' is almost over, that 'there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean' (Isa. 52: 1), His promise will become a reality -- **He will send into His vineyard only those who will by their works openly acknowledge by complying with His commission that they completely trust in Him -- 'provide neither gold nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves,'** (Matt. 10:9,10.)

"Says the Spirit of Prophecy: 'Only those who have withstood and overcome temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming this message when it shall have swelled into the 'Loud Cry.'" -- *Review and Herald*, Nov. 19, 1908.

"God has placed me in a most responsible position, and realizing my human weakness and inability to correctly perform my duties even in the least important place in His service I cannot afford to deviate from His holy command even an inch whether others do or not, and **though some think that I am to blame for them not being engaged in the work, I can only go as far as He leads me. Therefore, if it is not they themselves alone to blame, by wrongly placing the blame upon me they are murmuring against Christ instead of against me.**

"Though they are not in this office to see that if we offer any kind of financial assistance before men get into the harness and go to work and prove themselves that they are trustworthy of Christ's service and that they are called by Him, it is true that we would be so busy hiring men for the work that we would have no time for anything else at all. But you know, my brethren, that among them there will be a multitude of men that will not for souls, but for 'hire' go to work -- a class whose service Christ can not accept. **Moreover, such a program will require a capital of no small sum of money whereas, we have nothing, and the fact that we do not have it proves that Christ wants us to go into His vineyard without gold, silver, or**

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brass, and as we who did start on this basis have lacked 'nothing' (Luke 22:35) our experience evidences the fact that He gives us 'our daily bread.' (Matt. 6:11.)

Our work is too great for any man, or a group of men, and **the harvest field is wide enough for 'two hundred thousand thousand... horsemen'** (Rev. 9:16), whereas the laborers just now are very, very few, and **most of our brethren do not realize what it takes to carry on the work.** They think that the tithe which comes here is supposed to provide our temporal necessities only and that we are having one great, grand time, but were they in our place, **most of them would not bear under the trying circumstances even for a month.**

"We as S.D.A.'S by being 'robbed and spoiled' placed an unauthoritative halo of sacredness around the tithe, making it appear that it must be spent for nothing else but to feed, house, and clothe the ministers who are not only taking the tithe but the offerings and the institutional incomes also, and we all with one consent and without a question, as blind as bats on a bright sunny day, got under the load and raised all the goals; but now in 'the unrolling of the scroll,' while our eyes have been opened, some are going into another extreme; and as Satan by the leading men in the S.D.A. denomination pulled the wool over our eyes while he had the denomination in his grip by head and foot urged us then to give everything we have, **now by his wicked suggestions is urging those who have embraced Present Truth to withhold their means!** His **urging them to be liberal in the former and his suggestions of stinginess in the latter** all the more proves that the denomination has sold out to him, and that we have the truth of the hour. **Then, too, by over urging us in the former place to produce the bricks, and causing the conferences to misuse the means, he has been robbing God's people of their strength, whereas now in the latter place by suggesting to those who have embraced Present Truth to withhold their means is an attempt to blockade the proclamation of the sealing message and to rob God's people of it, too.** Thus in both instances he has attempted to weaken Christ's line of defense and to strengthen his own.

Our offering receipts are very small, whereas our work requires much greater means in proportion than that of the denomination for the fact that we have nothing in the line of equipment and now we must buy and build everything we need to carry the message to the church. Besides, we are distributing five tracts, "The Symbolic Code," and most of the books, etc., all free of charge, whereas the denomination takes everything and gives nothing -- we had to pay them for all the papers to do our missionary work, and a good price, too, and still they run short of means.

Had we pressed our brethren who have embraced Present Truth to provide all the means by which to carry on the work but to feed us, they would have to give a second tithe, not only a tenth of their income but more than twice that, and before they accept the message, too, for we, had to start without any following at all. Consequently, had we waited on them, the work would have never begun. Therefore, I along with Sister Charboneau and Sister Hermanson were compelled to do everything we could possibly do to spread the message and to make the interest grow, but about three years later, when a few converts finally took a firm stand and began to pay their tithe toward the advancement of Present Truth, if I had said, 'No, the tithe is sacred -- it is only for my own use and for the use of the two sisters who helped in pioneering this work,' the message would not have advanced at all and the people who now rejoice in the Truth would have been yet in darkness, and besides, the tithe which the treasury of Present Truth now receives, the opposers of the message would have taken and used as a whip to prevent the sealing of the saints.

"Some of our brethren think that we are getting enough tithe to feed the workers and pay for Mt. Carmel's tract of land, build the 'camp,' etc., and are now zealously sending their objections and instructions as to how we should spend it as though they know more about it than those whom God has placed at the head of the work and Whose instructions only they must follow. They think that it should be used only for the support of the workers but they never offer to

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send some of their means beside the tithe with which to pay for the land, to put up the necessary buildings, and to purchase office and farm equipment. No, not even for either the cost of printing the free literature or postage for its distribution nor for our correspondence, etc.

“We would perhaps be perfectly satisfied if these brethren would send us some of their money with which to pay for these things so that we would use no tithe, but instead, some of them even hesitate to send in their tithe *under pretense of fear that we may spend part of it on something besides feeding and clothing the workers or ministers.* But let them do their part first before they ask us to stop doing our part, for **the Lord’s work anticipates neither retreat nor tardiness, although it may take our tithes or offerings, bank accounts, houses, or lands, or all, yea, even our very lives.** Regardless of what it takes, we must proclaim “the great and dreadful day of the Lord.”

“**On one hand they accuse us of misusing the tithe, and on the other hand they are robbing God by using it on themselves!** Suppose we are wrong, would our mistakes make them right? If I had not been a tithe-payer they would have been justified not to give heed to a message under my signature, but would they not be also justified to pay no attention to their supposed wise counsel if they withhold the Lord’s tithe and use it on themselves?

Still further, we can freely say that the tithe has not been sufficient to take care of every need connected with the work, neither are the offerings for the free literature and the correspondence, and as a consequence I have gone into debt, and God has made it possible for the work to go on uninterrupted, and it may do their souls good to know that as yet we have not spent one cent from the tithe towards the purchase of the tract of land, and if they like to have us pay for it with something else besides tithe, they may send us \$7,000 with which to pay that which is against it and I am sure we would not disappoint their heart’s desire by refusing to accept their free-will offerings for this worthy enterprise. However, if those

who are determined to have us lavish all the tithe on the workers' upkeep only rather than to spend a part for the land on which to build this needed 'camp' for the benefit of both -- ministers and laity -- would thoroughly examine their motives, I am sure that they will find themselves raising the banner of the sealing message on a pole of "selfishness" instead of on Calvary's Cross!

"Make sure, my brethren, that you be not found among those of whom God called the prophet's attention, saying: 'Thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as My people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them. as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come.) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.' (Ezek. 33:30-33.)

"Paul was an inspired apostle. yet the Lord did not reveal to him at all times just the condition of His people. Those who were interested in the prosperity of the church, and saw evils creeping in, presented the matter before him, and from the light which he had previously received, he was prepared to judge of the true character of these developments. Because the Lord had not given him a new revelation for that special time, those who were really seeking light did not cast his message aside as only a common letter. No, indeed. The Lord had shown him the difficulties and dangers which would arise in the churches, that when they should develop, he might know just how to treat them.

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“He was set for the defense of the church; he was to watch for souls as one that must render account to God: and should he not take notice of the reports concerning their state of anarchy and division? Most assuredly; and the reproof he sent them was written just as much under the inspiration of the Spirit of God as were any of his epistles. But when these reproofs came, some would not be corrected. They took the position that God had not spoken to them through Paul, that he had merely given them his opinion as a man, and they regarded their own judgment as good as that of Paul. So it is with many among our people who have drifted away from the old landmarks, and who have followed their own understanding.

“‘When this position is taken by our people, then the special warnings and counsels of God through the Spirit of Prophecy can have no influence with them to work a reformation in life and character.’ -- *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, pp. 684, 685.

“‘Why have not these ministers been reproved, when we are following their teachings?’ some asked. ‘A door, has thus been opened for Satan to tempt them as to the truthfulness of the visions.

“‘The brethren have been deceived and wronged. They believed that we were in union with these teachers, and followed their instructions, when they were all wrong. I have written to these ministers in anguish of spirit as I have seen the cause of God wounded by their injudicious course. How anxiously have I watched the effect of these messages. But they laid them aside, and the brethren were not permitted to know anything about them, therefore could not be benefited by the instructions which the Lord saw fit to give.

“‘My labor has been most discouraging, as I have seen that what God designed has not been accomplished. Often I have inquired in distress, Of what account is all my labor? These brethren took this position: **We believe the visions, but Sister White, in writing them, put in her own words and we will believe that portion which we think is of God, and will not heed the other.** This course

they have pursued, and have not corrected their lives. They have professed to believe the visions, but have acted contrary to them. Their example and influence have raised doubts in the minds of others. It would have been better for the cause of present truth had they both opposed the gifts. Then the people would not have been deceived, and would not have stumbled over these blind teachers. We have hoped and prayed that they might get right, and exert a good influence upon the flock: but hope has died, and we cannot, dare not, hold our peace longer. We have wronged the church of God, in that we have not spoken out before.' -- *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 233, 234.

"Think of it, my brethren. These testimonies were written by the one who founded the denomination and though they were told, "The testimonies either bear the signet of God or that of Satan" (5 T 98), they did not believe them, and by so doing they were not only disobeying God but also calling the founder of their own denomination a liar and still they remained in it! Shall some of you now after having seen the results of unbelief repeat their mistakes.

"I would advise you, my brethren, not to permit any evil, selfish motives to enter into your hearts, or any suggestions urging you to watch those whom God has given their own work, for He has left no one in charge of them save the recording angel, and when He finally comes to reckon with His servants He will call neither on you nor on me to verify or pass on His decision. However, Satan will try all of you to the limit, and if you watch yourselves you will have your hands full without taking time to see what others do.

"Satan will have you busy, if he can, watching others that you may forget or have no time to watch yourselves. He, by pointing to the mistakes and errors of those who are not led by God's Spirit, would have you in constant fear that even those whom God is leading Himself will make a mistake. Thus endeavoring to keep you blind of the mistakes that you have either already made or are about

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to make, thereby not only leading you into eternal ruin but also **hindering the work of God by taking up the time of His servants to iron out difficulties within their own ranks.** Therefore, give him no occasion to hinder God's servants from laboring for those who need to know the truth.

"Of this class of workers Christ says: 'They will question and criticize everything that arises in the unfolding of truth, criticize the work and position of others, criticize every branch of the work in which they have not themselves a part. They will feed upon the errors and mistakes and faults of others, 'until', said the angel, 'The Lord Jesus shall rise up from His mediatorial work in the heavenly sanctuary, and shall clothe Himself with the garments of vengeance, and surprise them at their unholy feast; and they will find themselves unprepared for the marriage supper of the Lamb.' Their taste has been so perverted that they would be inclined to criticize even the table of the Lord in His kingdom.' -- *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, p. 690.

"We claim to be reformers -- calling the brethren's attention to their slackness in following the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy -- but shall we on one hand criticize them for their unbelief and on the other hand we ourselves do what we would have them repent of?

"You who are ready to enter into the Lord's vineyard with the 'mattock' to dig up the 'thorns and briers' will find much to do. **Therefore, enter into his service without gold, silver, or brass; that is, spend all you have,** then call on Him and He will take care of you by the tithe which is His own, and **if we fail in our duty He will take our stewardship from us and give it to others who would not waste or misuse His money; and if the tithe should fail, he may send a raven with some food or perhaps take you to some widow's house, and if these means also fail to provide, He has plenty of mamma in heaven with which to feed you for the rest of your life.** Yes, He can even send an angel with 'a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water,' and bid you, 'Arise and eat; because the journey is too great

for thee,' and if He sees fit, He can make it possible for you to go 'in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God' where you can obtain some more. (1 Kings 19:7, 8.)

"At any rate, if you are true to Him He will not let you starve though the world may. Sell all and 'give to the poor'; that is, to those who are destitute of the message and who are about to perish for lack of knowledge. 'Will you, too, my brethren, who have "great possessions"'go "away sorrowful"? (Matt. 19:22)

"I saw that some of the people of God are stupid and dormant, and but half awake; they do not realize the time we are now living in, and that the man with the 'dirt brush' has entered, and that some are in danger of being swept away. I begged of Jesus to save them, to spare them a little longer, and let them see their awful danger, that they might get ready before it should be forever too late. The angel said, **Destruction is coming like a mighty whirlwind.** I begged of the angel to pity and to save those who loved this world, who, were attached to their possessions, and were not willing to cut loose from them, and sacrifice to speed the messengers on their way to feed the hungry sheep who were perishing for want of spiritual food.

"As I viewed poor souls dying for want of the present truth, and some who professed to believe the truth were letting them die by withholding the necessary means to carry forward the work of God, the sight was too painful, and I begged of the angel to remove it from me. **I saw that when the cause of God called for some of their property,** like the young man who came to Jesus (Matt. 19:16-22), they went away sorrowful; and that soon the overflowing scourge would pass over and sweep their possessions all away, and then it would be too late to sacrifice earthly goods, and lay up a treasure in heaven.' -- *Early Writings*, pp. 48, 49.

"This invitation is yours: 'Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest

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unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.' (Matt. 11:28-30.)

"Ten tithe paying converts will yield as much tithe as the whole income of one of them and if they can live on that much you can, too, and if It should take twice as much for your living as it does for their's, all you would need to do is to go and win ten more tithe paying souls. Then as long as you are in Christ's service and in nothing else, and as long as your twenty converts remain faithful and true tithe payers you will have a steady income. I know not of an easier way for making a living than this. Do you? Neither is there any doubt at all for having this much success in winning souls to Christ if your hearts are right with God and if you are working for souls and for the advancement of His Kingdom instead of for 'loaves and fishes' and for self-exaltation. Thus entering into Christ's service will be your credentials -- an evidence that God has approved of your conception of the truth, accepted your service, and that you have made 'your calling and election sure.'"

Excerpt from Symbolic Code, Vol. 2, #56 p. 8, 9

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"As to the tithe, I say as you do: 'We want our little to go where it will accomplish the most,' but first of all and always above our own judgment, we want to go wherever the Lord commands, for it is His and not ours. We are 'not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel,' and 'It is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs.' (Matt. 15:24, 26). God has not sent us to the heathen, but to the church, and has commanded: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse' wherein is Present Truth, and as our message is to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel,' it will be meat in His house where the children are fed 'first.' --2SC56 8.6

"Suppose we should all feel that our tithes must go to the treasury in Washington, then how would the message reach the people in the church? God does not want to bring the heathen unconverted into

the church for the slaughter of Ezekiel Nine, but He is exceedingly anxious to save the church: neither is He working 'to bring many souls into the truth, because of the church-members who have never been converted....Would they not make of no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear?' -- *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 371." --2SC56 9.1

"Let only those who do not have the light on the sealing message support the message of the judgment of the dead which is passing away as the setting sun, then we will not deprive either the one or the other. Moreover, what success do you suppose we can hope to have in bringing the sealing message to the church if we support those who are rising against us like the waves of the sea? No, Brother J., if we continue paying our tithe to them, we will not only be weakening our power against the enemy, but also our position in relation to the message we bear, for then they will say to us, "If you have a message for us, you will put your gifts toward the advancement of your message and not toward ours." Hence, by supporting the church and its warfare against the message we bear, we will instead of winning the confidence of the brethren to what we believe, not only be driving them away, but also strengthening the forces of the enemy and weakening ours, for you cannot fight your adversaries by lending them your weapons to stand strong against you. Brother J., comply with all the requirements of the Spirit of Prophecy by taking a firm stand either on one side or on the other, as expressed in the following...

"Thus far the first part of the question has been fully answered. Now we come to the second part; namely. "Shall I pay the tithe to the SRod message while I still hold membership in the S.D.A. church?"

"Let the questioner ask himself the following questions and his own answer should tell him what to do.

"Do I believe that the SRod has the sealing message of the 144,000? _____ Is it the message of the hour? _____ Have I received

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any spiritual help from it?_____ Has it caused me to repent of sins in which I indulged in before?_____ Am I now a better S.D.A. than I was before I learned the message of the SRod?_____ Do my S.D.A. brethren need this message?_____ Do I now love the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the brethren more than I did before?

If your answer to the above questions is No, then pay your tithe to the church of which you are now a member. But if your answer to the above question is Yes, then ask yourself yet these questions:

“Had I continued in my Laodicean’s course in which the SRod found me, would I have been saved and ready to meet the Lord?_____ Would my S.D.A. brethren be saved in their present condition?_____ If your answer to the above questions is No, then your answer to the following questions will instruct you where to pay your tithe though you hold church membership.

Excerpt: *Symbolic Code* Vol. 1, #14 p. 3 par. 5

God’s Plan for the Tithe and the Offerings Abused

“Originally God set apart the tithe for the support of the whole tribe of Levi and as only a Levite was permitted to minister in anything pertaining to religious service, it proves that from the high priest, whose office was the highest, down to the janitor, all were supported by the tithe. Howbeit, **our leading brethren at this time make the local church elders, the deacons, the choir, etc., who are doing the work that pertains only to a Levite, work for nothing and support themselves, and as a consequence the work or the Lord is neglected,** whereas the table of the ministry is overloaded. Moreover, God originally sanctified the gifts and offerings of the people as He did the tithe, but not for the support of the Levites in ancient times or for the ministry in our time, but for feeding the poor, ministering to the sick, etc. notwithstanding, the ministers of our time are consuming both -- tithes and offerings -- and by so doing they have not only deprived other workers in connection with the gospel but also the poor and the sick, the fatherless, and the widow.

The *Symbolic Code* Vol. 1, #14, p. 4, par. 4:

What Should Ministers do with the Tithe?

“As the Levites also were required to make an offering for the poor, and the sick, etc., which naturally came from the tithe, for that was their only income, **it proves that any worthy enterprise in the plan of God supported by offerings can be maintained by the tithe also.** Hence, if Bro. Houteff is spending a part of the tithe for paying on land where ‘the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind,’ the orphans and the aged may find a refuge, Elder G’s accusation in reference to the tithe proves that every bone in Bro. Houteff’s body is an honest bone and that Elder G. is incapable to discriminate between the honest and dishonest bones.”

Who is in Charge of Mount Carmel? Report from Sister Hall on the U.S. Field: June 25th, 2024

My Dear Brethren,

Many have heard that trouble has come to Mount Carmel. If I may, let me remind all that what we are going through, in the process of rebuilding of Mt. Carmel, is no different than what the prophet himself encountered in building Mt. Carmel of old. As the previous pages have shown, Brother Houteff too was accused of enriching himself, misusing the tithe for land, and questioned about using the tithe to support other aspects of the work. He encountered those who withheld their tithe because they wanted to dictate where it went, -only to the ministers, under a pretense of zealousness. These questions and accusations, which take time to be answered, distract the workers holding the burden of the work. Furthermore, the withholding of tithe puts the workers in a state of want unnecessarily.

When I came to the ministry, I came not knowing what I was getting myself into. I only knew there was a need. I and my husband quit our

jobs as I heard the voice of the Lord, and in faith traveled to South Carolina. I first went to South Carolina by myself and worked for almost a month to solve a mountain of administrative and legal tasks, and was not paid until I had completed the work. I did not have prior knowledge that I would be paid before engaging in the work.

Next, I traveled to South Carolina again with my husband. When we got there, I saw the sad state of things as the old pioneer was laboring all alone, with dementia, doing the things he had done for the past 47 years. He had only one helper that was willing to uproot herself for an extended period of time to become his caretaker, --Sis Judy.

We all labored to secure a safe place for him and Sister Judy to stay at. The rest of our journey to providing end of life care & bringing Brother Adair to rest, is well known by our members.

In the time since Brother Adair's leadership transferred to a younger generation, we have solved many problems.

- **The Association now has a place of operations** and a place for workers to stay.
- **New officers were voted in.**
- **Two websites and two YouTube channels have been created for the Laodicean and Davidian field.** In the last 12 months, we have had 4,263 people visit our salemgadsda.org site, and 2,659 persons visit our food4theflock website. Our F4 Flock YouTube channel has gotten a total of 5,375 views and 687.1 hours of watch time and attracted over 100 subscribers. The Salem GADSDA channel has garnered over 18,150 views with a total of 1,100 watch hours! Salem GADSDA has 157 subscribers.
- **Sister Hall completed 19 Bible study videos.**
- **Outreach campaign** created & launching.
- **Sister Hall: Tracts, charts, timelines, & booklets made:** 19 SR tracts digitized/downloadable, 24 Adair/Salem charts or articles redone and/or digitized, 7 Laodicean articles (digitized/downloadable), 37 unique charts & timelines created for teaching purposes, 8 SR charts or maps recolorized/digitized, 1 SR complete chart collection + Salem charts e-book, (1) 8-chapter, 82-page book for teens & adults ***Character Spotlights in the Bible***

(based on the Spirit of Prophecy with present truth themes and studies throughout).

- **The U.S. division is being formed and leadership being developed.** Sister Millie, Sister Hawkins, Brother & Sister Green, and Brother Cedric have answered the call to serve. Sister Millie & Sister Hawkins have been nominated by Sister Judy & Sister Hall to serve on the Executive Council.
- **God brought seven new souls into the truth via personal ministry, and or the website ministry.**
- **Sister Judy has an ongoing weekly study group** with Sister Stella of Hawaii. They conduct their studies through conference calling.
- **The Lord has awakened many souls who have inquired or are interested in further studies in recently from the videos and website,** two in San Antonio, one in Ethiopia, two from France, one from South Africa, and many others from all over the United States. What we need now to organize study groups to answer these inquiries.

We celebrate these wins, but Brothers & Sisters, we have so much more to do. As the assistant vice president who *resides in the U.S.* and is tasked with many administrative duties for our work here & at Headquarters, it's my job to ascertain where we can improve *and* formulate plans for the message to go forward with even greater power and force.

As Brother Houteff and other pioneers experienced, our tithe receipts are small, laborers few, but God has kept the light of truth shining from the east gate. **Mount Carmel shall not wither until the appointed time!** And although I am weary from my labors and have suffered a decline in my health from overwork, I am hopeful for the future and continue by the grace of God and through His power.

Since I have engaged in this last great work, I have seen the enemy's fury in attacking my family relentlessly; my kids, my husband, and even extended family members, --all to get me to cease producing studies and doing God's work. Sister Judy has also been under constant attack since she became involved in 2018 as Brother Adair's caretaker and now secretary-treasurer. With only two workers on board at Mt Carmel and their family members to help, we have accomplished

a gargantuan feat, and the glory goes to God alone, because many thought Salem would die with Brother Adair. According to human understanding, we should have been done for and our labors unsuccessful, but we serve a mighty God!

We developed a plan to bring the Zambian brethren here, which we later found requires a large amount of capital in the bank. This stalled our plans, as we did not have the liquid assets and have not been able to acquire them. So alternatively, we worked with them through the long distance to try to use their labors through the internet. However, we were met with much resistance when trying to adjust their labors to meet the needs of the U.S. field.

In my assessment of the last three years, I ascertained that the foreign field has grown, but the U.S. field had become stagnant and even dwindled.

This current state of things should prompt all present truth believers to become “close reasoners” & “logical thinkers” by reversing roles & asking the following questions: What sense would it make for someone in the U.S. to go about trying to reach foreigners in Zambia without first educating themselves about the culture and how to work that particular field? And what sense would such a one have if they ignored a colleague, a fellow council member, who willingly provides information on that said field, currently lives in the field, and has worked in the field? Would it make sense to turn a deaf ear?

If such a one fails to listen, receive direction, and/or to take orders from a U.S. leader, whether the U.S. leader be a woman, a child, or of a different culture, would they be true to the title of present truth believer, a Davidian? Let us remember that:

God’s “**...real people, He declares, are able to take orders even from women and children. God’s people take orders from anyone whom God appoints because they walk in the light of the Lord, not in the sparks of men.**” 1 TG5 20.4, 21.1

In a worldly organization, such slothfulness and rebellion would not long be tolerated. This is why the scripture is written, “And the

lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely; **for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.**” Luke 16:1 In the world, low performers are ushered out, asked to resign, and/or replaced by those more capable of fulfilling the duties required. How can we, God’s organization and Headquarters on earth, do any less?

The refusal of any worker, no matter how high their rank of position, to learn how to labor effectively in order to produce measurable results ***will & should*** disqualify them from remaining in office. The prophet wove in accountability by requiring reports of all the workers, and gathering information to track a summary of their efforts.

On the subject of working for Mt. Carmel, the prophet writes, “‘Let these things engross the whole mind, the whole attention.’ Early Writings, 118. **We have just a little time left in which to get ready and we should not slow down now but rather *speed up*.** Some of our brethren who were too zealous in raising their goals for the advancement of the Third Angel’s Message to the heathen [while in their Laodicean state] before the light of present truth found them are **now, in the advancement of the Third Angel’s Message in its ‘loud cry’ to their own brethren, taking a vacation! Are you, brother, are you, Sister, doing as much for the ‘closing work for the church’ as you were while asleep in your Laodicean sad deception? If not, ask yourself, Why not? --Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, #16, p. 1, par. 6 [brackets added]**

We have been told by some of our brethren, that “The work is not going well”. Others have expressed doubt that God is still working through those at the head of the work, but we who study know that **God has already taken the reins and the work will be accomplished “contrary to any human planning.”** This means that **providential circumstances will arise again and again, setting the workers on the right path and course of action. The workers, Inspiration says, will need the *divine touch* to recognize these providences of God.** **To say the work will not continue is contrary to inspired statements that confirm “Carmel” will not “wither” until probation is over for the church. Mt. Carmel will stand and accomplish its work!**

None of us leaders are perfect and all have flaws. If you look hard enough, you will find them. Room for improvement may become apparent as the workers are moving towards the ultimate goal, but



“Hence, before that time the top of Carmel must have been green with much pasture, otherwise there would be nothing to wither; that is, though Carmel has now plenty of pasture (present truth), when probation closes it shall be deserted (‘wither’), for says the Spirit of Prophecy: ‘In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages.’ -- ‘Early Writings,’ p. 34. --1SC #14, p. 6 par. 3

workers should be judged by their ability to self-analyze & make improvements. Even though our leaders are not right 100% of the time, those who are watching them can take the right position if they just take note of those who came before us, the pioneers, and their experiences. That is why the Symbolic Codes and other inspired writings of the past provide a great treasure trove of wisdom. Many times, those who are not directly involved find fault unfairly simply

because they are not directly involved. If they were, they would find an abundance of grace to give themselves and appreciate all the more the labors of the current workers in the field.

The U.S. field, where the work is headquartered, should receive the attention it so desperately needs. This is precisely why we are calling for a session. Of all the issues members may perceive as important, this is the most important of all as it deals with the souls of our brethren here.

Brothers & Sisters, either we will adhere to the Leviticus and to the order God sent to reform us, or we will be classified with the law breakers, despising the seal. It is in the moment of temptation to let self rise, to not put the work of God first, *that we must humble ourselves and follow the Leviticus.*

And if we move aside, knowing we have not discharged our duties faithfully, to make room for others, we can learn from the experience and be ready as other opportunities come. God is not in the business of turning souls out of the Kingdom, and neither are we. Those who floundered in one role may flourish in another; others need renewed impetus to fulfill their roles with rigor.

Whatever the case may be, our greatest need is leaders for the American field. So, in response to our dilemma, we assembled laborers who are ready and willing to act on the objectives of the U.S. field. May we do everything we can to support them in their new roles & work together for success in the Lord's vineyard.

Our session date is for **Sunday, the 28th of July** at 11 AM Eastern, 10 AM Central, 8 AM Pacific, (U.S. & Canada) and 5 PM Central European, Central African. We will meet virtually via Zoom.

Symbolic Code, Vol. 2, #12, p. 2:

“Mt. Carmel Center’s being established for the express purpose of setting the lead and directing in a reformation among God’s people and moreover not desiring to ‘come behind in any good gift,’

we who man her batteries are also covenanting with God that we will, by His help, reach a higher standard during the coming year than we have in the past.

“Some may say, ‘I do not believe in making pledges, promises, or resolutions,’ arguing that it is not right, but a close study of the Scriptures and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy will reveal the fact that **the outstanding characters of Bible times kept ever before themselves a goal -- a purpose or resolution -- and then subjected every other interest of life to this one end.** Notable among these covenantors of the Bible is Daniel, who ‘purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank,’ thus being enabled to stand even that test which sent him to the den of lions, from which the angel of the Lord delivered him.

“In like manner the three companions of Daniel, when brought to a test of their faith; expressed to the king their determined purpose to live a victorious life, declaring emphatically, ‘be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.’ As a result of their resolution, the ‘Son of God,’ Himself, came down to the furnace, which was heated ‘seven times more than it was wont to be heated,’ and delivered these young men who, in the very face of death as it were, had made such a resolution.

“In the New Testament, we find the Apostle Paul, a man who always desired to attain to greater heights, realizing upon taking a retrospect of his pre-christian, or early life’s labors, that they were not satisfactory either to himself or the Master Worker, declaring emphatically, ‘**I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.**’ As the burden of the work rests more and more heavily upon this veteran soldier of the cross, and as he realizes that there are still higher standards for him to reach, and as he desires not to be considered boastful, he humbly confesses that ‘I count not myself to have apprehended,’ after which he bursts forth in strains of holy zeal and eloquence, born of deep earnestness, resolving unto himself that ‘this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ

Jesus.' Then follows His admonition to the brethren, which clearly shows that **those who were 'thus minded' were to 'walk by the same rule', being 'followers together of' Paul in this determined purpose to make the future better than the past.**

Symbolic Code, Vol. 3, #56 p. 7:

Who Is the King of Mt. Carmel Center--God or Man?

“Question No. 159: **‘Just how much of the work at Mt. Carmel is under the direction of the Lord?** Most of us have had a struggle to loose ourselves from the bands laid upon us by the church’s present leadership, and it seems no more than right that we have the assurance whether or not the Lord is directing in all the movements at Mt. Carmel, before we give to a few the submission which some seem to think is now called for.’

“If all Present Truth believers would clearly think the matter through, **they would realize that as God has promised to take the reins in His Own hands, it is His duty to fulfill His promise.** Then all their confusion and perplexity over some aspects of the work, which begets irrational questionings and criticizing, would consequently cease.

“**Answer:** Moreover, they would then know that in the very nature of things all ‘the work at Mt. Carmel is under the direction of the Lord,’ and no phase of the question would ever arise in their minds.

“Furthermore, in view of the fact that **the work on Mt. Carmel is contrary to all human plans**, the following statement proves that the work here is directed by the Lord Himself: ‘The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.’

“Says the Spirit of Prophecy, ‘Close reasoners and logical thinkers are few.’ ‘How many men in this age of the world fail to go deep enough. They only skim the surface. They will not think closely enough to see difficulties and grapple with them, and will not examine every important subject which comes before them with thoughtful, prayerful study, and with sufficient caution and interest to see the

real point at issue. They talk of matters which they have not fully and carefully weighed.'--Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 27; Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, p. 361.



The church is to go forward during the Loud Cry, “terrible as an army with banners, conquering and to conquer”.

“It is not for you to be intimidated by outward appearances, however forbidding they may be. It is for you to carry forward the work as the Lord has said it should be carried.”--Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. 9, p. 141. --3SC56 p. 7

Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 63, par. 3

“Many are looking with self-complacency upon the long years during which they have advocated the truth. They now feel that they are entitled to a re-

ward for their past trials and obedience. But this genuine experience in the things of God in the past makes them more guilty before Him for not preserving their integrity and going forward to perfection. The faithfulness for the past year will never atone for the neglect of the present year. A man’s truthfulness yesterday will not atone for his falsehood today.”

May the Lord help us all carry on to perfection in both word & deed, *and* in our labors for the vineyard of the Lord!

In your humble service,

Sister Alexia Hall

-Sis. Alexia Hall, **assistant vice president**



Health Wave

Topic: Health Principles Overview

- Selected Messages vol 2 , Appendix chapt 3, by Ellen G White

Man has disregarded the laws of his being, and disease has been steadily increasing. The cause has been followed by the effect. He has not been satisfied with food which was the most healthful; but has gratified the taste even at the expense of health. (2SM 411.3)

The human family have brought upon themselves diseases of various forms by their own wrong habits. They have not studied how to live healthfully, and their transgression of the laws of their being has produced a deplorable state of things. The people have seldom accredited their sufferings to the true cause—their own wrong course of action. (2SM 453.1)

It would seem that to such as can reason from cause to effect, the sallow countenance, the continual complaints of ailments, and general prostration of those who claim to be benefited, would be sufficient proofs of the health-destroying influence of drugs. (2SM 453.2)

Multitudes remain in inexcusable ignorance in regard to the laws of their being. They are wondering why our race is so feeble, and why so many die prematurely. Is there not a cause? Physicians who profess to understand the human organism, prescribe for their patients, and even for their own dear children, and their companions, slow poisons to break up disease, or to cure slight indisposition. Surely, they cannot realize the evil of these things or they could not do thus.

The effects of the poison may not be immediately perceived, but it is doing its work surely in the system, undermining the constitution, and crippling nature in her efforts. (2SM 453.2)

God will not work in a miraculous manner to preserve the health of persons who are taking a sure course to make themselves sick, by their careless inattention to the laws of health.—How to Live, No. 4, pp. 54-64. (2SM 464.1)

God has established the laws of our being. If we violate these laws, we must, sooner or later, pay the penalty. The laws of our being cannot be more successfully violated than by crowding upon the stomach unhealthy food, because craved by a morbid appetite. To eat to excess, of even simple food, will eventually break down the digestive organs; but add to this the eating in too great an amount of food, and that unwholesome, and the evil is greatly increased. The constitution must become impaired. (2SM 411.4)

Many are so devoted to intemperance that they will not change their course of indulging in gluttony under any considerations. They would sooner sacrifice health, and die prematurely, than to restrain the intemperate appetite. And there are many who are ignorant of the relation their eating and drinking has to health. Could such be enlightened, they might have moral courage to deny the appetite, and eat more sparingly, and of that food alone which was healthful, and by their own course of action save themselves a great amount of suffering. (2SM 416.3)

When we do all we can on our part to have health, then may we expect that the blessed results will follow, and we can ask God in faith to bless our efforts for the preservation of health. He will then answer our prayer, if his name can be glorified thereby. But let all understand that they have a work to do. (2SM 464.1)

-Excerpt submitted by Brother Green (U.S.)

Paul's Exhortation to the Corinthians



The early church was established on a present truth, and encountered difficulties much like the Davidian movement. Davidians are often discouraged when they realize the multitude of divisions that exist within the movement, but let us take comfort in looking at the example and words of the apostle Paul.

Acts of the Apostles p. 302 says, “Paul spoke plainly of the dissensions that had arisen in the Corinthian church, and exhorted the members to cease from strife. **‘I beseech you, brethren,’** he wrote, **‘by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.’**” Paul ever encouraged oneness between the saints, but the conflict had come to a point where the issues had to be addressed.

“The apostle felt at liberty to mention how and by whom he had been informed of the divisions in the church. **‘It hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.’**” AA p. 302 This shows that the details of the conflict were investigated and released by the apostle. Paul, in some of his letters, names those who did great injury to the work of God -not to shame them, but to warn the saints of their deceptive ways. These wayward ones, ever stirring up strife and divisions by taking a wrong course, must be pointed out so others could avoid their path.

Paul is admonishing new Christian believers and perhaps some more

established in the faith, to not be surprised at divisions and heresies that come up among them. 1 Cor. 11:16 **But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.** 17 **Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.** 18 **For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.** 19 **For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.**

When divisions occur amongst brethren, understand that God is always testing our characters, seeing who will stick to His laws, bylaws and ordinances. The order that God has ordained to reform us must do its work. How else can we be tested and strengthened in our resolve to keep order, except that we manage the affairs of the flock, execute and delegate duties, and exhibit a work ethic worthy of our calling? In addition, we will be tasked with resolving inevitable conflicts and differences in a righteous manner. **Let's be clear; the wheat and the tares will remain until the time of the harvest. There will always be among us those who are unfaithful or untrue, imposters, office-seekers, etc.** But it is not for us to judge prematurely. As we near closer to the harvest, we will be better able to discern who is a tare and who is wheat. In the meantime, so that we may remain blameless until the Lord's coming, each man should tend to himself, however, as a collective, we have been entrusted to manage the affairs of the church according to the Leviticus of D.S.D.A.

Early Workers to Speak—God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that the dead are to speak. How?—Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced.



Transcript - Brother Adair's Study of Ezekiel 47

Text of Address
December 10, 2011

“Today is Sabbath, December 10, 2011. We have come for a special study today about Ezekiel's river. There has been some contention brought up by others who are teaching against this study. So we want to understand it much better. That is found in Ezekiel 47 is where we are going to begin. First we need to read some preliminary references to build up before we start. In 1TG14:22, Brother Houteff tells us that one day usurpers would arise and that they would try to take his place. We have seen those usurpers over the years rise up. We have been able to identify them. We have seen the branch movement, the Bashan movement, the Gilead, and those in New York, and those in Waco and so on. And we are going to read a statement here in 2TG29 which is going to help understand which one of these organizations is the right one because they are all going to say that they are the true ones.

I remember one time several years ago, a brother called and he

said he had a question to ask me, and the question was, "Is your Association the true one?" And I said, "Yes, it is." And he started moaning and groaning, as it were, saying, what am I going to do, and so on. I said, "Brother, what's the matter?" He said, "I called Waco, New York, and Bashan and Gilead, and the Branch, and they all tell me they are God's true association. And I said to him, "Brother, which one of them are going to tell you they are of the devil? None of them are going to do that. They are all going to say that they are the true one." "Well, how am I supposed to know the true one?", he asked. I said, "Well, you study into the Rod message." "Oh", he said, "There is so much in that book. How can I possibly know?" I said, "You call me up, and I will study with you. You call them up, and then you compare it with what the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy says. Then, you will know." Well, that is the same that we have to do today. They are all going to say they are God's true association, so we must know how to find out.

Here is a statement in 2TG29 on page 10,

"...the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven today have passed from the hands of the General Conference to the hands of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists" 2TG29:10

You see, God has a Davidian Association, and that Association has the keys to the kingdom. Well, again, they would all say they have the keys of the kingdom. So, we need to go deeper into things, and one of the studies we are going to show is Ezekiel's river. That is a main study to show where is God's true association. So we find that there are two ways to find out where is God's true association today. That would be to locate it's roots, and to locate it's doctrine.

1) ROOTS

The roots would have to be the Association that comes directly from the time of Brother Houteff. We know that, from the time that Brother Houteff died, the Association continued under the leadership of the Vice President, Sister Houteff. And then she made a mistake and decided to shut everything down, close it

up permanently. And she did just that in 1961. But in the same year, at the same time, she was destroying the Association, there were true Davidians that were reorganizing. And they called for a Session, and we elected new officers of the Executive Council. I was there myself to vote for them. And that Association was reorganized, and it has continued on all the way down to the year 1970 when it moved eastward to Salem, So Carolina. So, therefore, it has the roots. None of the other associations has those roots. They are just like floating in the air. They have no roots, no way to show where they came from, except they just “started up” all on their own.

2) DOCTRINE

The other way we know is by the doctrine. And Ezekiel 47 is a very good doctrine to show where God's true association is, along with other doctrines that God's true association would be teaching that others would now. So there we have the Association in South Carolina has it's roots back to Mt. Carmel, and it also teaches the doctrine of truth.

Now we are going to examine that another way by reading a statement in 8 Tract 49, and in this tract Elijah is quoting what Sister White said about “the General Conference is no longer the voice of God”.

“That these men should stand in a sacred place to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be, -- that is past. What we want now is “reorganization.”
8TR49

That's the key thought. If the General Conference is no longer the voice of God, then what leadership are we going to have? And that is what she is saying: We want a new leadership -- what she calls “reorganization”. Let's find out more about that word “reorganization” by going to 1TG10 where it's quoting from Christ our Righteousness, which is a quote from 1SM128. And it says, Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies

a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, - 1TG10:18-19

In order for any group to have reorganization, they must first have revival. Once they first have revival then she says that "reformation signifies a reorganization.

Reorganization means to change your habits, change your life, turn around and do what God says to do. That would be "reorganization" which is the same thing as reformation.

And she also says that

"Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend." 1TG10:19

You can't have one without the other. You must have both. And so that reformation is found on the front cover of Shepherd's Rod book, Volume 1. It says there it calls for a reformation -- the 144,000. So therefore, that reformation, that reorganization came in the message of the Shepherd's Rod. He makes a statement in 1 Answerer, page 38,

"As restorers of every Divine institution, we are glad to announce to the readers of Present Truth, that besides the literature of 'revival,'

That means that when somebody reads our Shepherd's Rod literature, with all the literature put into one book, compiled together, when they read that, it revives them from spiritual death. It revives them and wakes them up.

And then it says, **"they may now also obtain that of 'reformation,' our organizational publication, The Leviticus of The Davidian Seventh-day Adventists."** 1 Ans 38:2

There is that reformation; there is that organization publication,

the Leviticus. That is the reorganization that Sister White says we need. That shows you the leadership - the new leadership that is to be God's headquarters. We want to read about that in the book of Leviticus, and note something very important there. Turning to the Leviticus here, we go to the front of the book where it is talking about the officers and so on, and he tells us here on page 9, he says,

By Laws, Article One, Executive Council.

(a)The Executive Council shall be patterned after the council described in Acts, chapter six, verses two to six.

(b) It shall have full executive and administrative power between sessions of the Association. - Leviticus of DSDA, page 9

That is the reorganization Sister White said we are to have, and it exists of the Executive Council and has full executive and administrative power at God's headquarters. But there is one particular thing here that should be noticed. From the very beginning of this tract of Leviticus and all the way clear forward to the end of the tract, and this tract, it has quite a few pages. The amount of page we have is 102.

Over 100 pages that deals with, along with other parts of the message of this Leviticus of the Executive Council. But, have you noticed? If you haven't noticed, you should notice. **No where, absolutely no where, did he put an address.** No location. He put no location in the Leviticus. And that is very clear; it's evidence the headquarters had to move. Because Leviticus was published in the time of Mt Carmel in Waco, Texas, not in California. And it's clear that he did not put a location and address because the headquarters must move eastward. That's exactly what the doctrine of Ezekiel's river is talking about - eastward. And there are those who try to say that Mt Carmel Center in Waco, Texas was the only and last headquarters.

Well, they are wrong. There is no address put on it. If there was an address that said, "Mt Carmel Center, Waco, Texas" it would be strong evidence that it was to stay there. We know it was not because the prediction in White House Recruiter on page 33, he plainly stated there would come a knock out blow to God's headquarters. And there has never been a more devastating blow that has come to God's headquarters among Davidians to this day than the day when Sister Houteff in 1961 completely shut it down. Mt Carmel Center in Waco, Texas was completely shut down, and it was to be left shut down because the message was to go eastward.

That is why he put no address, why he put no location. Now we find that when the headquarters was moved to another location, which would be the third and last, it has an address on it, and our book would show an address. But of course that is only added to the preface page, but the original Leviticus never had an address on it.

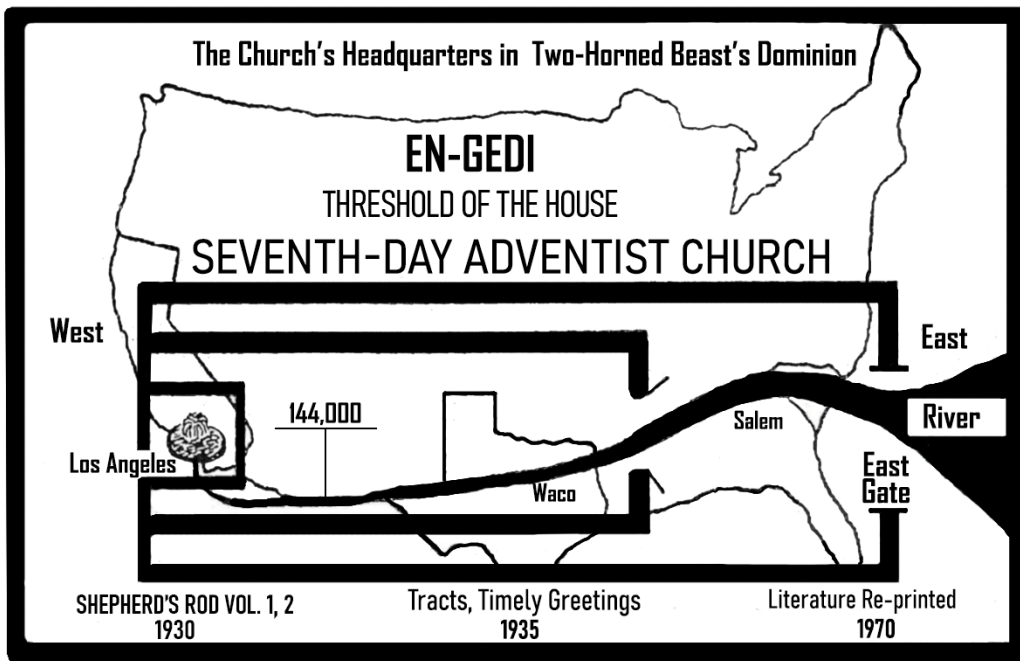
These things show the roots and the doctrine of God's headquarters, how to locate it, and we find that Ezekiel's river is a very important study, and anything that is important is what the devil attacks, and he only can attack through humans. We are created free moral agents, and he does not come down literally to force us to do anything, anymore than Jesus does not do the same thing. He does not come down in force. He does come to punish. That is necessary. But he does not force people against their will. And He does not allow the devil to force people against their will. So each of them has to work through human agents. I'll read that to you here. 8TR54.

It's a statement about how Jesus works. "***I have been shown that the Lord does nothing without the cooperation of human agencies.***" *The Home Missionary*, November 1, 1893

That's the same way the devil has to work. He is forced to do it that way. He cannot do it without permission from Jesus.

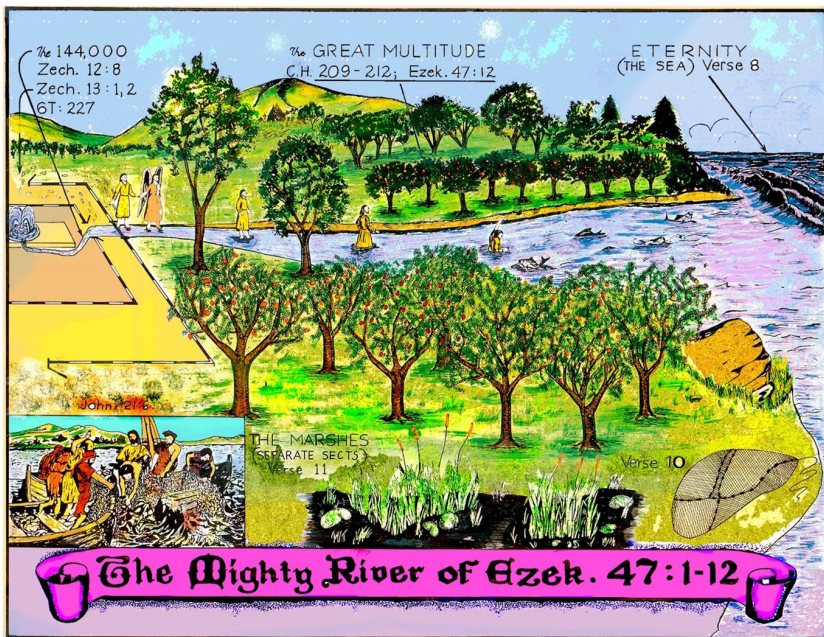
So we find human agents working for the devil and human agents working for God. And we find that here in Ezekiel 47, so we will turn there. Basically, there is one verse, verse 1, that the study is based on, or the most important part, though there are other parts there that can be discussed. But this is primarily the basic one. One verse:

“Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house [stood toward] the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south [side] of the altar.” Eze 47:1



To understand this, we find that his explanation on page 291 .. because the study is actually based on page 290 to 298. And he quotes there on page 291 about the difference between spiritual sin and sin of the body. And on page 291, he says, **“God is able to heal the soul and the body; but He will not heal the latter before He has healed the former.”** 2SR291... the soul.

So therefore, the soul has to be cleansed first before our bodies are cleansed and that, of course, is talking about the latter days, because people have lived and died for about 6,000 years, and they have been saved, the soul has been cleansed, and salvation has been given to them, but their bodies were not healed. So that fact here that he is connecting the HEALING OF THE SOUL WITH THE BODY shows that in the soon coming restoration of the kingdom, we will be healed of both -- the soul and the body -- but the soul must be healed first. Now, I will read a statement to you

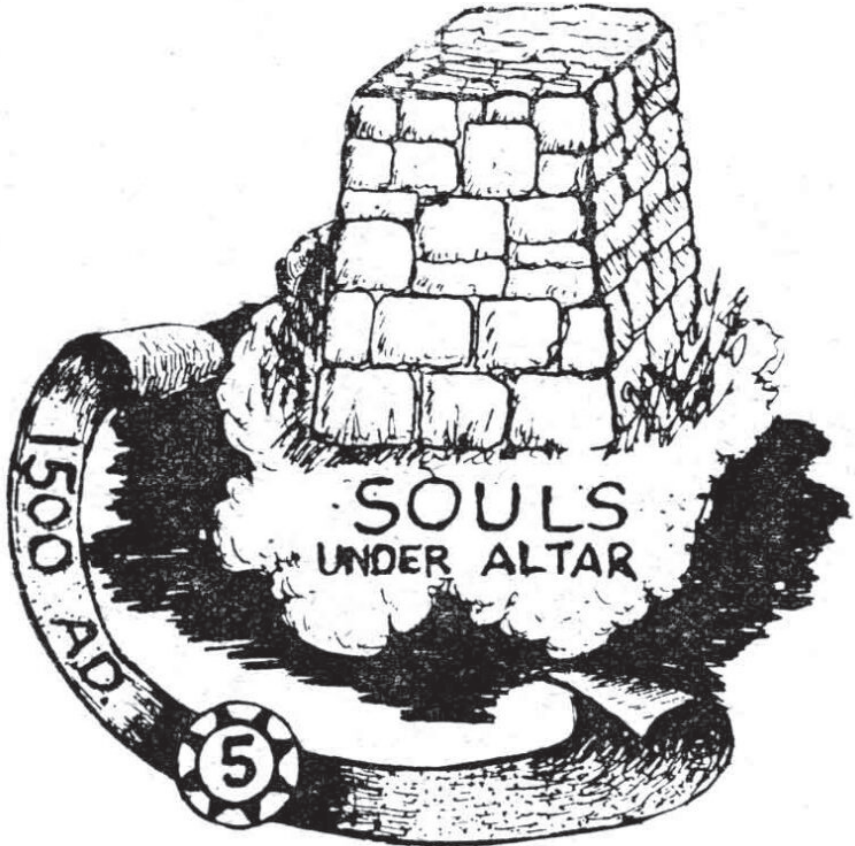


here from 5 Testimonies, page 214, and she says,

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.” - 5 Test 214

That is the cleansing of the soul, putting away our sins. The body is cleansed after we get to the kingdom. He points that out by

attaching the fountain of Zechariah's prophecy -- he attaches that to Ezekiel's river. That is nothing new. We find that all throughout the message, Brother Houteff connects one prophecy of one prophet to another prophecy. That is what he is doing here. We read in verse one where he plainly stated that the waters were to come from the south side of the altar.



It didn't say fountain. It said altar. And if you look in his book there, he is attaching the fountain with the place where the altar is, and we see he has a picture of it. And that picture on page 292 shows a picture of a fountain. So we are not going to discredit the altar. And we are not going to do that either. We need to find out what this altar means. And we can find it in Tract 15 page 52. There on page 52 you see an altar made out of rocks. That is

the way the altars were built back in the days of ancient Israel, especially beginning with Abraham. Here is what he says, **“The certainty that the souls cried from under the altar, the place from which God’s truth is dispensed”** - 15TR52

Now he is talking about the interpretation of the fifth seal which belongs to the reformation of Martin Luther, but here he is telling us that **it means where “truth is dispensed”**. And over on page 53, para. 1, he says,

“an altar denotes renewal of faith, reformation. That is what it meant to Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the instances they built their altars” - 15TR53:1

So we find this reformation has a meaning, symbolized by this altar, and we find therefore that **the altar shows that the beginning of the waters of Ezekiel started with a reformation in the church based on the new leadership, the Leviticus**. Now we need to know how he attaches the fountain with it. The fountain shows the cleansing. Here he says, ... I will show you what he means, going back to 2SR book, page 291:

“the filthiness of any man, is “opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem” and is represented by the “fountain” of Zechariah’s prophecy.” 2SR291

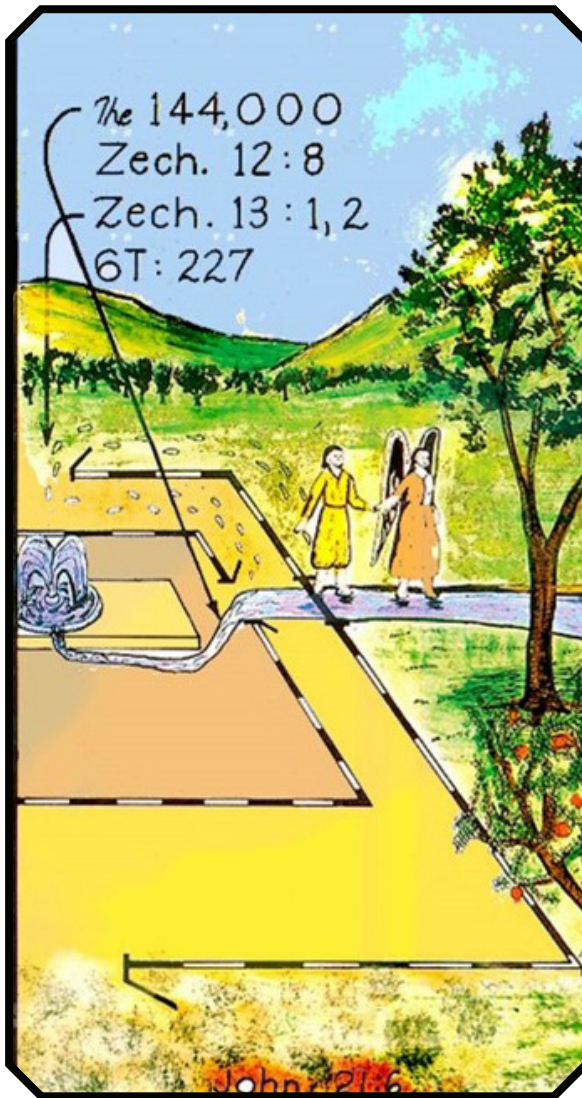
He is joining this altar clear up to the time of the kingdom where there will be a fountain of cleansing for the body, and the altar shows a reformation of the soul. It shows reformation in the leadership, as well as putting away of sin from the soul. So the combination of the two, the altar and the fountain, would show that we are living near the time of Ezekiel’s prophecy when the kingdom is about to be set up. That is what the altar and the fountain would show -- that soon the kingdom is to be set up. And it will start with this reformation, and it will start on the west side of America where the headquarters would be. Now we can understand that by reading a statement here in 8TR24:

“a fact which reveals that in this period {he’s talking about the sealing of the 144,000} the church’s headquarters are in the two-horned beast’s dominion -- the New World, “the earth.” {the earth would be Rev 13:11} - 8TR24

That indicates that God’s headquarters must be in America when the sealing time of the 144,000 is to take place, and that it would be on the West coast of America when it started. That’s where that reformation actually began when Brother Houteff was called to be Elijah the prophet in California. That was where he set up the first headquarters in America.

If you take a look at the diagram on page 293 to 295, (The chart is actually on page 293.) and we see there that there is a house or temple, that inside that temple he shows this altar and this fountain, and that when you see that altar and that fountain starting in California, in America, **then you would have to see that the map of America is right there inside that temple, not literally, but as a way to understand the movement of that fountain, that stream.** Because it starts in California, and goes Eastward. It went to Waco, and now it’s gone to South Carolina, so you are actually looking at a map of the United States of America, while at the same time you are looking at the temple, being the SDA church, which Davidians are a part of that church as bay horses of the fourth chariot in Zech 6.

When he said here in the Bible that the house stood toward the east, and waters came down from under the right side of the house (at the south side), that means that the waters came from the North going South, and they turned East. When they come from the fountain, as you see his chart there, it shows them coming out at the very bottom, which means south, and it turns East. At the top of the chart, you would say that is north. Now he tells us here about this on page 295. There he is talking about a tiny rivulet that swells into a mighty river.



“As the tiny rivulet immediately swells into a mighty river, it represents something of very rapid growth.”
2SR295

And he is telling us that they came from the North. So this stream here, he's telling us on page 292, in para 0, where he says,

“As the waters came from the south side of the altar, and then went toward the east, it shows clearly that they proceeded from the north, which symbolically denotes that whatever the meaning of the

“waters” may be, they come from the throne of God, for It is “in the sides of the north.” (Isa. 14:14; Psa. 48:2; 75:6.)”

That is clear evidence that the message found here in Ezekiel 47 comes from God, and that anybody who tries to alter this, or tries to fight it or reject it, are actually fighting against God who gave us this truth. So he is telling us that there is a tiny rivulet that came from this altar or this fountain, a tiny stream or water.

We need to understand that this water has 2 different meanings. It symbolizes two different things. And he tells us this on page 295 para 0, he says,

“As the tiny rivulet immediately swells into a mighty river, it represents something of very rapid growth. These waters denote the same as the waters in Revelation 17:15, “Peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” - 2SR295:0

So we know now the waters represent people. And there is a reason why we have to say there are two understandings or two interpretations of the waters, because people do not come from the throne of God. Everybody should know that. We don't come from the throne of God. We were created here on the earth. Now, we are represented symbolically of the earth in the time of heaven or in the kingdom. In Early Writings, page 54, she saw God's people bow down before a throne in heaven, not literally, she says on page 92, they were not there. But here we find that this is talking about people who do not come directly from the North, from God's throne, though they can be represented there. So the other interpretation of the stream would represent truth. The truth came from God's throne, and the people accepted it. And then, you see then, that both the truth and the people go Eastward.

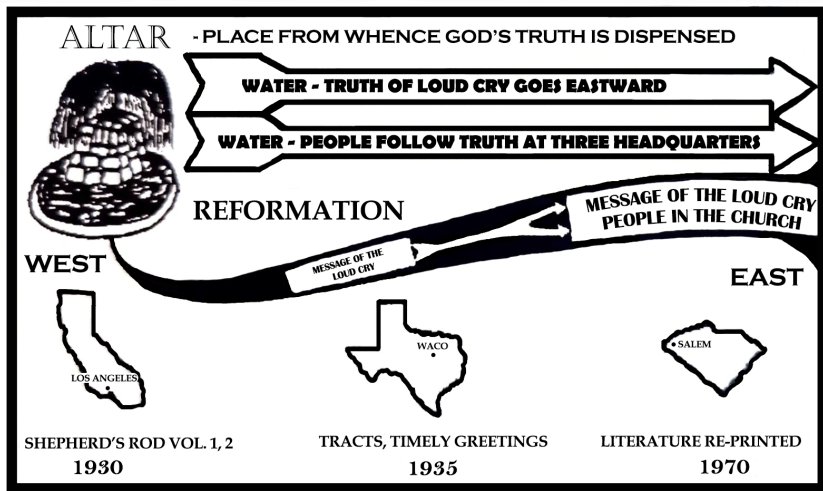
Which goes first, we might ask. Is it the stream of the truth, or is it the stream of the people that goes first? Well, the logical answer, and only one Biblical answer, is that God goes first and we follow Him. He does not follow us. That means that Jesus moved Eastward, and God's people followed Him. When they started in California, and Jesus moved Eastward to Waco, Texas, the prophet and people followed with Him.

And when he moves Eastward to South Carolina, the people followed Him. Those people who are really following Jesus would find this headquarters in South Carolina, though small we may be, yet it has the truth: It has its roots, and has its doctrine.

Now, we know that it represents the truth because there are some that try to deny that. They say, “Well, I just said here it represents people only.” I have already given you an example that the people do not come from the North. The truth comes from the North. He tells us this. When you go to page 296, at the bottom paragraph, it says,

“These waters issue out towards the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea.” (Ezek. 47:8.) It is remarkable to note how perfect these symbols are in each instance. This direction of the compass denotes that the message of the “loud cry” is to start eastward when it is first revealed.” 2SR296

The message of the Loud Cry actually began in the time of Jones and Waggoner, and in TM91-92, she talks about that they brought the righteousness by faith and the righteousness of Christ, but



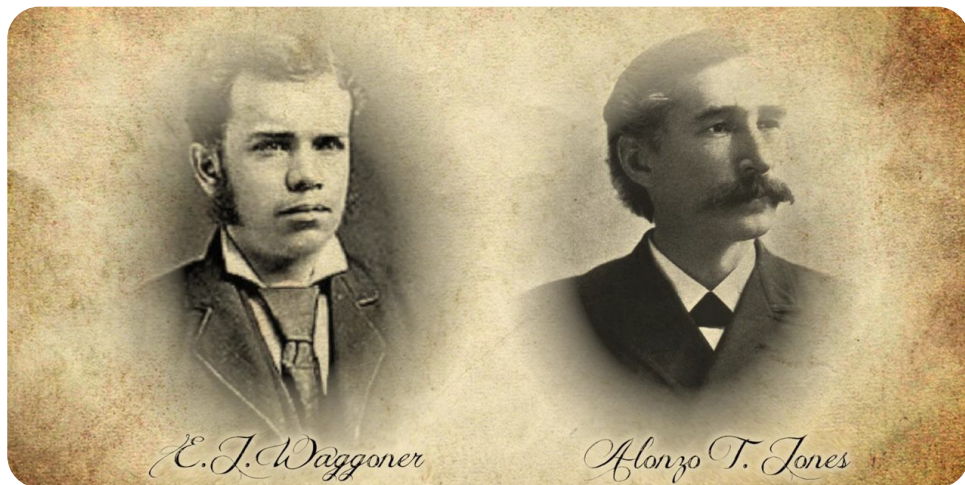
over to page 92, here is what she said about it. I will get the book and read it to you.

“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. [SEE APPENDIX.] This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It

presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ,” TM91-92

Down further in that paragraph 0, on page 92, she says,

“This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel’s message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice” -TM92



The message of Jones & Waggoner was given to the SDA church in order to bring reform and prepare it for the Loud Cry.

They brought the Loud Cry of the third angel. In 1SM234, she said they rejected it. They were not able to tell what it was. SDAs have had the 3rd angel’s message from 1844 because William Miller only taught the first and second angel’s message, and they did not teach the third. When SDAs arose, soon after in 1844, October 22, and that actually was when Sister White had her first vision in December of 1844, about the 144,000. That was the beginning vision to show the rise of the SDA church, to seal that number. They have been teaching the 3rd angel’s message all those years, from 1844 to 1888 and 1890, the third angel’s message, but they didn’t have the loud cry of that message, and Jones and Waggoner were not able to give it.

Now, we can read here in 2TG39. Here is a statement in which he talking about the people who have that loud cry message, for somebody has to have it. And we note that, in TM page 475, she said Elijah the prophet was to come, and she predicted that in 1890, the last year of Jones and Waggonner's message that Elijah was to come. And what would he do? He would have to give us the Loud Cry of the third angel message. And here I am reading in 2TG39:19, he says,

“The denomination then wholly rejected the message that was to unfold the truth of “righteousness by faith” and the “righteousness of Christ,” the very truth that again began to unfold years later, the Truth that we are now feasting on!” - 2TG39:19

The fact that he said the righteousness by faith and righteousness of Christ is the loud cry of the 3rd angel message which we are feasting on means the Rod message from Elijah the prophet has the loud cry of the 3rd angel, and it is important that we have that, because he is telling us here, back to 2SR297:0,

“This direction of the compass denotes that the message of the “loud cry” is to start eastward when it is first revealed.”

The truth of the loud cry started in 1929 with the rise of Elijah's message, the Shepherd's Rod, whereas the 3rd angel began in 1844. And he said, “This direction of the compass” going eastward “denotes the message of the ‘loud cry’” What is it that went eastward? The only thing that went eastward according to Ezekiel's prophecy which we are reading about here was a stream of water, nothing else, having two interpretations. And since the stream of water represents the truth, he is telling us it's the message of the loud cry. That is proof, then, that the water does represent another application. **Besides people, it represents truth, and specifically the loud cry message.** And that is found in Revelation 13, about the beast of the 3rd angel, and in Revelation 17, about the image, the scarlet colored beast. That is the truth that Elijah

brought to us. In fact, he says in Tract 12 on page 32, he said that the scarlet colored beast is the image of the leopard like. There he is teaching the loud cry of the third angel message. SDA's don't understand that. They don't know that because they rejected it, to this very day. And we find that, even though they do mouth off the words, "righteousness of Christ", "righteousness by faith", in their sermons, they don't know what it is, they don't know it's connected with Rev 13 and 17, the way the Rod shows us.

Now he says here, on 2SR297,

"This symbolical prophecy reveals that the message of the "loud cry" is to originate in California." 2SR297

It didn't originate in 1888. That is, it did originate, but it was not explained. Here he is telling us that it actually originates to explain in California, and that the Loud Cry message was to continue across America. It was to go from California to Waco, Texas. They were to learn more truth about the loud cry which is that stream.

And then it was to move eastward to South Carolina in 1970, which we have learned much more about this loud cry message. And the reason why we know much more is because we have the Small Symbolic Codes, even though Sister Houteff printed them in 1961 or even before that, in 1959, no she started in 1955, she started printing them, and it was after we moved to California that we started to understand much more about the Loud Cry of the 3rd angel, based on the Small Symbolic Codes. In fact, he said in 11SC8:10, that the message of Jonah which is to go to anti-typical Nineveh, representing America, in Tract 14. Tract 14 is about the Loud Cry of the 3rd angel.

We find that he is telling us that the message is travel across, and that the people were to follow it across America, clear to the East side of America. I am going to read a statement here from the Blue Book. I am reading from 1SC10, and it's on page 79. In this particular publication, he is talking about the establishment of

headquarters in Waco, Texas. And he said, on page 1, at the very bottom paragraph,

“Therefore, He has given us one of His beautiful lakeside hills adjacent to Waco, Texas, a city of about 60,000, yet far enough from it to be away from the world and its evil environment -- about 5 miles from the center of the city, and about 2 1/2 miles from the city limits. There lies 189 acres of land for our “camp.””
1SC10:1

Then he tells us why he went there, why was it set up. On page 3, paragraph one,

“ It has been evident for some time that it would soon be necessary to seek a more central location for the office in order to serve the whole field efficiently, so those at headquarters have been praying very earnestly over this matter for many months,” - 1SC10:1

Now, you notice? He is pointing out two headquarters in this paragraph. He said, those in California headquarters were praying. You can see that this is so because at the bottom of each of the Symbolic Codes it gives the place where it was printed, and the year. This was printed in 1935 in California. So those at that headquarters in California have been praying for many months, ...

“and as they kept on praying for light, the Lord finally indicated definitely that beautiful Southern California was no longer to remain the center of His work ...”
- 1SC10:1

There are some Davidians who try to play up on the word, “center”, and say “well, we have to be in the center of America in Waco, Texas. **How is it that California is way over on the West coast and he calls it the center**, the same way we here on the East coast in South Carolina call it the center? So “center” doesn’t necessarily mean “in the very middle”.

He said, "for the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," but an eastward course was to be seen in the stream from that "fountain" which is to swell Into the great river of Ezekiel's prophecy, and plans were soon formulated whereby a thorough search could be made In the territory indicated by the Lord where the future headquarters were to be found." 1SC10:1

There is another headquarters, #2. And in view of the fact that the stream was to go Eastward, clear across America, and from there it would go to the Kingdom, clearly indicates another headquarters had to be set up besides the one in Waco, and we had clear indication of that by the knock out blow in WHR 33 when the headquarters received a very devastating knock out blow when it was permanently shut down. That clearly indicated God wanted to go Eastward, and he shut it down so we had to go. And he shut it down because he didn't want the headquarters to be there. Some have asked me, "Well, how do you know He shut it down so that it would not be there anymore?" I say, " Well, it is very simple. There are people who have gone there to Waco to set it up, and that shows you that He shut it down because He didn't want it set up there because He knew people would want to keep it there if He didn't shut it down."

Do you realize that God's headquarters would still be there in Waco if the knock out blow hadn't shut it down? Unless of course God worked upon them to move Eastward according to Ezekiel's river. But they would still want to stay there, and it would be a distraction to God's people if it was still there. Now we find that the enemy has caused people to go there, and it has become a distraction to God's people. So he said that "plans were soon formulated whereby a thorough search could be made In the territory indicated by the Lord where the future headquarters were to be found." 1SC10:1

So there you have number 2 headquarters out of 4 of them. Yes! 4 headquarters. Some of them have said, "Well, we are on the East coast. We can't go any further. So, there's only 3." And I have said,

"No, you can go further, to the fourth one." So I am going to read it to you. It is found in 1TG25:6,

"Virtually whole nations are to join "the mountain of the Lord" during the Judgment day, the day in which the law goes "forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem," from the future headquarters of the gospel." - 1TG25:6

That's number 4. That's the very one we are looking for, the very one we want, but we have to have 3 previous to that. And the third one is here in Salem, South Carolina.

Now, he says here in this reference that I was reading in the Blue Book in paragraph 3, (1SC10:3:3)

"One thing was clear in our minds concerning the new home for our work, and that was that we should have a rural base from which to operate -- one with room enough to demonstrate that the Lord made no mistake when He told us through His messenger {we know that messenger would be Ellen G White} that we should be out of the city." - 1SC10:3:3

He made it very clear that he bought some property outside the city limits of Waco, Texas. And that is why the headquarters in Waco, Texas when I was there as a student in 1952-54, it was in 1954 when Brother Houteff made the announcement in the Symbolic Codes while he was still alive -- he made the announcement that we must shut down Mt Carmel and sell it off because the city limits had moved out. Now you see that was not a knockout blow, and that was not a devastating blow, a devastating destruction. It was simply a command through Jesus through His prophet that we must be in the same area, that is, the same area in Texas, nearby, but be out of the city limits. So that's when Sister Houteff did just that when he died. She sold old Mt Carmel, and set up new Mt Carmel. It was still God's headquarters, continuing on.

So the old Mt Carmel was shut up and allowed to be destroyed, closed down permanently because God said no headquarters is to be in the city limits. Now those people have moved there. The day when they set up their headquarters, back in about late 1980's, they are in the city limits. And that cannot be God's headquarters, in the city limits.

Now, there is something else I want to bring to your attention. That is in Volume One of the Testimonies, page 414. It's in a chapter which is entitled, *The Cause in the East*.

She is talking about future things that were to take place in the East, although she did start off in the beginning of this particular topic, this chapter, with the actual East in New York. But she said,

“According to the light which God has given me, there will yet be a large company raised up in the East to consistently obey the truth.” 1Test 414

There are those who would say, “Well, this large company must be in Washington, DC, where there is a large company, not in New York. A large company was not in New York, but it is there with all those SDA churches in that area. She said there would be a large company that would be raised up. So some would say that is the General Conference churches, and that is where the headquarters is, but the statement says they must consistently obey the truth. And that completely leaves out those churches and that General Conference leadership because they do not consistently obey the truth. They rejected the Jones and Waggonner message, and they rejected the Shepherd's Rod message besides. We would have to say this large company that obey the truth would have to be those people on the East side of America, the 144,000.

It is clear evidence that one day the headquarters in the east side here of South Carolina would one day grow to a large company. We don't know how, where and when this is going to happen, but

it is going to happen. Then she talks about how, first, that would be the good Davidians who consistently obey the truth, then she talks about the bad Davidians”

“Those who follow in the distracted course they have chosen”
- 1Test 414

There are other Davidians who follow a distracted course. Distracted from what? It's very obvious. They are distracted from the large company or the headquarters in the East. And they are distracted by having other organizations in Waco, New York, Bashan in Missouri, and Gilead in Canada, and so. They are all distracted courses, and they are all teaching against Ezekiel's river. They are all trying to show their's is the right association which distracts from the one in the East.

More than One Distracted Course

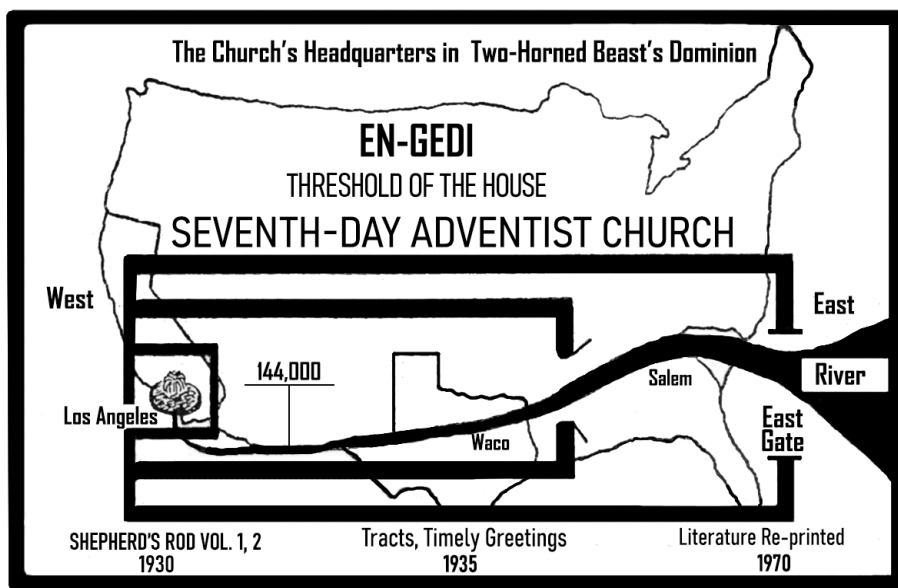
And it says, the “distracted course they have chosen”. If there is only one of those distracted courses, you have no choice, but if there is more than one, then you can make a choice. So she is showing here this distracted course will not be one false association, but many, and that those Davidians who follow -- whichever ones they have chosen -- they will embrace errors. It says they “will be left to embrace errors” - 1 Test 414

That's how you know the distracted courses. Each one of those distracted courses have some error they teach that is prominent. The Bashan has theirs, prominent against the Carmel pasture. The Branch have theirs, prominent of keeping the feast laws which is condemned by the message - 2TG37:15. And those in New York and so on. They have errors that distract from God's headquarters in the East. And it says, these distracted courses which they have chosen will be left to embrace errors, **“which will finally cause their overthrow...”** - 1 Test 414

They are going to be overthrown. How and when we don't know. But it's going to happen to them.

“but they {the bad Davidians} for a time be stumbling blocks to those {good Davidians} who would receive the truth.” 1 Test 414

What this means is that they will stumble over these distracted courses, and belong to them, some of them perhaps, and eventually they would get out of them, and receive the truth, at the East Gate headquarters.



We have discussed all these points here according to Ezekiel 47:1. And there is one more discussion we have to have here in regard to page 2SR298. It says, in verse 10 of Ezekiel 47, about 2 cities.

“These two cities reveal that the fish {the fish would be faithful Davidians} are caught in two places, En-gedi (S.D.A. church) where the 144,000 are gathered-- the first fruits. En-eglaim (Babylon or the world) where the great multitude of Revelation 7:9 are gathered. The diagram on the chart, page 294, represents the S.D.A. church (En-gedi) as it becomes the “House of David,” and the place of the river (En-eglaim) denotes the world.” - 2SR298

You notice that he is saying the SDA church is En-gedi and that the diagram shows that church, En-gedi. The only place you can put that of the SDA church is that temple where, symbolically, you would see a map of America, of the stream going across America, and you would also see a map of the headquarters of the SDA church and Davidians, represented in Zechariah 6 as the fourth chariot. And he is telling us here that this stream, going across America clear over to the East gate, for he says,

“The stream from the fountain where it first starts to the east gate, represents the 144,000, and the river stands for the great multitude.” 2SR298

Now that East gate is very important because we are talking about where he says on page 297, where he says the loud cry was to start in California, and in the Blue Book, he tells us it went to Waco, Texas. That is where the stream sent to, and now the stream has to go to the East gate.

THE EASTGATE

We need to know more about that East gate. There are some who try to deny, who fight this prophecy of Ezekiel. And they try to deny that it is even applicable to our day, and they try to fight the understanding there because their association is wrong. We are trying to discuss about those who are trying to discredit this study. And they don't want to accept the fact that that temple there

represents the SDA church. We just read it very plainly. And they try to put it somewhere else on the chart. There is no way you can put it anywhere else except in that temple.

I have talked to some who fight it, one brother in particular. I ask him, "What is this chart talking about?" And he says it is completely the kingdom only. They don't want to accept it as referring to anything today because they can't refute the doctrine about going eastward.

I said, "We can't have the kingdom without the slaughter, and the slaughter would have to be at the very end of the temple."

First, you see California, where the fountain is, then the next part of the temple, you would see would be Waco, Texas, and the outer part of the temple would be in the East, that would be in Salem, South Carolina, and then would be the slaughter, after which is the kingdom to gather the great multitude. And he said, no, he says the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 at the fountain. Well that is totally wrong. There was no slaughter back in the days of California in 1929 when Brother Houteff started the message. It seems as if they will say the most ridiculous things, the most errors, just to try to fight one truth.

So we find that the stream represents the period of the sealing of the 144,000 before the slaughter, and the slaughter would take place at the East gate, and the kingdom is set up and the great multitude is gathered by the river. Now, I am going to tell you a story, and I have told it before, but I want it to be here with this particular study. And though you may have heard it, it wouldn't do any harm to do it again.

One time I had to go to Ohio to study with some Davidians, and while I was there, they told me that the study that they had planned for study, that there is a brother in the area who is a reformed SDA that would possibly come to the study, and he would want to interrupt, or he would want to give a study, and so by that

warning, I prepared two studies, one study for the Davidians, and if he showed up, I would switch to the other study for him. The study that I had prepared was dealing with Early Writings, page 279. I am going to read it to you. This is the statement they like to use to try to prove their doctrine of Reformed SDA. And their basic doctrine is to try to show that the SDA church is Babylon, but to do that, they have to eliminate any other people. They have to eliminate the great multitude because they want to put the great multitude as the dead people who are resurrected at the second coming so they can say there is only one group of people saved. That is the basic doctrine of SDA's anyway -- is that only 144,000 are saved. But they continue with that by reading EW 279 to show this statement:

“I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer’s inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed.” EW 279

There is the angel with his writer’s inkhorn in Ezekiel 9, and he reports the matter to Jesus as it says in Ezekiel 9, verse 11.

“Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censor. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, “It is done.” “ - Eze 9:11

He throws down the censor. Probation is closed when this angel makes this report. They are trying to say there is only one report of the sealing of the 144,000, and therefore those people in Babylon is the SDA church in Revelation 18, “come out of her my people” in verse 4. And they are to come out and join with the SDA church. That is the way they teach it and they base it on this one particular statement, and this statement is talking about the sealing report of Ezekiel 9 verse 11. That is what they are trying to prove so that they can teach that the Adventist church is Babylon. So, sure enough, when we had this study on Sunday, I began the

study that I had prepared for the Davidians, but he comes driving up in his car very soon afterwards, and with 2 students that he brought with him to teach them about his doctrine. I knew what their doctrine is, based on Early Writings, page 279. So when they came there, I switched to the other study that I had prepared, and he asked if he could give a study afterwards.



And I told him, yes, he could have the study afterwards. So in the study, I started reading Ezekiel verse 1 of chapter 1 about the vision that Ezekiel saw a chariot coming down to the earth, and that chariot, it says in verse 26 and 28, that it represents the Lord on his travelling throne. And I read there in Early Writings, page 54 and 55 about how that the Lord has a traveling throne like fire, and that

he moved from the eternal throne over to the sanctuary throne and sat down on that throne and that Jesus later came on his travelling throne and stood before Him in the heavenly sanctuary. That would be the year 1844.

And so I am showing that the Lord came on His throne down to the earth, and right off, he started saying to me, "Well, we understand that, what is your point?" So I said, "Let's go a little further." So I continued one further over to Ezekiel 8 because I know that is one of their favorites. There it is talking about all the abominations that Ezekiel saw, and they like to point out, "All these abominations are those in the SDA church."

And so they are trying to make the Adventist church Babylon. Then I went to Ezekiel 9, verse 3 because he again said, "What is your point, we understand all that." And so in Ezekiel 9, verse 3, it says that the *spirit of the Lord went from that chariot over to the threshold of the house*, and the Rod tells us in Tract 1, page 17 and 21, that the threshold of the house is the SDA church. I pointed out to him -- of course, I did not use the Shepherd's Rod, but I pointed out to him that the Lord -- the Spirit came from His throne on the earth over to the SDA church, and He commanded the angels to slay those who have not the mark and the man with the writer's ink horn was to mark those who would make up the saints, the 144,000.

Again, he said, "We understand all that; what is your point?"

So I said, "Alright let's go further, and I will tell you my point, but for now we want to read Ezekiel 9, verse 11. And there in verse 11 it said the angel with the writer's inkhorn reported the matter to Jesus", and then I go to chapter 10. And he said, "Okay, we understand that. He does report the matter. Of course, he's thinking of Early Writings, page 279, and he wasn't thinking of what I was going to show him. And so I said, alright, I will tell you my point. It's in chapter 10, so we go to Ezekiel 10 and there he talks about the coals of fire spread upon the city, which represents the pouring out of the Holy Spirit after the 144,000 have been marked and escape the slaughter. And he says, "That's your point?" And I said, No, we all have to understand that. And he said, yes, we do, and he said, what is your point? I said, let's go to Ezekiel 10, verse 18, and there it talks about this traveling throne, how the spirit of the Lord went back from the church, the threshold of the house, back over to the chariot. And I said, see there, now the Lord does the reverse. He finished the slaughter and he moves out from the church, and goes back to his traveling throne. And then I read verse 19. I said, "Here is my point." Ezekiel 10 verse 19. I will turn there and read it to you.

“And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also [were] beside them, and [every one] stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD’S house;

I said, “There is the point!” After the slaughter of Ezekiel 9, the people who escape that slaughter are standing at the East gate of the Lord’s house when the Lord goes back to heaven. **I said that clearly shows that Ezekiel 9 verse 11, when the angel reports the matter, God is on the earth. He is not in heaven.** I pointed out that this first sealing report is the sealing of the 144,000 and that the second sealing report in EW 279 is for the great multitude.

And his two students were shocked, and they said, “We were never told about this. We have to study into this.” They began to realize that they could be caught into some kind of trap there, some kind of deception because they saw there are 2 sealing reports, and they have been told that there is only one, to make the Adventist church Babylon. And so I turned to the man who came -- It’s too bad, I don’t remember his name, but maybe I wouldn’t say his name even if I did know -- I turned to him. And I said, “You may now give your study.” Well, I just gave his study. I just ruined it. The latter part of the study, I ruined it because I showed that there are 2 sealing reports.

And when I said, “You may now give your study,” he looked at me and he closed his Bible, he stood up, he grabbed his Bible, and he stomped out of the room. And the 2 students ran behind him, they got in his car, and they drove off. Not a word did he say, because he realized that I proved his study is wrong, and I may have made him ashamed of himself for going to the Adventist church in the area, and he would do it every Christmas. He would stand in the church, and say, “This church is Babylon, because they were having a Christmas tree in there, and every year, he would get arrested when they called the police, and every year he would stay in the jail for the night, every year he would get out, and every year he would repeat the whole thing. That study

should have shown him that he was wrong and he should have been ashamed of himself.

So, the point that I am telling this story is to show you that **the saints who escape the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 will be standing at the East gate of the Lord's house when the Lord returns back to heaven after the slaughter**, and we just read in 2SR298 where he said that the diagram on the chart, page 294, represents the SDA church, and it becomes the house of David when the stream first starts to the East gate, first starts in California and goes to the East gate. He is telling us here the SDA church goes all the way from California up to the East gate which would be during the time of the Rod message by Elijah the prophet, and that at the East gate would be the climax of his Ezekiel's river study up to the slaughter of Ezekiel 9, and then starts to be the great multitude, and the climax of that would end when all the saints are gathered. That is why I have to tell the story because it helps the people understand the purpose of the East gate, that God's people will be standing at the East gate, and that is why the devil is making so much opposition against the sealing of the 144,000.

I am going to point out to you that SDA's have been giving opposition to the Davidian message against the 144,000. And for years we have been having opposition from them in regard to that number of people.

Now we find that the devil is using certain Davidians to fight another part of the message, and that is the living saints that go with the 144,000, and the reason why is because, according to **Answerer 4 page 20-21, he talks about 2 classes of people, called Zion and Jerusalem who are asleep and they have to wake up. And it says it represents the people of Laodicea and that those 2 classes of people coming from Laodicea when the church is purified, would represent the leaders who dwell on Mt Zion and the underleaders who dwell in Jerusalem, showing 2 classes of**

people coming from the Adventist church who make up God's kingdom.

The Adventists fight the first part about the 144,000, and Davidians fight the second part about those that dwell in Jerusalem. And that is why we have had this opposition all these years from those Davidians who are fighting about those who go with the 144,000. Now they also fight about Ezekiel's river. And he said one day all those who are teaching errors will be overthrown. We read that in Testimonies volume one page 414. So this study is a very important study, and these points have been brought out. They cannot overcome them. They cannot prove them wrong. And that is why they want to try to discontinue the study altogether, and why they, even as I was told, they say, even the study in 2SR298 is wrong. That is directly fighting against the message. That shows you they cannot be true Davidians at all, who say that.

Does anybody have any last questions about this particular study? If you want to unmute yourself, you can ask a question. {Silence} Alright. The study was very clear.

No one has any questions. That means we will have to close the study now. We will have to close with a word of prayer.

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- **Testimonies vol. 5, page 214** --not one spot or defect...
- **Timely Greetings vol. 2, #29, p.10** -- "keys of Kingdom of Heaven... passed to *The General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists*"
- **Testimonies to Ministers pp. 91-92, 475** - Jones & Waggoner message the Loud Cry of third angel; Elijah is to come
- **Selected Messages vol. 1, p. 234** --church rejected Jones & Waggoner's "righteousness by faith" message (Loud Cry)

- **Symbolic Code vol. 11 #8, p. 10** --message of Jonah to go to Ninevah, the U.S.
- **Tract 14** - is the about the message of the Loud Cry
- **Timely Greetings vol. 1, #10, pp. 18-19** --revival & reformation
- **Tract 15 pp. 52, 53** --altar place from whence truth is dispensed
- **Tract 8 p. 24** --Headquarters in two-horned beast domain, the U.S.
- **Timely Greetings vol 2, #39 p.19** --"the very truth... we are now feasting on"
- **Timely Greetings, vol. 1, #25 p. 6** -- Mt. Zion 4th headquarters
- **White House Recruiter p. 33** --"knockout blow"
- **Early Writings p. 279** --second sealing report, great multitude
- **Testimonies vol. 1, p. 414** --"large company raised in the East"
- **Timely Greetings vol 2, #37, p.15** --no keeping of feast laws among Davidians
- **Symbolic Code vol. 1 #10 p. 3 par. 1-3** --move of headquarters, eastward direction, headquarters should be out of the city
- **Symbolic Code vol. 10, #1 p. 3 par. 2** --Waco headquarters to be parceled & sold
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- **Answerer 4 p. 20-21** -two classes to be sealed out of Adventist church, leaders & underleaders (144,000 + those with)

Scripture references:

Ezekiel chapter 9, 10 & 47

Suggested studies:

Tract 1 - Dardanelles of the Bible (about God's traveling throne)
Tract 14

Can Women be Leaders in the Work/Church?



On the question of whether women can be ministers, teachers, leaders or prophetesses, Brother Houteff made sure to set the record straight about the role/place of women. And since he is the “Elijah” who “restores all things”, that is, -gives us the message that outlines exactly how the Kingdom church will reign, itself being a snapshot of the earth made new and the society of heaven, we will, if we are to fully reform, relinquish our preconceived notions, prejudices, and stubborn pride about the role of women in the work. The 144,000 are to come from a diverse crowd of peoples from all over the earth, and both sexes are included in this number.



2 SR 167-168 says:

“Since there is no difference between either sex in Christ, **then we see that women as well as men can be kings and priests.** ... ‘And Deborah, a *prophetess*, ... she judged Israel at that time.... And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.’ (Judges 4:4, 5.) **This woman held a man’s**

position, being a judge of God's people, which is equivalent to a king. Not only a king, but she was a prophetess as well.

“Again we read in Luke 2:36,37, ‘And there was one Anna, a prophetess,... which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.’



“Also the wife of Shallum being a prophetess taught Israel and controlled the college. (See 2 Kings 22:14-16.) Phillip the evangelist had four daughters who also did prophesy. (See The Acts 21:8, 9.) --{2SR 168.1}

“From Paul’s statement in 1 Timothy 2:12, ‘I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence,’ you will note the meaning here is, that the woman is to be in subjection to the man as God had ordained, and not that she is forbidden to hold the office of a teacher. Again we quote, ‘Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.’ (1 Cor. 14:34.)

“Read the chapter and you will see that Paul wishes to establish order in the churches, for there was great confusion by speaking in unknown tongues. Therefore, to silence the confusion, he says: ‘Let your women keep silence in the churches.’ He is not forbidding them to speak if they have a duty to perform. If this lesson was heeded in this age there would be a great change for the better in the house of God. --{2SR 168.2}

“In the beginning God created both the man and the woman equal, as king and queen. ‘And God blessed them,... have dominion ...over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.’ (Gen. 1:28.) Note that the dominion was given to them both. However, after they sinned a change was made: ‘Unto the woman He said,... thy desire shall be to thy husband, and He shall rule over thee.’ (Gen. 3:16.) So, after

the woman sinned she fell under the government of man. But that which Eve lost by deception, shall be restored by redemption. **Thus again the equality of both shall be established as kings and queens.** Therefore, ‘There is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus.’ Christ himself confirms the idea in the following expression: ‘For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels which are in heaven.’” --{2SR 168.3}



Eve's quest to rise higher than her original station brought her lower than God intended. Man & woman were created equal, and this equality will be fully restored in the Kingdom.

Excerpt: 6 Tract, pp. 75-77

What About Women Teaching?

“When brought face to face with the truth, some act like men who have lost their reason. As fish jump at bait, they foolishly jump at conclusions. And when they are mercifully freed from the hook and given a chance to live, instead of departing from their greedy, selfish policies, and keeping themselves from being caught again, they rush at another bait, only to find themselves hooked again and again. When they find that they have thus repeatedly brought themselves into disrepute, they even then do not resolve to get right and stay right.

“Those who get themselves cornered and cut off from every avenue of escape from the truth, instead of surrendering their erroneous ideas, make a desperate effort to dodge out of their plight, through the shift of isolating the scripture: ‘Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.’ 1 Cor. 14:34.

“This resort, however, only gives sharper point to the truism that **it is never fair for one to assume a stand on an issue, solely on**

the weight of opinion derived from one or two verses, without first considering the verses in the light of the whole chapter, yes, even of the entire Bible; for if one's interpretation of the Scriptures is not supported by every sentence of Holy Writ, it is a fallacious interpretation, a blind conclusion, without Bible foundation.



“In 1 Corinthians 14, we find that many of the women had gone ‘mad’ (verse 23) over speaking in unknown tongues. Hence Paul is endeavoring to dispel the confusion, not to silence anyone who has an inspired message to deliver. An attempt to stop women from teaching would not be in harmony with the following scriptures:

Women have been teachers, leaders, judges, and even prophets throughout Biblical history.

“And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that me. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.’ Judges 4:4, 5. ‘And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about four-score and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.’ Luke 2:36, 37. Also ‘Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum’ taught Israel (2 Kings 22:14-16).



And ‘Philip the evangelist,...had four daughters, virgins, which did prophecy.’ Acts 21:8, 9.

“So those who think that Paul forbids a woman to teach, are not in the slightest bit discrediting and impeaching Mrs. White’s office, but rather are unwittingly casting reflection upon Paul’s writings – endeavoring to bring them into apparent

conflict with the writings of his fellow-writers of the Scriptures.

“Those who carefully study will learn not to jump at baited hooks, but rather humbly to submit themselves to the teachings of the Spirit of Christ if they expect Him to save them from the curse of sin and from the wrath of God.”

In conclusion, let us remember:

“God Himself cannot rule over the proud, self-important, and self-sufficient. **But as to His people, even children and women rule over them.** Thus they are now being warned that the proud who now rule over them are causing them to err, destroying God’s plan for them.”
1 TG5 20.1

“There is a certain element whom even God Himself cannot convince that He has taken the reins in His Own hands. They never take orders from any but themselves. Such independent ones will continue to question and criticize everything in which they themselves have no part. So regardless of their profession, of what they think or say, they are not God’s people. **His real people, He declares, are able to take orders even from women and children.** God’s people take orders from anyone whom God appoints because they walk in the light of the Lord, not in the sparks of men.” **1 TG5 20.4, 21.1**

“Yes, only those who were able to take orders were made free from slavery. **It is, therefore, prerequisite that we learn to take orders if we are to receive the seal of God in our foreheads.**” **1TG7 5.2**

“What the world needs today is not preachers, but teachers who can teach with one hand and use the pick or the shovel with the other hand. Neither is the world in need of men ‘angling’ for Moses’ and for Aaron’s office, **but it is in dire need of men who can take orders and successfully carry them through, men who dare face the giant, the lion, and the bear, – men who dare be heroes for God,’ ‘men wondered at,’ men with unfailing faith and unlimited patience,** believing that God Himself is steering the ship, and that therefore there can be no failure. The world certainly needs **men like Noah, Moses, David, Ezra, Nehemiah, and a great number of Job’s.**

“We conclude by the following Scriptures that **the 144,000 are of both sexes**: “The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe.” (John 1:7.) ‘All men,’ must include both men and women, otherwise salvation would be for men only. ‘And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw **all men** unto me.’ (John 12:32.) If the word all men in this text does not include both sexes, then the women are lost. ‘And the time of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth **all men** everywhere to repent.’ (The Acts 17:30.) Again, if ‘all men’ include not both male and female, then women are not commanded to repent. **It is evident that the noun, men, is a collective Biblical term of both men and women.** The same is true by creation, for, God made the woman of the man. Therefore, she is a wo-man. Again in Gal. 3:28, we read: ‘**There is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**’”

So my sisters and brethren, when reading the Bible, you may put “**wo**”- before “**men**” and understand, that as a collective term for both men and women, **all the warnings, promises, admonitions, and inspiring injunctions apply to women too.** And while the sexes have different strengths and attributes which are to be valued, a women should not be forbidden from doing a job on the basis of her sex if she is qualified. The 144,000 is to be of **men and women**, and is to be terrible as an army with banners. For this to happen, God’s people need to drop the belief that a woman’s role in God’s work is limited. This mindset can only get in the way of the work, and that’s why the prophet wrote about this topic! Let us progress to the high calling and standard God calls us to -equality amongst men and women in Jesus’s name.

Further Reading from the Spirit of Prophecy:

“It is the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit of God that prepares workers, both men and women, to become pastors to the flock of God.” -*The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 16.1 God has entrusted talents to His servants, and He expects them to see [understand] that mistakes can be ... made. [But] make no mistake in neglecting to correct the error of giving ministers less than they should receive. When you see persons in necessity who have been placed in positions of trust, let

God move upon your heart to set things right. **The tithe should go to those who labor in word and doctrine, be they men or women.**—**Manuscript Releases 1:263 (1899).**

Sacrificing Not to Be Limited to Faithful Women—A great work is to be done in our world, and every talent is to be used in accordance with righteous principles. If a woman is appointed by the Lord to do a certain work, her work is to be estimated according to its value. Every laborer is to receive his or her just due.—*Evangelism*, 491 (1898).

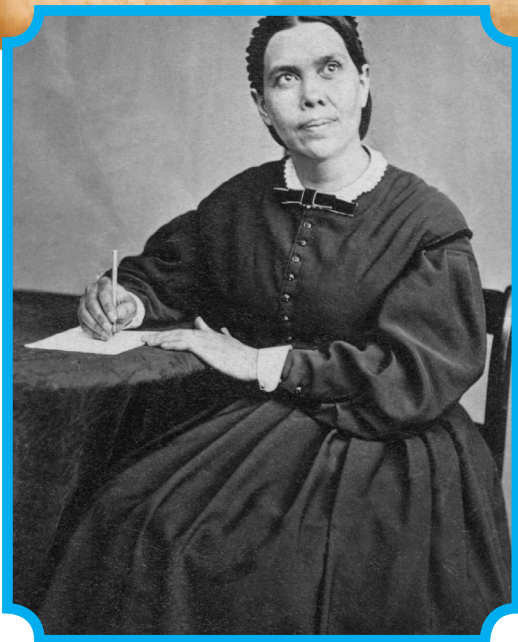
Proper Compensation for Work of Women—If a woman is appointed by the Lord to do a certain work, her work should be estimated according to its value. **Some may think it good policy to allow persons to devote their time and labor to the work without compensation. But God does not sanction such arrangements.** When self-denial is required because of a dearth of means, the burden is not to rest wholly upon a few persons. Let all unite in the sacrifice.—*Testimonies for the Church*, 7:207, 208 (1902).

Be Sure We Are Working for Jesus—Our sisters are not excused from taking a part in the work of God. Everyone who has tasted of the powers of the world to come has earnest work to do in some capacity in the Lord's vineyard. —*The Review and Herald*, May 31, 1887

Organize for Service—Young men *and* young women, cannot you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work.... **Will the young men and young women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbathkeepers, but for those who are not of our faith?**—*The Signs of the Times*, May 29, 1893.

Historical Pinpoint: Was Sister White an Ordained minister?

The following is an Excerpt From the EGW Estate, plus other writings:



Ellen White's name is not found in lists of Michigan Conference credentialed ministers prior to 1871. (See, for example, lists published in RH, May 31, 1864, May 28, 1867, and May 26, 1868.) **She was first issued ministerial credentials on February 10, 1871, by the Michigan Conference:**

“Moved and voted, That Sr. Ellen G. White receive credentials from this

Conference.”—RH, Feb. 14, 1871, p. 69.

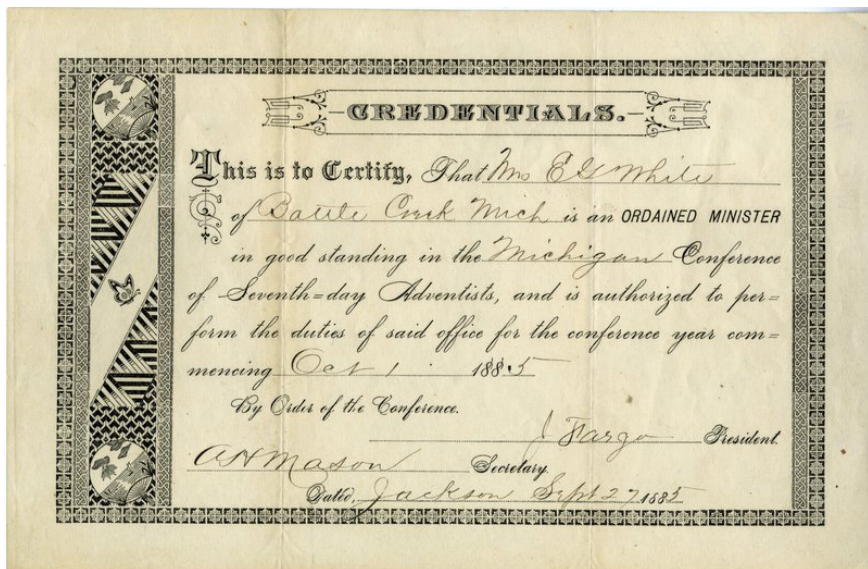
Her credentials were renewed by the Michigan Conference annually thereafter through 1887.[1] The 1886 report was introduced with the words: “Your committee on credentials and licenses would present the following names of ordained ministers for a renewal of their credentials the ensuing year.” (Ellen White was not listed in the Michigan Conference report for 1888.)

C. Listings in the Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook & General Conference Bulletin

The first listing of ministers in the Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook was in 1884. Ellen White was listed under both “General Conference” Ministers and “Michigan” Ministers. The listings appeared the same

in 1885, 1886, and 1887. In 1888 she was listed under “California” Ministers, as well as under “Michigan” Ministers and “General Field” Ministers. She was also listed under “Ministers” (not Licentiates) in the “Alphabetical List of Laborers.”

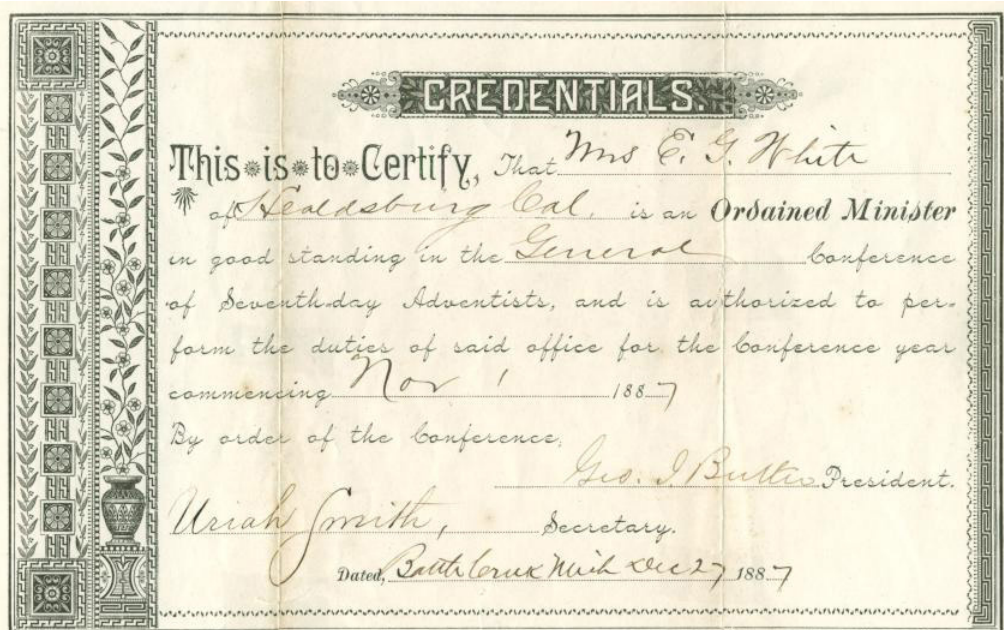
Beginning in 1889, all the workers were listed alphabetically, as well as by territory, with letter codes inserted to indicate whether



the worker was (l) licensed to preach or (m) an ordained minister. Ellen White was listed under “General Conference” Ministers only (not “Michigan” or “California”) and an (m) appeared after her name in the directory. She was listed the same way from 1890-1894. No yearbooks were published from 1895 to 1903, however, “Workers’ Directories” were published in the General Conference Bulletin.

In the 1895/1896/1897/1898 Bulletins, Ellen White was consistently listed in the “Workers’ Directory” with the code for “Minister” (m) in the absence of any separate coding for ordained ministers in the directory, as well as appearing in the list of “General Conference” Ministers. In the 1899/1900 Bulletins, the Ministerial Directory listed (m) for ordained minister and (l) for licensed minister. Ellen White was listed with the (m) code, and in the list of “General Conference” Ministers.

In the 1901/1902 Bulletins, the codes were not used, but a distinction between Ministers and Licentiates was made in territorial listings. Ellen White was listed in the General Conference “Ministers” list rather than the “Licentiates.” No directory was published for 1903, but she was granted “ministerial credentials” from the General Conference by action reported in the General Conference Bulletin, Apr. 14, 1903, p. 216.



In the 1904 Yearbook, Ellen White was listed in the Ministerial Directory and with “Ministers Under the Direction of the General Conference.” There was no separate coding for ordained ministers in the directory. In the 1905/1906/1907/1908 Yearbooks, she was listed in the Ministerial Directory and with Ministers listed under “Laborers Engaged in General Work and in Mission Fields, Under the General Conference.” Again, there was no separate coding for ordained ministers in the directory.

In the 1909/1910/1911/1912/1913 Yearbooks, Ellen White was listed in the Ministerial Directory and with Ministers under “Laborers Engaged in General Work Under the General Conference” (with no separate coding for ordained ministers in the directory).

In the 1914/1915 Yearbooks, Ellen White was listed in the Ministerial Directory and with Ministers listed under “General Laborers Holding Credentials From the General Conference” (with no separate coding for ordained ministers in the directory).

D. Ellen White’s Paper Credentials

The White Estate possesses seven paper credentials that were issued to Ellen White. The first credential is dated October 1, 1883, from the Michigan Conference. The second is dated September 27, 1885, from the Michigan Conference. The third is dated December 6, 1885, from the General Conference. On that one credential, the word “ordained” was crossed out. The fourth is dated December 27, 1887, from the General Conference. The fifth is dated March 7, 1899, from the General Conference. The sixth is dated June 14, 1909, from the General Conference. The seventh is dated June 12, 1913, from the General Conference.

*****End of Excerpt*****

Summary:

It appears the Michigan Conference ordained Sister White as a minister, but she did not perform duties such as communion, marriages & baptism, etc. She was a writer, publisher, a gospel worker, a preacher, and a prophetess. She was an extraordinary woman for her time and broke many barriers through her ministry and obedience to God, however she did not get involved with popular social justice movements of her time, such as the [Women’s Suffrage \(right to vote\) Movement in the U.S.](#) Her first priority was always to the church and the gospel ministry.

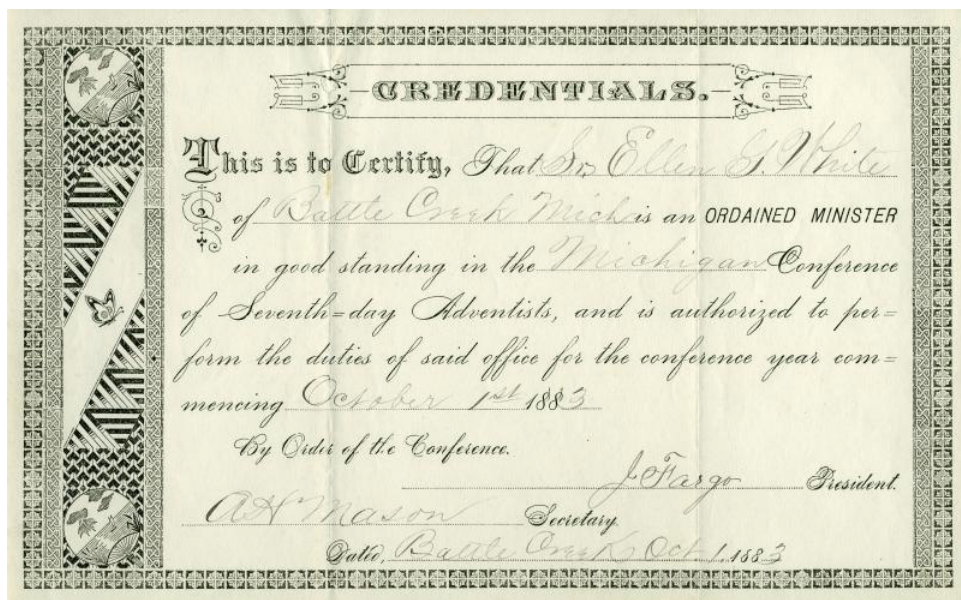
Notable additions:

Her assistant, in her biographical form marked an “X” by the question of whether she was ordained. Brother W.C. White noted that the writing was not that of E.G. White.

Another family member, Dores E. Robinson, in a letter dated Nov. 17, 1935, wrote: “[W. C. White] tells me that Sister White was never

ordained, that she never baptized, nor did she ever give the ordination charge to others.”

It appears Sister White did not protest being credentialed or ordained as a minister by the conference, as her written works surely would have testified such opposition, but some in her family expressed the sentiment (after her death) that she/they did not consider her ordained in the fullest sense of the position, --to marry & baptize, etc. We have nothing from her pen promoting the ordination of women, or condemning it.



All we have is a record that the prophet of the Lord was an ordained minister in the Seventh-Day Adventist church. The Oxford Dictionary defines ordination/ordaining as: **the act of make (someone) a priest or minister; to, confer holy orders on.**

“The order that was maintained in the early Christian church made it possible for them to move forward solidly as a well-disciplined army clad with the armor of God. The companies of believers, though scattered over a large territory, were all members of one body; all moved in concert and in harmony with one another. When dissension arose in a local church, as later it did arise in Antioch and

elsewhere, and the believers were unable to come to an agreement among themselves, such matters were not permitted to create a division in the church, but were referred to a general council of the entire body of believers, made up of appointed delegates from the various local churches, with the apostles and elders in positions of leading responsibility. Thus the efforts of Satan to attack the church in isolated places were met by concerted action on the part of all, and the plans of the enemy to disrupt and destroy were thwarted.” *Acts of the Apostles* p, 95.3

Those Ordained were Judges:

“Later, when choosing seventy elders to share with him the responsibilities of leadership, Moses was careful to select, as his helpers, men possessing dignity, sound judgment, and experience. In **his charge to these elders at the time of their ordination**, he outlined some of the qualifications that fit a man to be a wise ruler in the church. ‘Hear the causes between your brethren,’ said Moses, ‘and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God’s.’ Deuteronomy 1:16, 17.” *Acts of the Apostles* p, 95.1

1 Pet. 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light...”

“Since there is no difference between either sex in Christ, **then we see that women as well as men can be kings and priests**. Israel came up to her for judgment.’ (Judges 4:4, 5.) **This woman held a man’s position, being a judge of God’s people, which is equivalent to a king.** Not only a king, but she was a prophetess as well. 2SR p. 168

For further study:

Shepherd’s Rod Vol. 2, pp. 166-170

Acts of the Apostles, pp. 87-96

Why Perish?, Tract 6, pp. 75-70

Daughters of God, by E.G. White

THE 144,000 ARE MALE & FEMALE & SEALED FROM ALMOST EVERY RACE & NATION!



*These are AI-generated pictures & do not actually depict what the 144,000 will look like or be wearing. The scriptures say they will wear long, white mantles.

“...the 144,000 can be gathered from almost every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and yet be of the sons of Jacob!” 8Tr, p. 9.3



“Since, therefore, history, logic, and scripture combine their evidences to prove unconditionally that God has preserved the genealogy of the chosen branch of the human race forward from Adam to Noah (Matt. 1:1-17), and backward from Jesus to Adam (Luke 3:23-



38). He must, then, for a consistent reason, also have preserved the identity of the elect today. And this we see, is precisely what He has done in His designating the lineage of the 144,000, as “of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” 8Tr., p. 10.2



"Cast Not Thy Confidence"

Discerning The Providence of God

THE FOLLOWING QUOTES ARE HERE PROVIDED FOR YOUR
ENCOURAGEMENT

"None who receive God's word are exempt from difficulty and trial; but when affliction comes, the true Christian does not become restless, distrustful, or despondent. Though we can not see the definite outcome of affairs, or discern the purpose of God's providence, we are not to cast away our confidence. Remembering the tender mercies of the Lord, we should cast our care upon Him, and with patience wait for His salvation. 2 TG 29 2.3

"Through conflict the spiritual life is strengthened. Trials well borne will develop steadfastness of character, and precious spiritual graces. The perfect fruit of faith, meekness, and love often matures best amid storm-clouds and darkness." 2 TG 29 2.4

Let us pray that our **spiritual perceptions be quickened so that we shall more readily understand God's dealings in answer to our prayers; that through conflict the spiritual life is strengthened; that we throw not away our confidence when afflictions arise,** but that like Paul we rejoice for having been accounted worthy to suffer in patience. 2 TG 29 254

What Can We Learn from History?

"From this rehearsal of the long history of God's people, we see that Abraham is the only one with whom God was not compelled, in order to get the desired results, to resort to means other than the simple command: 'Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee.' Gen. 12:1.



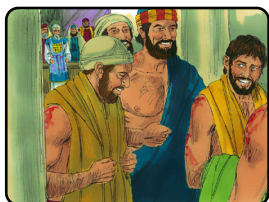
‘Abraham’s unquestioning and unfailing faith and his unhesitating obedience to the Lord’s naked command in every instance, made him a “friend of God,” the “father of the faithful,” and a great pillar of living truth, with a name to be remembered and venerated throughout time and eternity.

“Jacob’s faith in the promises of God, and his overmastering desire to work himself into the Lord’s plans and to carry them out, resulted in his becoming the progenitor of the first fruits or ministry of the Kingdom-church--those who stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion (Rev. 14:1).



“Joseph’s uncompromising fidelity to principle brought him into highest estate, in which he became the world’s greatest provisioner as a type of Christ, the Great Spiritual Provisioner.

“Moses, in his meekness (humbleness) and in his determination ‘rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season’ (Heb. 11:25), rose to be the greatest general, leader, and deliverer of all times, and even to stand on the mount of transfiguration.



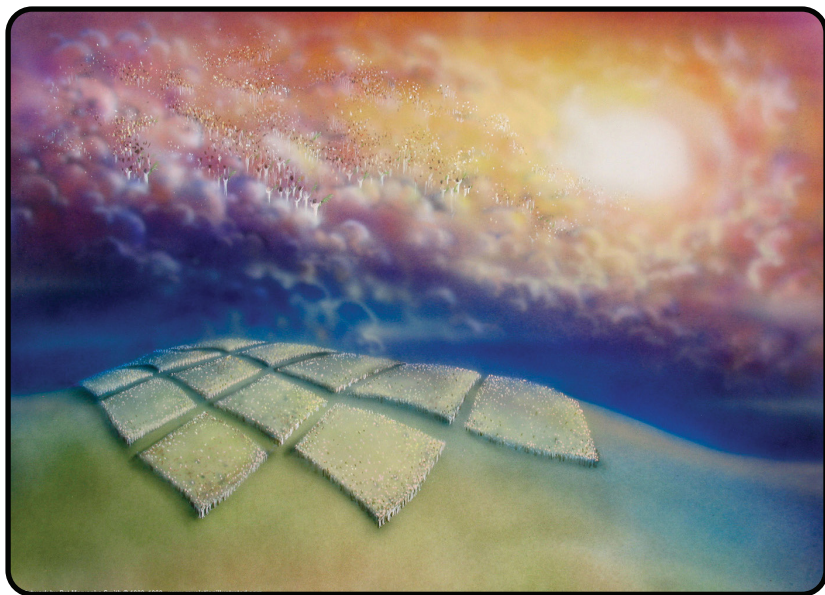
“The apostles’ sacrifice of life for the sake of Christ and His Truth, won them the exalted honor of having their names placed in the foundations of the Holy City (Rev. 21:14).



“Luther’s fearless and persevering efforts to lift up the down-trodden Truth (Dan. 8:11, 12; 11:31), fathered forth Protestantism.

Yet, Brother, Sister, none of these singularly glorious estates is greater than is yours to stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion. We beseech you, therefore, to “arise, shine; for thy light is come”! Isa. 60:1.

“Now that on the one hand the Lord is pleading that you take hold of His mighty light of Truth and thereby **be separated from sin**, that you may escape His vengeance, be delivered from the coming trouble, and have a part in proclaiming the Loud Cry of the Three Angels’ Messages; and that on the other hand Satan is pleading that you take hold of his all-exhausted extinguisher; you are brought to the valley of decision. Now has come the Zero hour to decide whether or not you will, if the Lord be God, follow His mighty Truth, or if Baal be God, follow his mighty men.” --*Answerer* vol. 2, pp. 21, 22



A depiction of the 144,000, organized by tribe, standing on Mount Zion.
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1. Voting in Officers for Executive Council
2. Review & Revision of bylaws
3. American Division Leadership