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STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

*G*reetings Dear Salem Brethren,

We have been through many trials during the transition of leadership, but I personally have learned many things about God's Headquarters, the truth of Davidian history, and about having faith by moving forward even when you cannot see the end result. It seemed that some exulted over our apparent distress, but in faith, **we kept working**.

There were attacks mounted against the Association and its workers, the most egregious of them all being a court case challenging the power of attorney of Brother Don Adair given to Sister Judy, (levied by former members who started a new association and an independent association leader) but we kept working.

The case, which lingered through the course of a year, was appealed to a higher court and then ultimately dismissed after the court's investigation found no evidence of abuse or mistreatment of Brother Don.

Yes, we had to expend precious energy and resources to defeat the case, but defeat them we did. God saw the end from the beginning, and His message to those on the ground was **-to keep working**.

No matter what it looks like, **to keep working** and **doing God's will is what matters the most in this life** and the next.

I'm trying to encourage someone today.

Do you realize the single most damaging thing you can do to the Devil and his cause is **to keep working**? -to keep praying, to keep studying, to keep ministering, to keep believing?

Oh, I know now that this walk with God, this sometimes lonely path- is filled with mystery. **Walking with God is a mystery that we must accept.** We must accept that we are finite beings who cannot know ***all*** things from ***all*** angles. We don't know in what form or fashion our help will come. So, in the interim, we are commanded to just "Trust" and "Obey".

We often don't know where the next resource will come from, but **we keep working.** We don't know how we will defeat our enemies, **but we will keep working.** We don't know how we will continue to fight, **but we keep on working!**

The Scriptures say, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; **they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**" -Lamentations 3:22-23

Brothers & Sisters, this is the faith that is developed in the fire. I thank God for all the opportunities He has given me to learn in the school of Christ.

The Results of the "Keep Working" Approach



In our December 2021 session, the delegates voted to pursue the purchase of a home on Davidian Way (down the street from Headquarters) that had become available. The house was never put on the market by the sellers, as it would have sold quickly because of high demand in the area. By the providence of God, Sister Judy had developed a friendship with the owners and they arranged to wait until Sister Judy could be approved for the loan. This process took over a year! They almost gave up



on waiting as they had to sell the house in order to purchase their dream home, and were tempted many times to sell to others, but God had the final say and the sale was finalized in May 2022.

As we discussed in previous Codes, Salem Headquarters is in need of rebuilding and renovation. This new building is serving as a mixed-use residence and place of operations.

We had no business credit to make such a purchase because of Brother Don's and Sister Marilyn's practice of eschewing buying on credit, but Sister Judy generously stepped in and offered to buy the home on her personal credit.

Initially, Brother Don and Sister Judy stayed at this house and the downstairs would be dedicated to the workers who would come to Headquarters, namely our new vice president and ministerial director.

The purchase price of the home was \$205K with a \$30K down payment.

The entire bottom floor and use of the kitchen upstairs was leased to the Association by Sister Judy for the monthly mortgage payment of \$1,154.00 with the option to buy the property.

The home was uniquely set up as an A-frame building with a kitchen plus bathroom upstairs, two small loft bedrooms, and living area. The downstairs features a large common living area which was converted to an office/working area for future workers, and two

additional bedrooms and a bathroom for living spaces.

The home was not in the best condition and aesthetically was probably painted with as many colors as Joseph's coat and had many holes in the wall.

We hired professional painters to patch and paint the walls, while the Hall family painted the doors, the floor trim, and the windows' trim and all moulding.

In addition to all the hard work that was done preparing the mixed-

Workers Working at Headquarters

Brother and Sister Hall had to cut out a new frame to support the dry wall to cover an unnecessary door opening.



Sister Hall had to learn how to use the hand saw to cut the timbers but needed Brother Hall's strength to complete the job.



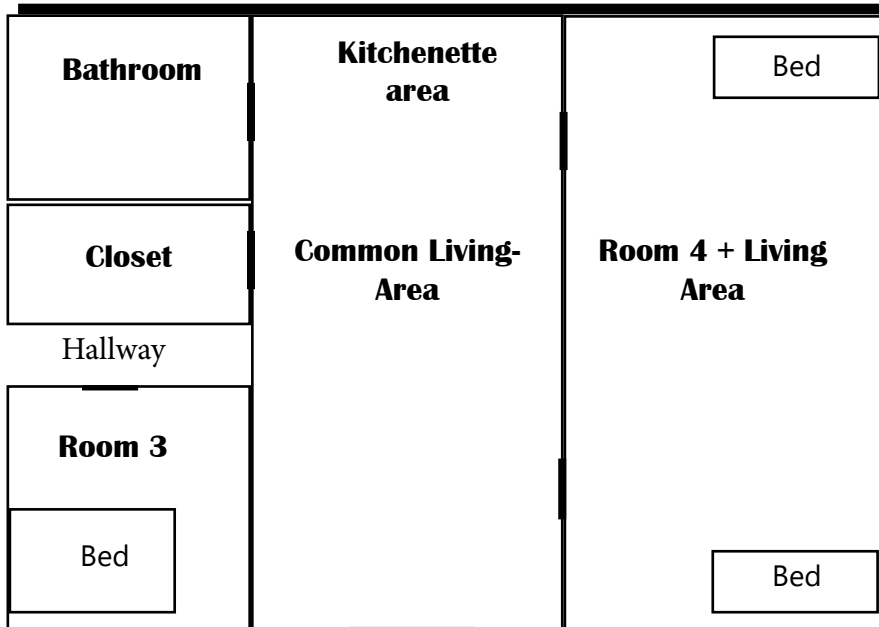
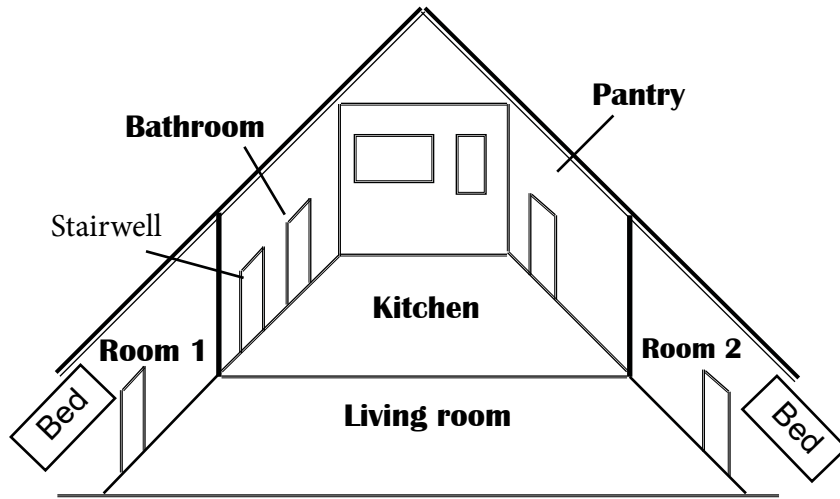
Little Sister I. was very handy and put together all the furniture that was unassembled.

All the trim and walls had to be taped and the trim painted.



After all was painted, it was time for the furniture to be moved in (by the movers).

Layout of top floor



Aerial view of bottom floor

Here are some “before” and “after” pictures:

Before



The upstairs living area was originally painted a dark green and the walls were filled with nail holes. The couch was left by the previous owners, but was dirty and filled with fleas.

After

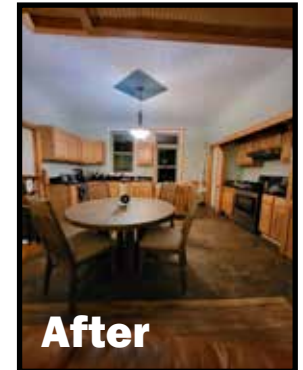


The common living area was painted and furnished for casual gatherings and meetings. Curtains were added for privacy and security.

The Upstairs Kitchen Area



The upstairs kitchen had unfinished windows and doors and needed a fresh coat of paint. There was no table, chairs, no silverware, dishes, or pots or pans. The kitchen had to be repainted and stocked.



After



After



After

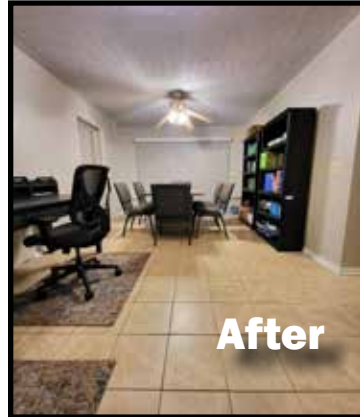
Before

After

Common Living Area (downstairs)

Door

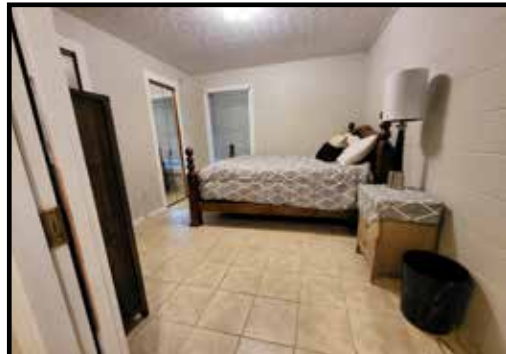
Same Door



After

The common living area was transformed into a working space and conference area for workers. The middle doorway was closed.

Room 3 (downstairs)



The room was painted a dreary, dark grey. The windows needed covering, and holes had to be filled in the walls.

The room was repainted with a lighter shade of grey. A bed was donated by believers at the Davidian rest home, while other furniture was purchased. The windows were covered with blinds.

Before

After

Bathroom (downstairs)

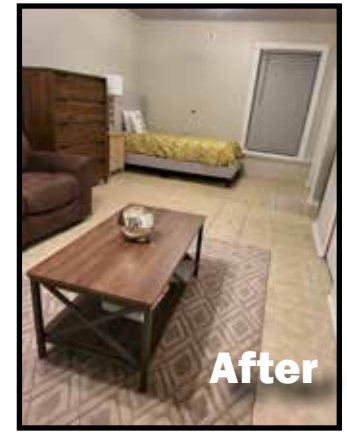


The downstairs bathroom was painted a ghastly green and the paint was peeling.



After

Room 4 + Living Area (downstairs)

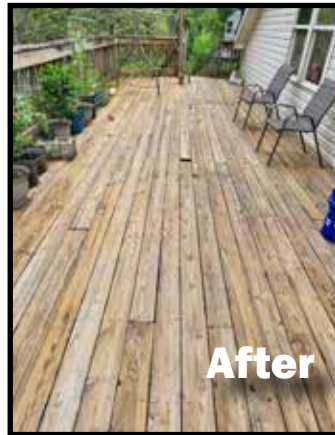


After



Room 4 is a large, long, rectangular room which we were unsure how to set up initially. One side became space for a bed and a small, private living area for workers. The other side houses our copier machine and other bed. Light bulbs were replaced and the room painted an agreeable grey color, which brightened the room.

Outside Deck/Front Door



The outdoor deck was covered in grime (and even green moss in some places) because of the constant rainy weather and lack of maintenance. Brother Hall pressure-washed the deck to give it a nice, clean finish. The deck still needs to be stained and repaired in several places. The rotting wood chair was removed and Sister Judy's pot garden now sits out to catch sun rays.

Additional Photos



A conference table and chairs were ordered for formal meetings



One of the loft bedrooms (room 1) before it was painted. Blinds were hung on uncovered windows.



A small kitchenette area was made in the downstairs office space complete with a refrigerator.

In addition to all the hard work that was done preparing the mixed-use residence of Headquarters, in the year 2021-2022 we were able to accomplish the following objectives:

- A 2021 Session to elect new officers and to set objectives and goals for the Association.
- A new website, complete with studies and an online store for our books salemgadsda.org
- A new, secure payment website to process online tithe & offering payments salemgadsda.com
- A new website for SDAs only, complete with studies and downloads (contact Sis Judy or Sis H. for the web address)
- Purchase of property at 115 Davidian Way for workers' living quarters and Salem GADSDA's business operations (4-bedroom, 2 living areas, kitchen, 2 bathrooms)
- Renovation of new property at 115 Davidian Way (a three-month project)
- Furnishing of new property: the Association purchases included desks for workers, couches, 5 beds, tables and chairs. (Sister Judy bought the washer and dryer and downstairs refrigerator.)
- Trademark of Salem Association's logo and name in the U.S. and Zambia
- Legal defense of Brother Adair's well-being and care - case was dismissed.
- A new sign for Headquarters was ordered and will be installed.



The old sign at Headquarters was aged and discolored by the weather and time.



The new sign design. The only difference is from the above picture is the sign we ordered has black lettering instead of brown for improved readability.

August 2022: The Watkins visit Headquarters

Brother and Sister Watkins have been the supporters of the Association for some years, but were especially instrumental during the transition of the leadership and the conflict with Salem International adherents. Brother Watkins is a senior member of the Executive Council pre-dating the illegal, Jones-era council, while Sister Watkins was voted in as a council member in the December 2021 session.

They had faithfully attended the long and frequent meetings during many a conflict and trials, so when the chance came for them to visit the Headquarters, they were welcomed with open arms. Indeed, leaders of the Association need to see what is going on "on the ground" so they may be better able to assess what needs to be prioritized and done.

They stayed a total of one week, but were not idle at all, with Brother Watkins helping by hanging the blinds in the new building. Sister Watkins offered Sister Judy moral support and showed her how to re-pot her garden plants. Sister Watkins also cooked a healthy Caribbean dinner for the Halls, Sister Judy, and Brother Don -much to their delight, giving them a much-needed respite from their work.

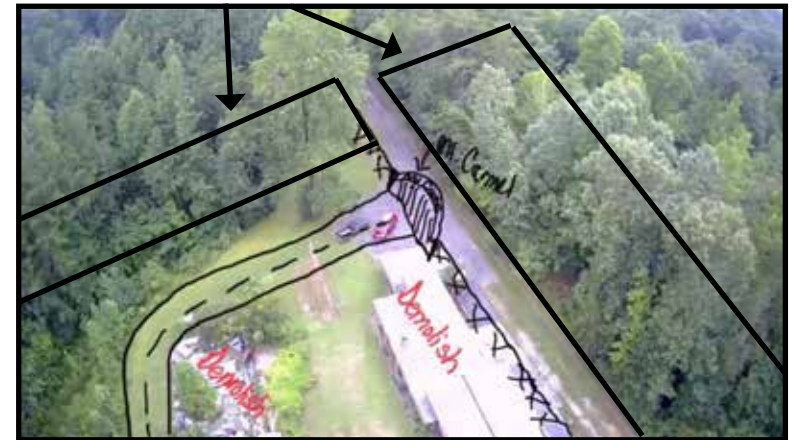
Brother Watkins had the foresight to bring his drone camera in order to take some aerial video and pictures of Headquarters.

After viewing the pictures, Brother & Sister Watkins came up with some sketches with ideas on how the Headquarters should be built up when the funds come in.

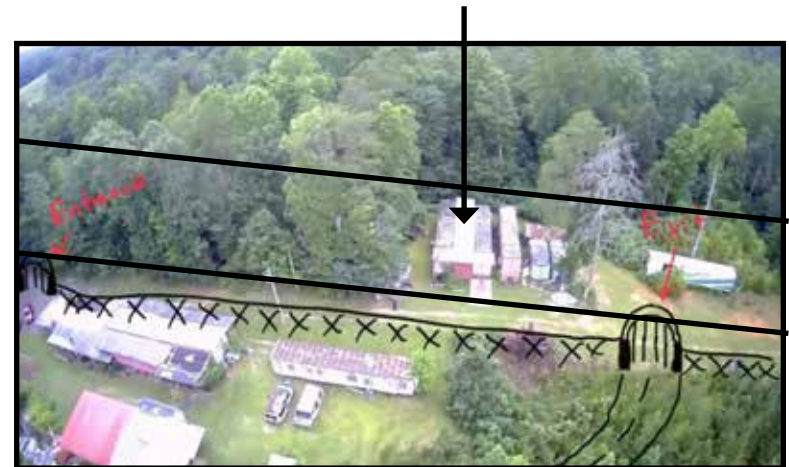
The Executive Council loved their ideas, and when the time comes, our prayer is that Brother Cook, a longtime believer and engineer, will be able to help draw up the plans and execute it.

Mount Carmel Center is located on a portion of what is roughly 8 acres of land. The road that goes down the middle is a county easement road that leads into the National Forest.

Contested Property

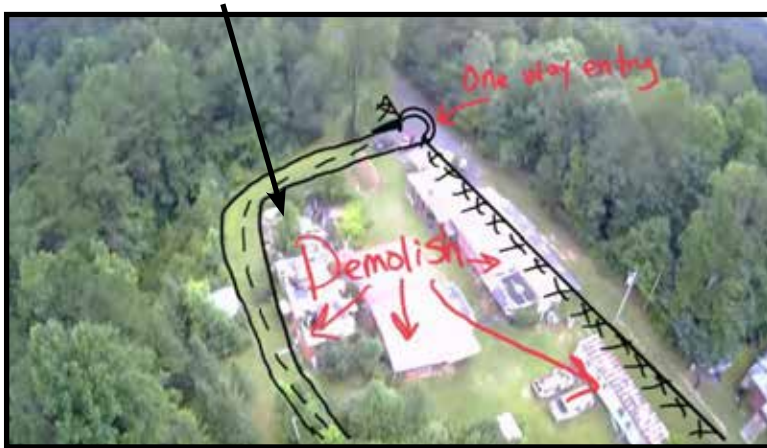


Contested Property



The sketches show the existing buildings and trailers being demolished and hauled off. Brother Cook's Phase One Building Plan uses the existing cement foundation of the building that burned down and repurposes our containers for an initial building structure.

Existing Cement Foundation



Brother Cook's Phase One Work Site



Association Property

The area encircled by the white line is Association-owned property from the opposite angle, facing the National Forest is approximately 8 acres and runs all the way down to the creek. Trees can be cleared to make more space for buildings.



Association-owned property

As you can see, there is great potential for the property at 282 Davidian Way to be developed. All that needs to be done is for God's people to come together and bring their offerings, gifts, and talents to the Lord. We can do the impossible through Christ!

Brother Don & Sister Marilyn's lifetime work was to publish the books Brother Don wrote and Shepherd's Rod series. They invested the majority of the incoming funds to the expensive process of publishing books and writing manuscripts, choosing not to enrich their surroundings or fix up the Headquarters.

Many criticize this choice, but all that does not matter now. Their work is done and our Lord and Savior will judge. They accomplished much more between two people than a group could do in several lifetimes. As pioneers, they had to contend with a litany of usurpers and splits and conflicts and were war-torn at the end of their lives.

We now inherit that which we have been given, a **legacy of Truth**. This is what Salem is about! The schisms based on personality, of disagreements, cannot be legitimized; this is about **what & where Truth is**. Many people had have had disagreements with Brother

Adair and Salem's leadership during the 52-year history of the Association, but the only way these differences should have been resolved was through adherence to our Constitution, *The Leviticus of D.S.D.A.*, and our corresponding bylaws. The fact remains, those who broke off didn't have a legal means of doing so.

We will always have disagreements as long as we walk with the "heart of stone" and before we have been given the "heart of flesh". The question is, will we turn to lawlessness when we are thus tested? According to the Rod, there is no safety for those who choose and continue in such a course. ([Please read 9 Behaviors You Must Avoid \(in order to Get the Seal\)](#)) in this issue of the Code for more information on the subject.

Now it is time for a new generation to come together and solve these problems. We need to rebuild the Headquarters. We need ministers in the field to bring in tithes and offerings to the Storehouse to fund our objectives. Additionally, our Vice President and Ministerial Director and their families need to come to these holy grounds and minister to souls here in the U.S.

If you are tempted to believe that God is not with this place, all you have to do is visit to feel how near His Spirit is. If you understand the Dardanelles of the Bible and about God's traveling throne, you will know without a doubt, that the headquarters of GADSDA is not lost, or abandoned, or forsaken.

God will surely take the reins in His own hands and finish the work!

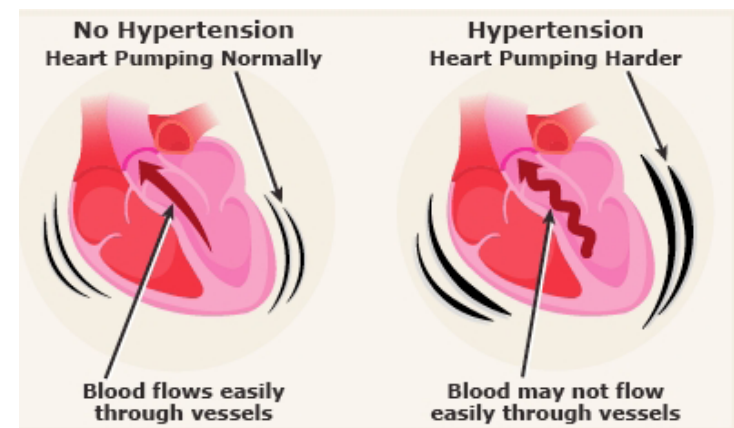
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HEALTH WAVE

By Dr. Watkins, ND

"In grains, fruits, vegetables, and nuts are to be found all the food elements that we need. If we will come to the Lord in simplicity of mind, He will teach us how to prepare wholesome food free from the taint of flesh-meat. *Testimonies for the Church Vol 2 page 352*

Hypertension in laymen's term is also known as high blood pressure. High blood pressure is called the Silent Killer because it can creep up on you with no apparent symptoms. The top number is called the systolic blood pressure (SBP) and the bottom number is called the diastolic blood pressure (DBP). SBP is the pressure that the heart has to overcome in order to push the blood throughout the body when your heart beats. DBP is the pressure exerted by the arteries when your heart is at rest in between beats. Normal blood pressure is typically at <120/80 mmHg according to current JNC-8/ and 2017 ACC/AHA guidelines. Keep in mind hypotension which is blood pressure <90/60 mmHg is not good either. In regards to health you do not want to be at either end of the spectrum, either too high or too low. You want to be somewhere in the middle or what we call homeostasis. The body loves to be in balance, because there it functions at its optimum.



There are different stages of hypertension:

Elevated Blood Pressure

- Systolic: 120-129 mmHg
- Diastolic: <80 mmHg

High Blood Pressure: Stage 1 (Hypertension)

- Systolic: 130-139 mmHg
- Diastolic: 80-89 mmHg

High Blood Pressure: Stage 2 (Hypertension)

- Systolic: 140 mmHg or higher
- Diastolic: 90 mmHg or higher

Hypertensive Crisis: **Seek medical care immediately!**

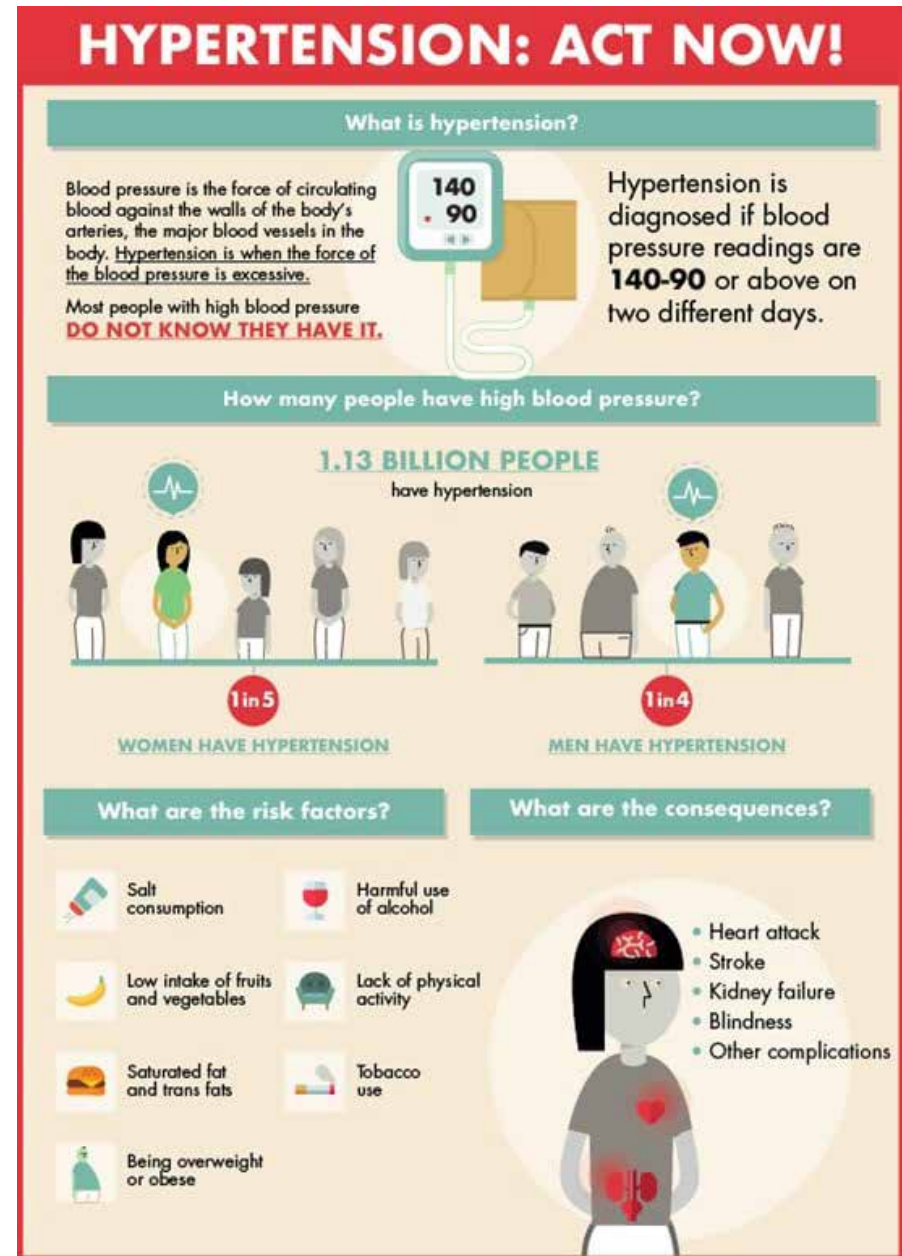
- Systolic: Higher than 180 mmHg
- Diastolic: Higher than 120 mmHg

So what are the risk factors that can lead to one developing high blood pressure? Note: these are all modifiable meaning we can change them.

- High Sodium (salt) intake
- Low Potassium
- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- High Cholesterol
- Being overweight or obese
- Physical inactivity
- Unhealthy diet

What are some dietary things you can do to help decrease your blood pressure?

- Eat a diet that is rich in fruit, vegetables, legumes. You want about 4-5 servings of fruits, and vegetables each day.
- Decrease sodium to 2.4g per day (1 tablespoon), if you can reduce it to 1.5g per day you can expect to see even greater reductions in blood pressure. Remember to look for hidden salt in your favorite snacks, canned foods, and packaged foods.
- Increase your physical activity.



- Increase your hydration if you do not drink enough water. You can tell if you are dehydrated because your urine would be dark yellow. You want to aim for straw colored urine. If it looks like the toilet bowl water then you drank too much water. Aim for the

middle, remember homeostasis.

What are some of the dangers of having prolonged hypertension?

- You run the risk of having a hemorrhagic stroke, which can occur when a blood vessel bursts in your brain leading to bleeding in the brain.
- Your heart will begin to remodel and becomes enlarged in order to overcome the pressure. The heart can actually become too thick to pump properly. This will lead to heart failure.
- Prolonged hypertension can damage the blood vessels in your eyes, kidneys, heart, brain and lead to blood in your urine.

What are some symptoms to look out for if you have prolonged elevated hypertension?

- Severe chest pain
- Severe headache, with blurred vision and accompanied with confusion
- Nausea and vomiting
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Blood in the urine
- Pain in the lower back or on the side of the body
- Pain in the upper back or between the shoulder blades
- Severe anxiety

Summary & Solutions:

In a nutshell, high blood pressure is a serious condition, that if allowed to continue for a prolonged time with no intervention can have catastrophic results. The reason why many people do not take immediate action is because there are no symptoms early on. Next thing they know, years has gone by with their blood pressure continuing to worsen. However, all is not lost if we can take some actions to lower it over time. Eating a diet high in fruits and veggies is not only helpful but beneficial. Fasting can also drastically decrease blood pressure in short time. For most people this a reversible condition, especially if there are dietary and lifestyle

changes brought on board. That intervention is the least harmful and most helpful and there is no need for drugs. If there is some other reasons for hypertension, which a small subset of people do experience, then pharmaceutical drugs would have to be brought on board in order to control the blood pressure.

References for Fasting: *Counsels on Diet & Foods*

Page 309. Intemperate eating is often the cause of sickness, and what nature most needs is to be relieved of the undue burden that has been placed upon her. In many cases of sickness, the very best remedy is for the patient to fast for a meal or two, that the overworked organs of digestion may have an opportunity to rest. A fruit diet for a few days has often brought great relief to brain workers. Many times a short period of entire abstinence from food, followed by simple, moderate eating, has led to recovery through nature's own recuperative effort. An abstemious diet for a month or two would convince many sufferers that the path of self-denial is the path to health.—The Ministry of Healing, 235, 1905

Page 310. There are some who would be benefited more by abstinence from food for a day or two every week than by any amount of treatment or medical advice. To fast one day a week would be of incalculable benefit to them.—Testimonies for the Church 7:134, 1902

Page 311. Indulging in eating too frequently, and in too large quantities, overtaxes the digestive organs, and produces a feverish state of the system. The blood becomes impure, and then diseases of various kinds occur....

The sufferers in such cases can do for themselves that which others cannot do as well for them. They should commence to relieve nature of the load they have forced upon her. They should remove the cause. Fast a short time, and give the stomach a chance for rest. Reduce the feverish state of the system by a careful and understanding application of water. These efforts will help nature in her struggles to free the system of impurities.—Spiritual Gifts 4a:133, 134, 1864



Salem News

Court Case Update:

Jirair Baghadassarian (also known as Gerard or Davidian SDA on Facebook) filed a court case against Sister Judy, challenging the power of attorney given to Sister Judy by Brother Adair and his attorney. Catherine Kerr of Salem International, Trevor Bingham of Bashan Association, and a few other Davidians from other associations, all provided affidavits to the court, however none of these people actually were on the ground to witness the supposed accusations of mistreatment.

Sister Judy and Sister Hall had to ask many others who reside in South Carolina and were actually witnesses to write statements in her defense. These people were saddened, some even angered, about what was going on and gladly provided their sworn statements. In addition, members of our Executive council wrote individual letters and a letter as a board to testify of Sister Judy's character and good treatment of Brother Don as well as the fact that there had been no mismanagement of funds.

Sister Judy had labored as the sole worker at Headquarters to get a functional council in place. If her motives were impure, she would not have labored to do so. She fought off office-seekers and usurpers to hold the ground.

A county investigator was assigned to the case but found no evidence of mistreatment, however was confused because of the misrepresentations of the opposing party. Jirair claimed he was a longtime member and close friend of Brother Adair. Brother Trevor presented himself as an old friend. These claims were all made from longtime opposers and enemies of Brother Adair and the Salem Association! As a result, the investigator didn't believe the testimony of the council that funds were under the management of the Executive Council of Salem GADSDA, even though he was provid-

ed with proof (meeting minutes) and the signatures of all council members in a certified letter.

The judge reviewed the evidence and dismissed the case. Jirair has now appealed the higher court, The Court of Appeals (an appellate court) and we now will have to go through more legal proceedings. We are asking for prayers and donations for our legal defense.

Honorary Council Members Wanted:

The Salem Association is currently looking for members who would like to serve as an honorary council member. This position was created by the pioneers to train future council members and give them the experience they need to do the job effectively. Please contact Sister Judy & Sister Hall for more information.

Brother Adair Update:

Brother Adair is doing well. The former assisted-living facility he was in had to release him from their care because of the court case subpoenaing their staff and the endless calls and harassment they received from Jirair and Kerr. The Oconee Sheriff's department also said they received hundreds of phone calls on a weekly basis from the aforementioned parties, all to try to steal the POA from Sister Judy.

Indeed, we had to deal with them sending registered mail to the poor pioneer, whose ability to reason effectively is severely diminished from his disease. They even sent a sheriff to deliver their POA to be signed by Brother Adair, but Brother Adair, satisfied with his situation just set the papers aside and told those in his hearing that he was happy to be under Sister Judy's care once again!

Sister Judy has faithfully has made sure that Brother Adair is properly fed, ordered new clothes for him for the wintertime, assists with his personal care, and even shaves his whiskers.

His memory is steadily failing him and he often gets confused and has hallucinations. Please continue to pray for him and those assisting in his care.

9 Behaviors You Must Avoid

(In Order to Get the Seal)

We are going over the message originally given in Timely Greetings Volume 1, Number 7, starting on page 4 and Answerer Volume 1, pages 37 and 38:

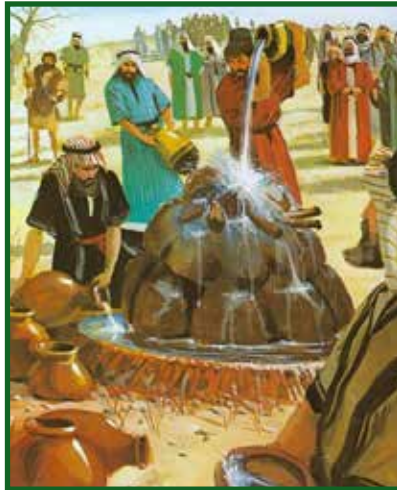
Preface: In Timely Greetings Vol. 1 Number 7, Brother Houteff endeavors to answer the above question and starts his address to Davidians by revealing that many individuals have written him, asking **what will make them "eligible to receive the seal of God"**. His answer reveals (on p. 3) that **the only parallel we can look to which was given as an "ensample" are the Israelites at a specific time, "those who left Egypt and started for the Promised Land"**.

Let us read:

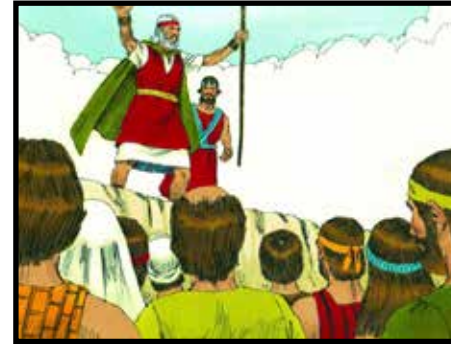
Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, #7 pages 4, 5:

"We are now to find out why some of them went into the promised land, and why others did not go in, for this is what Inspiration commands us to do. This scripture implies that if the experiences of ancient Israel had not been for ensamples, they would never have been written. How important, then, that we diligently study them.

"Yes, in order for us to know what we must do or must not do to receive the seal and to enter into the Promised Land, we must examine the deeds of both those who entered it and of those who were left out of it.



A depiction of Elijah at Mount Carmel



Moses was the human agent, the visible leader of the movement.

"Let us begin our examination by starting with Moses, with the human agent, the visible leader of the movement. Reared in the courts of Pharaoh, he received the highest education the world then offered. And having understood that he was the one to free his brethren from Egyptian bondage, he felt quite capable for the job.

"You remember the story of how he started out to deliver them although he was not yet told to do so. He killed an Egyptian, fell into a quarrel with one of the Hebrews, and then fled for his life.

"So it was that in Midian he obtained a job, became a shepherd, and married his employer's daughter. During those forty years of shepherd's life he forgot the Egyptian language, and with it the Egyptian learning. In its place, though, he learned to tend well to sheep.

"He therefore dismissed from his mind the idea of ever delivering the people of God from their Egyptian bondage. Then it was that God saw him strong and well able, and commanded him to go back to Egypt and to bring out of it His groaning people.

"You recall that Moses protested against the idea and argued that he had failed at his first attempt, the time he was young and well-informed and that at that late hour of his life he was not trying again, that he could no longer even speak the language.



Moses' preparation and readiness to lead were in God's time and providence.

"After a prolonged conversation God removed his objections by promising to give him his brother, Aaron, to be his spokesman, and Moses finally consented to return to Egypt.

"There with his shepherd's rod he performed many signs and wonders before both the Egyptians and the Hebrews. And you remember what took place the night of the Passover, the night before they left Egypt:

"Moses had proclaimed throughout the land that in every dwelling where no blood was found on the doorpost, that very night the firstborn in each such dwelling would die.

"Those who disobeyed the Divine injunction, were, on the day following busily moaning and burying their dead, while those who obeyed the command were joyously and orderly marching out of the cities. Yes, only those who were able to take orders were made free from slavery."

"It is, therefore, a prerequisite that we learn to take orders if we are to receive the seal of God in our foreheads."

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Reading on to pages 6-8, Brother Houteff, while objectively reviewing the experience of the Israelites as they encounter more difficulties on their way to the Promised Land, gives practical advice on behaviors we should avoid:

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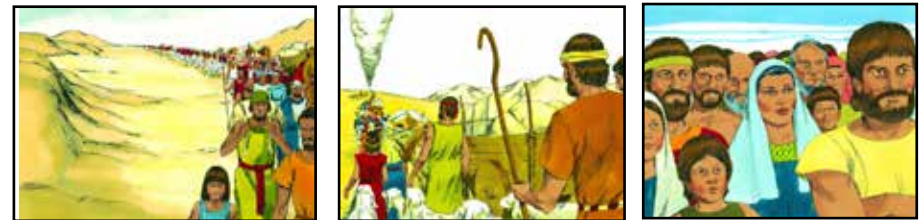
"Having their failures before us, we should make them our stepping stones to success. Let us therefore wholeheartedly believe that God is in charge of our salvation, of our lives and of our death, too.

"That He is able to take us to safety even if the earth should drop out of space, that we cannot die if He wants us alive, and that we cannot live if He wants us dead.

"Let us ever bear in mind that we of ourselves know nothing about God's plans except as told through His appointed servants, the prophets, and as we

witness them day by day. If we daily walk with God, if we commit all to Him, then the responsibility is all His.

"God, in His wisdom, brought Israel to the Red Sea for their own good, and though they could not see it His way, He nevertheless for His Name's sake divided the sea, took them safely across, and at the same time, by the same miracle, He destroyed their enemies!



God brought the Israelites through the Red Sea for their own good; they had many trials ahead.

"Had Moses been as doubtful of God's power and leadership as were the people that were with him, what effect would his rod have had as he struck the sea with it? – None whatsoever. If the Judgment of the Infinite were the same as the judgment of the finite, then Pharaoh's army would have either killed or enslaved Israel anew.

Their mighty deliverances should, therefore, forever establish our confidence in God, and should stand as everlasting memorials that the wisdom of men is foolishness with God, and that faith in Him does actually remove mountains and seas, too.

Behavior to Avoid # 1: Putting God into a Box & Making our Judgment Supreme

"Notwithstanding these ensamples, though, men still expect God to work in accordance with their judgment, and that is why sometimes He uses children in His work instead of wise and prudent men.

Behavior to Avoid # 2: Forgetting Providences & Miracles of the Past

"The Hebrew host well knew that they were led to the sea by following the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Yet none of these wonders seemed to have made any lasting impression on them. There is a danger that we, too, may forget the way the Lord has led us.

"After Israel crossed the sea, and after the sea closed in on their enemies, they all sang and gave God the glory, but though Pharaoh's army and the sea were no longer objects of fear but of interest, their trials, doubts, and fears were not yet at an end:

Behavior to Avoid #3: Recrimination of (making retaliatory accusations) God Leaders

"Almost immediately after they saw the sea behind and the desert ahead they began to **recriminate** Moses for having brought them into the desert to starve there for want of water and food. It never entered their minds that if God can dry the sea, He can certainly flood the desert and make it blossom as a rose. Notwithstanding their doubts and their moanings God again performed an even greater miracle: He caused water to gush out of the rock and He brought manna from Heaven!

Behaviors to Avoid #4 & 5: Inconsistency, Lack of Faith

"Today as in Moses' day many are duplicating the sins of that people: Some are all on fire one day, and all on ice the next. Others praise God to the top of their voices while their ship is smoothly sailing, but when the sea becomes rough and the waves start beating against them, then they see only a man at the wheel and rather than expecting God to calm the sea they begin to hunt for a jumping off place.

Behaviors to Avoid # 6-9: Self-Promotion, Fault-finding, Office Seeking & Complaining

"Still others are constantly trying to promote themselves by continual fault-finding against the ones that bear the whole burden of the load.

So it is that there must be among us today – **antitypical doubters, complainers, office seekers, and faultfinders,** admitting one great truth one day and forgetting it the next day – yet expecting to be sealed with the seal of God and to stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion!"
end of quote

We must understand that these people; the complainers, the fault finders, office seekers, and those who recriminate our leaders (making retaliatory accusations) are in our midst as we speak. These are great evils that we must search out and eliminate from ourselves; all evil surmising is a hindrance to the work of God.

From the prophet himself, we know that we cannot get the seal while practicing these things.

We are also warned to not expect God to work according to our finite wisdom, from being short-sighted and forgetting all that He has done for us in the past. This is nothing short of vainly attempting to control the way God moves. And how can we tell when we are doing this? -When we get frustrated and become discouraged! This inevitably leads to sin if we stay in this place of self-exaltation.

Besides, when we do this, we are missing out, -perhaps missing out on the biggest miracles God wants to work within our lives!

Above all, we must learn the lesson of taking orders. Yes, as Christians we all know we must be obedient to God. This has become a saying that many of us say but do not do.

Some harp on obedience to God while actively undermining the institutions and order that He has ordained in these last days to His people, the 144,000 and those sealed with them.

We Must Remember:

"Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in the ideas, theories, and habits, and practices." (1 TG 10:19, 192).

Brother Houteff himself laid out the importance and sequence of the

establishment of God's organization (Headquarters) in the Answerer
Vol. 1 pp. 37, 38 under the heading "WHY THE NEED OF REVIVAL AND REFORMATION?"



Read on:

"In these inspired statements, three facts stand out in bold relief: (1) God sends this clarion call first to the ministers, and then to the laity; (2) He makes a positive declaration that He will spue out of His mouth all who fail to give heed to it, and to enter into a "spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation"; and (3) He makes clear that such a movement means "a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices." Clearly, then, the church must experience a threefold change before she can ever look forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," going "forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer:--Prophets and Kings, p. 725.

"God is to rule in His church now as He did in Moses' time: 'The government of Israel was characterized by the most thorough organization, wonderful alike for its completeness and its simplicity. The order so strikingly displayed in the perfection and arrangement of all God's created works was manifest in the Hebrew economy.



We are to pattern ourselves after God's governmental rule as is written in our constitution, The Leviticus of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists.

'God was the center of authority, and government, the sovereign of Israel. Moses stood as their visible leader, by God's appointment to administer the laws in his name. From the elders of the tribes a council of seventy was afterward chosen to assist Moses in the general affairs of the nation.

"Next came the priests, who consulted the Lord in the sanctuary. Chiefs, or princes, ruled over the tribes. Under these were 'captains over thousands,

and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens; and lastly, officers who might be employed for special duties.'--Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 374.

"If 'the same principles of piety and justice that were to guide the rulers among God's people in the time of Moses and of David, were also to be followed by those given the oversight of the newly organized church of God in the gospel dispensation' (Acts of the Apostles, p. 95), and if man cannot improve upon God's governmental rule, then why should we not pattern after it? Hence the need of 'a revival and a reformation.'

"As restorers of every Divine institution, we are glad to announce to the readers of Present Truth, that besides the literature of "revival," they may now also obtain that of "reformation," our organizational publication, **The Leviticus of The Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.**" (end of quote) Did you read that right? The literature of "revival" is found in this message, on the printed page of our publications, but the key to "reformation" is found in **The Leviticus of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists.**

And what is in The Leviticus of D.S.D.A? It is our Constitution, how we should run the organization of GADSDA, -the Headquarters, as it outlines how we should govern ourselves.

Brethren, we have literally been given a handbook on how to conduct ourselves (personally and organizationally) as Davidians who are eligible to receive the seal.

No, we need not run from association to association, carried by every wind of doctrine. We literally are to find out and know where the true Headquarters lie, and once there, it is our duty to uphold the pattern given.

This is hard thing to understand, I know because I once was such a one who did not understand where I was supposed to be as Davidian. I did not understand the history of God's people. I did not understand the march of Truth even within present truth believers.

No, we cannot go into the kingdom without becoming organized beforehand. Why would we be given houses we didn't build and receive the

assets of the church, and the kingdom to manage if we had no experience in governing ourselves?

And how could we build God's organization, -Headquarters, if every individual branched off and began yet another association or independent organization? For this reason, the cause of God and the work suffers.

Support is siphoned off to self-promoters, office seekers, doubters, and complainers.

If Brother Houteff had to deal with this when he was alive, as did Moses, and Joshua, and every patriarch and prophet since the beginning of time, how are we to be exempt? And even though we are not, we have been given a manuscript on how to run God's organization so that mistakes need not be made.

Summary Fact: The multiplicity of sects in Davidia are traced to those who have "created a difference" between brethren with variations of doctrine -based on opinion or an interpretation that departs from or goes further than what is written in the Rod.

In Counsels to Writers & Editors, the prophet of the Lord says that this phenomenon to "bring differences... before the brethren" would bring a "state of things" that "you do not dream of".

Read the quote:

"Bring No Differences Into General Meetings—To bring these differences into our general conferences is a mistake; it should not be done. There are those who do not go deep, who are not Bible students, who will take positions decidedly for or against, grasping at apparent evidence; yet it may not be truth, and to take differences into our conferences where the differences become widespread, thus sending forth all through the fields various ideas, one in opposition to the other, is not God's plan, but at once raises questionings, doubts whether we have the truth, whether after all we are not mistaken and in error. CW 76.2

"The Reformation was greatly retarded by making prominent differences on some points of faith and each party holding tenaciously to those things where they differed. We shall see eye to eye ere long, but to become firm

and consider it your duty to present your views in decided opposition to the faith or truth as it has been taught by us as a people, is a mistake, and will result in harm, and only harm, as in the days of Martin Luther. Begin to draw apart and feel at liberty to express your ideas without reference to the views of your brethren, and a state of things will be introduced that you do not dream of. CW 76.3

Differing Views on Minor Points—My husband had some ideas on some points differing from the views taken by his brethren. I was shown that however true his views were, God did not call for him to put them in front before his brethren and create differences of ideas. While he might hold these views subordinate himself, once [they are] made public, minds would seize [upon them], and just because others believe differently would make these differences the whole burden of the message, and get up contention and variance. CW 76.4 *end of quote*

Adding to the testimony of Sister White, Brother Houteff writes that Davidians will not be deceived where the Laodiceans were -in believing there was no more light, instead they would be deceived that are "poor in truth".

Quote: Symbolic Code, Volume 11, #2 page 11

"Now we really are enriched with Truth if we have studied and assimilated what has been given us, for we have had made available to us the "gold that is tried in the fire" that we might be rich, the "eyesalve" that we "might see," and the "raiment" with which we may be covered (Rev. 3), and the "extra oil" that our way might be lighted (Matt. 25). Therefore the Devil is not going to attack us where he attacked Laodiceans, but he will tell us that we are poor in Truth. He will do this in almost any way."
end of quote

Isn't this the state of things as we see them now? Has not the movement been plagued with those who have seen "new light", which after being closely examined, is really the result of "sparks of their own kindling"? This is always followed by a need to break away from the organization and start a new movement with them, of course, at the head!

We must understand that the anti-typical Elijah that precedes the "great and

dreadful day of the Lord” was fulfilled by Brother Victor Houteff and none other. It is this Heaven-sent message borne by Brother Houteff, that truly restores all things.

Moving into Leadership Clarifies the Eyesight of Salem Lay Member

I can see clearly, Brethren, when God called me back into the work. I can see the barriers and obstacles that I once was blind to because I had not the burden to bear.

I was with the Association since I was in my twenties. I am now in my 40s. I did not agree with everything the previous leadership did or how they did things, but I never usurped this leadership, nor did I leave God’s organization during troubling times. I stuck with it because I did not see a man as my leader but God working through His organization, -however frail the human instrumentalities He was using. I continued to pay my tithes because I knew this was a commandment of God to support the work. That is why I have been able to stay no matter what it looks like because I know God is at the helm of this ship!

I know in Whom I have believed.

Since I have been involved, I have seen many Davidians look at the Association as an opportunity. An opportunity to lead, to have an office, to gain something, -property, assets, or a following. Some have tried to combine it with their ideas of an already existing ministry, but this is not man’s work; it is God’s. I repeat, this is not a man’s ministry, it is even the message of the Loud Cry of Third Angel’s Message, Ezekiel’s river! God will take the reins in His own Hands. Any attempt to unite the sacred with the common will all be in vain. These attempts at control or gain are truly shameful, but Brethren; **it is not new.**

We have a guide to keep us from such evils, and it is found in the bylaws of our organization, **The Leviticus of D.S.D.A** and Salem’s additional bylaws which are allowable by the aforementioned document.

In summary, Brothers and Sisters, the type says that none of the people

who engage in these above-mentioned behaviors will **enter the Promised Land/Kingdom or receive the seal.**

Although this is a sad and solemn reality, we should not let our faith in God’s work be shaken because of false ones among us. God did not call any who have such ulterior motives.

This was proven right before my eyes as the leadership of the Association had to be transferred from Brother Adair and Sister Marilyn to others.

Everything that happened, happened for a reason.

We thought we would pick the leadership because of outward credentials, but God brought those of His choosing (through Providential circumstances) out of obscurity to us in the U.S. and put them at the head of the work. Why did God choose Brother Obi & Presley? Because they had proven themselves faithful in their country (but one day whether from the U.S. or abroad, we will all be in the kingdom together).

Brothers & Sisters, these brethren left their former association (New York) and built the work from a group of three men to over 150 members in our Zambia-South Africa division! This is not to boast or brag on the might of men, but the results of their tenacity, hard work, and willingness to work under the unction of the Holy Spirit to build the Association according to the “revival” (written message) and “reformation” (the Leviticus) is what qualifies them to lead.

I hope that someone who has been wavering will be strengthened. I pray that someone who needs to know will know for a certainty.

We Davidians cannot, with one hand embrace being revived (through the Shepherd’s Rod publications) from our Laodiceanism, and with the other hand reject God’s order and organization (Salem Headquarters governed by the **Leviticus of D.S.D.A.) -the reformation.** To do so is rebellion against that which God has ordained to complete the gospel work!

God can work and does through an organization, much like we believe the SDA church is our “mother” (church), we need to understand and know who we are to be as an organization. We Davidians are not to be “here or there”;

but we are to be together -speaking the same thing, believing the same thing, as one!

John Chapter 17 verses 21 through 23:

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

"A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. 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 the spiritual death. Reformation signifies reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend."—Ellen G. White, Christian Service, pages 41, 42. So now, more than ever, we need to make our calling and election sure by reading every line of this Heaven-borne message and no longer straddling on the fence.

The Salem Association still stands as God’s Headquarters, dispensing present truth and continuing its work to prepare the saints of God to be sealed and enter into the Kingdom. Amen!!

HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: THE SYMBOLIC CODE

Introduction: The Symbolic Code was used as the “official organ” of the organization. There were reports from the field, letters from Brother Houteff to the people, questions and answers financial reports, updates of the building progress, and even open rebukes of problematic behaviors at Mount Carmel. These are recorded for us now, so that we could understand that even in those days, there are many parallels to the issues we now face. We should be encouraged that these barriers are not insurmountable. This also proves that nothing we have been through is new. Considering the changes the Association has gone through during the transition to new leadership, we find it prudent to reprint Brother Houteff’s dealing with the same issues we have seen. Sometimes, when people experience proximity to Mount Carmel, they can begin to judge what God is doing when “He takes the reins in His own hands”. This is why the workers constantly need the “divine touch” so that they can work harmoniously with each other and in harmony with the Holy Spirit.

Reprint: Symbolic Code, Volume 4, #4-9



Let the Wicked Forsake

“Mt. Carmel finds it impossible to carry out man’s plans and the Lord’s at the same time. Hence, those who have made their own plans and who come to Mt. Carmel Center, become disheartened and disappointed as soon as they find the work being carried on contrary to their own plans. --{4SC49 3.1}

“Consequently, the first question that arises in their mind is, What is the matter with Mt. Carmel? --{4SC49 3.2}

"This may be the result of several conditions. First, because the newcomers are accustomed to do things in an entirely different way than the Lord's way; second, because they cannot realize that the Lord is "taking the reins in His own hands;" third, because they find Mt. Carmel doing things "contrary to any human planning" ("Testimonies to Ministers," p. 300); fourth, because they often think that Mt. Carmel expects too much of them when they join her working force. But if Mt. Carmel Center is not to be different from any other institution in the world, then the world would have no need of it. --{4SC49 3.3}

"Therefore, let all Present Truth believers reform by walking in the light of the Lord instead of in their own, for we are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that "reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices."--"Review and Herald," Feb. 25, 1902. (Quoted from, "Christ Our Righteousness," p. 154.) {4SC49 3.4}

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55:7 through 9.)

"The Truth Shall Make You Free"

"The terrible bondage in which the enemy places his followers is well illustrated by the following incident related by one of our correspondents. --{4SC49 6.1}

"This sister states that after studying the message contained in "The Shepherd's Rod," and finding it to be the message of the hour, she decided to connect with the work at Mt. Carmel Center. But she, like many others, did not fully understand that this Mount Carmel, like the one in Elijah's day, is a testing ground for modern Israel. Therefore, **she allowed some of the things she did not understand to disconnect her from the work.** --{4SC49 6.2}

"After leaving her post of duty, she seemed to be successful in her efforts for a while, during which time her mind began to fill with doubts concerning the truthfulness of the message, consequently bringing her to the

place where she began to labor assiduously to prove "The Shepherd's Rod" wrong. Though the Lord permitted her to have apparent success for a short time, yet He soon turned her over to the one whose suggestions she was following, and for no known reason, humanly speaking, she was compelled to discontinue her work because of a complete physical and mental break down. {4SC49 6.3}

"For a little over a year this condition continued until her body had almost wasted away and her mind was practically gone. {4SC49 6.4}

"An old time friend who had recently accepted the sealing message, and a few other believers of Present Truth, at once began to pray for the restoration of this afflicted sister, and God in His mercy heard their prayer, and she stated in a letter that she was completely delivered "from the hands of the Devil." {4SC49 6.5}

"The happy, part of this whole experience lies in the fact that this sister, snatched from the clutches of the evil one, recognizes her mistake and is again rejoicing in the message, declaring that it is now more beautiful to her than ever before. May the Lord keep her from backsliding again. {4SC49 6.6}

"This should be a burning warning to all of us who are inclined to doubt and 'criticize everything in the unfolding of truth.' {4SC49 6.7}

"May the Lord save all Present Truth believers from the sad experience through which this sister has just passed!" {4SC49 6.8}

End of Quote

THE EAST GATE OF THE LORD'S HOUSE & Ezekiel's River

The basis for this study is found in Ezekiel chapter 47, the flow of Ezekiel's River:

47:1 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.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

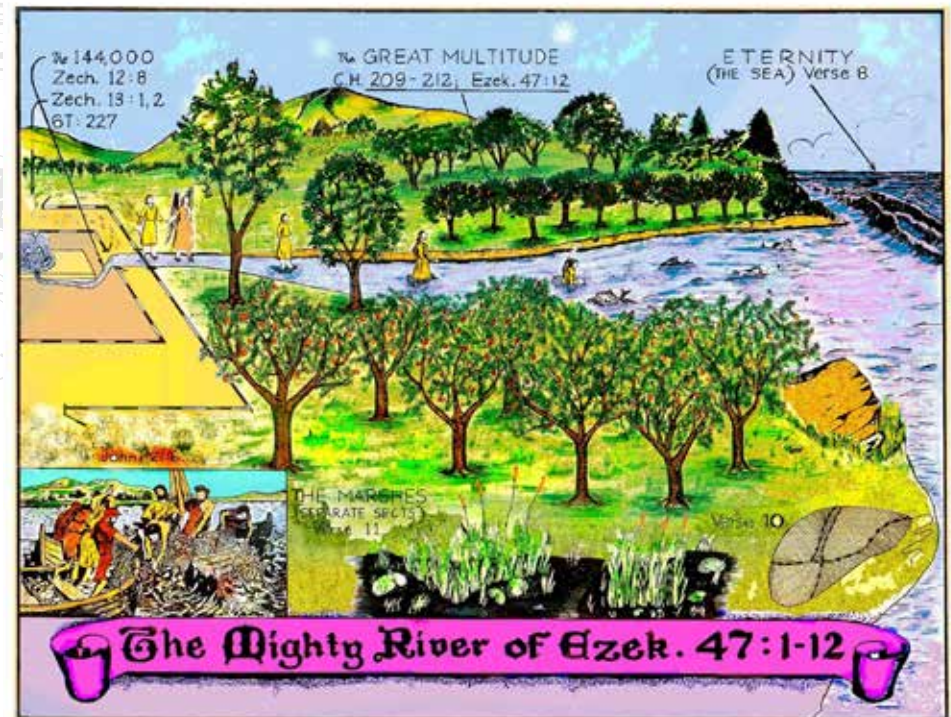
6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.



11 But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

To determine the **east gate of the house**, we must view from the inspired writings, the locations where the Lord indicated His house should be. We will first determine the **country** -then the location of God's true headquarters.

AMERICA THE CENTER OF GOD'S WORK

"It [America] is located to John in the symbol of the two-horned beast's coming up, not out of the sea, but "out of the earth" (Rev. 13:11), the only place where trees naturally grow. And as according to Daniel 4:20-22, trees are figurative of rulers, therefore the trees in this instance represent "the ancient men...before the house" (Ezek. 9:6) -- a fact which reveals that in this period, the church's headquarters are in the two-horned beast's dominion -- the New World, "the earth." {8Tr. 24.2} (brackets added)

America being very rich and productive the prophet adds:

"The land of Goshen stands as a symbol of the United States of America in which the church came into

existence. While our country is productive like the land of Goshen, the richest in the world, and a Protestant nation, it is the best for missionary work, for it is made up of all nations, and therefore like the land of Goshen, the most productive in Egypt (the world)." {1SR 76.1}

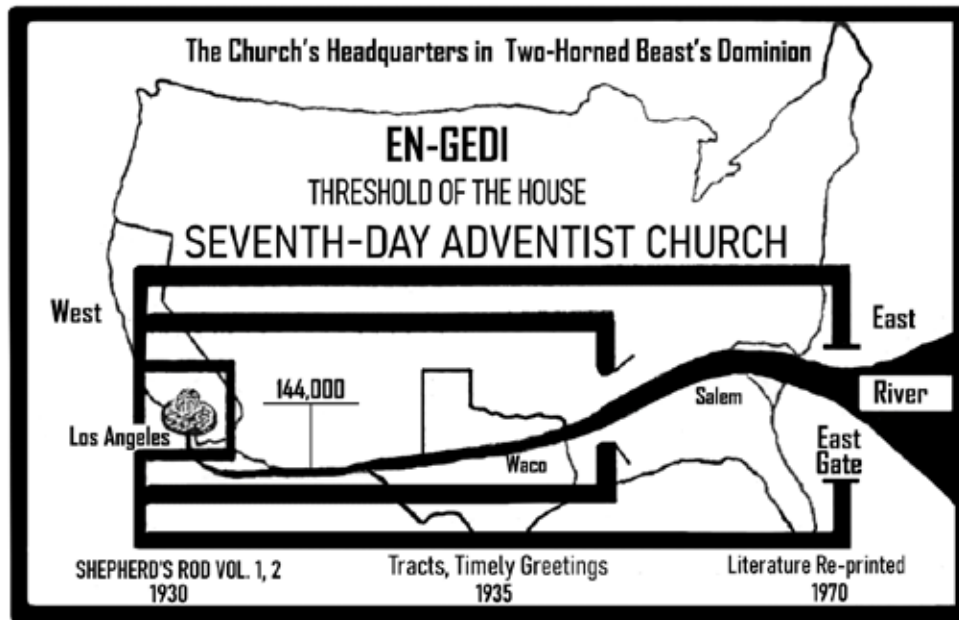
"The house of Jacob to which God is here speaking is again identified by the fact that it dwells in a land that is full of silver, of gold, and of chariots, that there is no end to the number of them. Since there is no land in all God's world that is as rich with silver, gold and motor vehicular traffic as is this land of the United States of America, very obviously America, the land where the headquarters of the gospel is, is the land to which God refers." {1TG 5:9.4}



"The land of Canaan represents the land into which the church at this present time came into existence; namely, the **United States of America...The United States is composed of strangers; people from many nations, and races.**" {1SR 158.0}

“...it is the best for missionary work, for it is made up of all nations...{1SR 76.1}

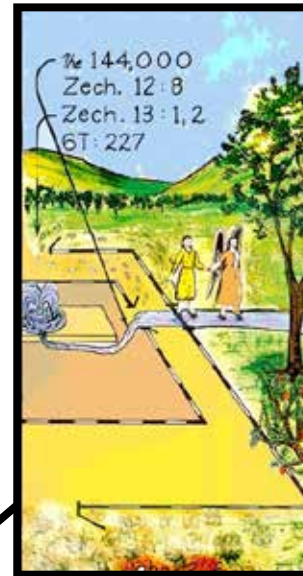
Due to America's melting pot of cultures, freedom of religion, and growing prominence on the world stage, God determined that it would be the country to house His church and the hub of where His truth will be dispersed. A closer view of Ezekiel's river combined with the historical movement of the headquarters will help us determine where God's true headquarters is today. These changes coincide with the flow of Ezekiel's river and with the movements of God's invisible chariot.



This chart is a representation of a portion of [chart 18](#) (pictured on next page); the three inner black lines (boxes) reflect the three different headquarter locations during the sealing of the 144,000 from Engedi [The SDA Church]-represented by the stream before it becomes a river. The Loud Cry occurs as the stream becomes a river and leaves the “utter” east gate. The prophetic symbol reveals that this stream moving eastward represented the flow of truth and the movements of its Headquarters.

FLOW OF EZEKIEL'S RIVER/ LORD'S HOUSE FACES THE EAST

Ezek. 47:1: “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.”



“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... they [waters] come from the throne of God, for It is “in the sides of the north.” (Isa. 14:14; Psa. 48:2; 75:6.)” {*Shepherd's Rod* Volume 2, page 292}

“This direction of the compass denotes that the message of the “loud cry” is to start eastward when it is first revealed. The church membership being largely east of California and across the Atlantic, naturally the message must start toward the east. This symbolical prophecy reveals that the message of the “loud cry” is to originate in California.” {2SR 297.0}

Chart 18 above has two parts to it; the diagram and the picture part. The diagram part represents the SDA

church in the USA during the sealing before the purification whereas the other part of the river represents the world in the time of loud cry. The chart applies both to the church and the world and before and after the slaughter. The diagram (to the far left) represents the church now before purification and the river represents the church in the loud cry. Therefore, it has a dual application; it cannot be strictly applied to the time of the kingdom as some wish to believe.

Let us continue to follow the origin of the water or stream.

Note that the prophet places both the altar and the fountain at the same place where the stream starts from, the west side of America. Therefore, California is where the altar stands and where the message originated from, as well as being the forefront of the house facing east.

THE STREAM REPRESENTS THE 144,000

The stream flowing in the diagram (SDA church) from the fountain to the east gate of the Lord's house represents the first fruits, the 144,000.

“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. ‘There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.’ (Psa. 46:4, 5.)”

{*Shepherd's Rod*, Volume 2 page 298}

“...the waters came from the south side of the altar, and then went toward the east...”

GOD ARRIVES ON HIS INVISIBLE THRONE

Initially, the waters came from the north -God's throne, flowing south then east. The fact that waters started from the north signifies that God is the One directing its' flow. As the Lord in His chariot commanded antitypical Ezekiel to bear the message to the church, the publication of the message began in 1930, and the first headquarters was established in **California**.

“The fact, therefore, that from the chariot, the Lord commands the prophet to go speak, bear the message, to His people, and that the message totals over 1250 pages of literature published since 1930, unfolding its truth from different angles, solemnly reveals that the chariot, though invisible to human beings (as to “the young man” were the chariots which covered the mountains -- 2 Kings 6:17), has already arrived. And since it is already here, it must of course be the divine instrumentality through which, as a sort of base of operations, the Lord is ordering and directing His work, and through which He shall do so until “this gospel of the kingdom...be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and...the end come.” {1Tr. 37.2}

How solemn it is that **God Himself** would descend to

earth to deliver a message should urge upon men its' importance and urgency. Pointedly, it is only the people sacrificing and receiving from Him at the altar, partaking of this cleansing fountain, obeying His every direction in the movement, and staying in the flow of the stream that "will be healed—forgiven of their sins".

THE ROD LITERATURE IS WHAT HEALS US & RESTORES ALL THINGS

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In other words, our healing is only gained by strictly adhering to the Rod literature and to the Leviticus. This is what brings true revival and reformation and the "restoration of all things", the work of Elijah.

"Thus he is, as the Scriptures say, to blow the trumpet in Zion, and to sound an alarm in God's holy mountain, in the church. In doing all this, he sets in motion the power that is to restore all things. Hence Christ's positive declaration: "Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things." Matt. 17:11. Inevitably, then, without his message we would die in our ignorance and in our sins -- never live to see the restoration completed. *General Conference Special* p.19-20

Seeing that we are the last generation, the Lord Himself descended to direct in this last reformatory message so that we may be "restored" and "healed from all sin and uncleanness" before we meet him face to face.

Listening to anyone advocating that "another living prophet is needed" to finish off the work that Brother Houteff started, or listening to any others' private interpretations will cause the souls' eternal ruin.

MANY WILL BE DECEIVED—A PROMINENT SIGN OF THE LAST DAYS

We must be very cautious adhering only to what is written in the Rod, as Jesus warns:

"Take heed that no man deceive you". Matthew 24:4

When Jesus was giving His disciples the signs before His second coming, the very first warning sign he gives them is "deception". He saw that deception will overtake many Christians, so much so that He warns them three times in the same setting on the Mt of Olives. Matthew 24:4,5,11. He gave this same explicit warning to our pioneer Davidians and to Davidians today:

"For many shall come in my name...and deceive many."
Matt 24:5

These deceivers won't say that they are Christ because they know Davidians will not buy that. However, they

pose as Christs' representatives whenever they are using His Words to deceive, ensnare and promote their selfish agendas:

“Many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many.”

Matt 24:11 Elijah further warns in the Rod:

“Every wind of doctrine will be blowing, false revivals and reformations will be at their peak. Everything that can be done will be done to distort the Truth and thus distract and dishearten believers and draw their attention to something other than the message of Elijah.

“Thus will be the Devil's deal while the day of God is approaching, and while Elijah is making the announcement of it as the scroll unrolls and while the prophecies concerning the day of God are being unsealed. His work and his interpretation of the prophecies for the great day will identify him as the promised Elijah the prophet (“Testimonies to Ministers,” p. 475), General Conference Special 7 and this will enrage the Devil as never before. p.8

This last message will bring Satan to his end. He will do all in his power to destroy, divide and deceive those who accept and bear the message, despite the Rod saying many times that Elijah is the last prophet who came to warn us of the “great and dreadful day of the Lord”.

“This surely confirms the conclusion that since Elijah is to herald the great day, he can therefore be the only one

who will rightly interpret the prophecies of the day...

“To re-emphasize the fact, let it be said again that being the last of the prophets, Elijah is, therefore, the only one who can open to our understanding all the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the great and dreadful day of the Lord -- prophecies which heretofore have been only mysteries to all.” {*General Conference Special*, page 19.}

Nevertheless, one's only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely Truth and authority to whom one may turn. Any others will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition. {*General Conference Special* p.8}

Yes, these deceivers and their victims taking a distracted course will certainly miss out on their salvation.

SEPARATE SECTS, INDEPENDENT MINISTRIES—WILL NOT BE HEALED

One does not have to look far. Many Davidians have started their own groups and are misinterpreting and misapplying doctrine. Others are even claiming that they are the living prophet Elijah. There are some Davidian teachers who have broken off from the Association after they get new converts along with their tithes. These deceptive Davidians and their followers are offshoots, and as such cannot remain in the flow of the stream

and river. Consequently, they will “not be healed” as depicted by the **marshes and salt pits on Ezekiel's River chart**.



The marshes that turn into salt pits depict the denominations and separate sects that will not get in the stream/river and consequently, will not be healed (receive eternal life),

“Note that the reason the waters are healed, is because they are “brought forth into the sea.” ... As the river is brought into the sea, it denotes that the saints shall come in contact with the eternal nations who know not sin, and being “brought forth,” we must be “healed” before we meet each other! The facts of this symbol prove that this is the last section of God's church -- the church that shall be translated without tasting death!” {*Shepherd's Rod*, Vol 2, page 295}

Many Davidians today will simply lose out for failing to worship at the altar of truth and follow the stream to the river then onto the sea (eternity). [See the first chart #18](#)

“But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.” (Ezek. 47:11.)

The “marshes” and the “miry places” represent denominations and sects separate of the “mighty river,” and that they shall not be saved, or healed. “Turned to salt,” means eternally lost, as was Lot's wife. “And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.... Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot.... Remember Lot's wife.” (Luke 17:26, 28, 32.) {*Shepherd's Rod Vol 2, p.295*}

May the Lord have mercy on His people!! May we turn from our evil ways and flow with the stream before it is everlasting too late.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EAST GATE LOCATION

To gain a better understanding of where the east gate is located, let us view the chart below relating to the message (waters, peoples) starting in America (two horn beast territory) in the west (California), and flowing towards the east.

Shepherd's Rod Volume 2, page 298:

“The diagram on the [chart](#), page 294 (pictured above), 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. 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.” {2SR 298.0}

A summary review the diagram chart in America pictured

1. The altar and the fountain in the sanctuary is the flow of sacrifice and truth
2. God's headquarters (HQ) must be located in America, starting west, in California
3. The message must go to the SDA church (Engedi) first, then to the world (Engelaim)
4. The second HQ location moved eastward to the middle of the USA, Waco, Texas
5. The third HQ location moved to the far east of America, Salem, South Carolina

Therefore, the east gate of the Lord's house would be in the east side of America where God has His third and last headquarters for the sealing message. (The [Davidian History Timeline](#) article will give more details of the association's history).

“For the forefront of the house stood towards the east.” (Ezek. 47:1.)

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

“The position of the house proves that it represents a true worship, for thus God's chosen people were instructed to build their temples. Israel worshipped God with their backs toward the east to remind them that they

should have no respect for sun worship and idolatry.” {2 *Shepherd's Rod* p.296}

So it is, this last message will break down idolatry and sin as it is carried eastward and will continue to do so at the east gate, until the purification of the church. Afterwards, it flows to the far east (to the kingdom) where it will continue to tear down all remaining idolatry. Therefore this message must be given only by the 144,000 and those sealed with them, a pure group of people giving an unadulterated message.

“Daniel reveals that the Sanctuary is to be cleansed not only from sinners, but from doctrinal error, too...” 2 *Timely Greetings* 42:32:2

To explain Daniel 8:13, 14 (please read), the prophet explains as well as the angel:

“The daily, the desolation, also the Sanctuary and the host pertain to the doctrines and the people. Both are to be cleansed. And the angel explained that the cleansing of the Sanctuary (cleansing it from both error and hypocrisy) will take place after the 2300 days.” {2 *Timely Greetings* 42:32-33}

This is the reason why His Majesty visited the earth in his invisible chariot, landed in America in 1929, went into the church and gave the message of the “judgment of the living” to antitypical Ezekiel. God Himself will direct

in this purifying process, in the “great and dreadful day of the Lord”.

The waters issue out from the west toward the east across America, and then moved on eastward to the kingdom. And the chariot of the Lord, being His base of operations (invisible headquarters), also moved toward the east side of America. And when it has mounted up back to heaven, it will leave the survivors (144,000) standing at the east gate of the Lord's house, the Salem Headquarters (the base of operations).

“And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight;...and everyone stood at the door of the east gate of the House of the Lord.” Ezekiel 10:19

Brother Houteff clarifies that the cherubims mounted up from the earth after the slaughter, and the saints were standing at the east gate, the third Headquarters location. He further states this is the chariot that Jesus translates the saints:

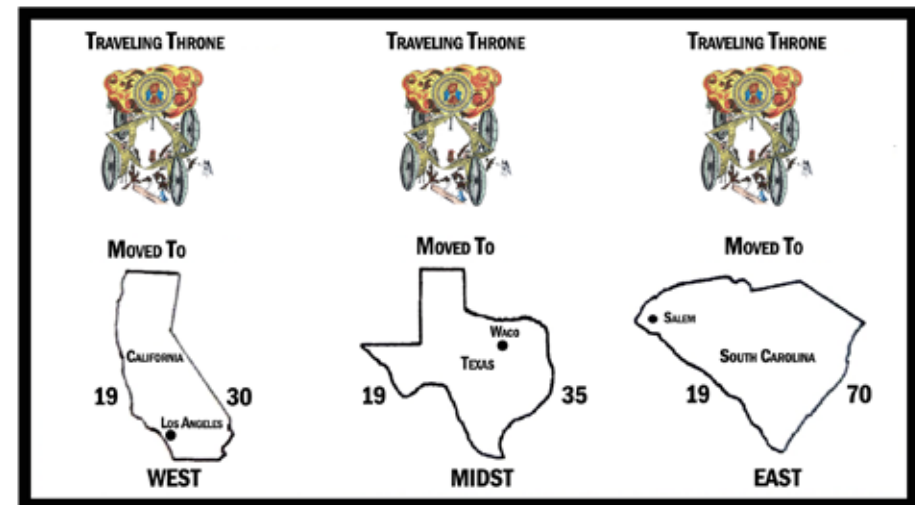
Quote:

“Following the completion of the “slaughter,” and just preceding the scattering of the “coals of fire” (absolute purity of heart, effected by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit... Gospel Workers p 23) “over the city,” “the cherubims stood on the right side of the house,...and the cloud filled the inner court.” Ezek. 10:2, 3. Later

they “lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight,” says the prophet. Ezek. 10:19. Then subsequently he saw them again “lift up their wings” (Ezek. 11:22, 23), showing that though they had departed after the separation took place (Ezek. 10:3, 19), they had later returned, and were now departing for the second time.” 1 Tract 39

“The Lord's being “over them [the cherubim] above,” signifies that this is the living chariot in which He, their Saviour, is subsequently to translate the saints. And “on each side of the cloudy chariot,” echoes the Spirit of Prophecy, “were wings, and beneath it were living wheels; and as the chariot rolled upward, the wheels cried, ‘Holy,’ and the wings, as they moved, cried, ‘Holy,’ and the retinue of holy angels around the cloud cried, ‘Holy holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!’ and the saints in the cloud cried ‘Glory! Alleluia!’ “ -- , p. 287.

*end of quote



The Salem Headquarters remains the only association teaching *all truth in* the prophetic location. Accordingly, when the time comes, the saints of God will be waiting at the east gate (The Headquarters) to board the LORD's chariot to go to the Kingdom!

To learn more about God's traveling throne, the Dardanelles of the Bible, click [here](#).

Isaiah 60 speaks of this glorious moment when the 144,00 are disclosed to view and are transported to give the Loud Cry:

Isaiah Chapter 60 verse 1:

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be

converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary;

and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee; The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Whereas thou has been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

The Lord has spoken to us what will happen in these last days. Saints, will you answer God's call? Will you be there on that day to board the Lord's chariot and give the Loud Cry to all nations? Will you receive the forces of the Gentiles in the Kingdom and teach them the ways of the



LORD? Are you practicing the reform you will one day preach and teach by example to the nations?

It is time to sell all we have for that "Pearl of Great Price", and "Get ready, get ready, get ready!" Glorious day indeed! "And the cherubims...mounted up from the earth...and everyone stood at the door of the east gate of the House of the Lord." Ezekiel 10:19

Saints of the Living God, all pride, private interpretation, self and the worship of man must cease. We trust in the power of God's Word and pray that this solemn study will convict the 144,000 causing you to stand with the Salem believers, at God's true headquarters, "the door of the East Gate of the Lord's House". May God grant you His strength, grace and mercy to do so.

The Davidian History Timeline: Why Salem is God's True Headquarters

We will start with a quote from the Answerer Volume I pages 37, 38:

Quote:

"If 'the same principles of piety and justice that were to guide the rulers among God's people in the time of Moses and of David, were also to be followed by those given the oversight of the newly organized church of God in the gospel dispensation' (Acts of the Apostles, p. 95), and if man cannot improve upon God's governmental rule, then why should we not pattern after it? Hence the need of 'a revival and a reformation.'

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"In these inspired statements, three facts stand out in bold relief:

- (1) God sends this clarion call first to the ministers, and then to the laity;
- (2) He makes a positive declaration that He will spue out of His mouth all who fail to give heed to it, and to enter into a "spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation"; and
- (3) He makes clear that such a movement means "a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices."

"Clearly, then, the church must experience a threefold change before she can ever look forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," going "forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer.'--Prophets and Kings, p. 725.

end of quote

As aforementioned in the previous article, I was ignorant of the movement's

history during my journey as a Davidian. I was fortunate as a Laodicean to have family members acquainted with the present truth, so my transition into learning the Shepherd's Rod was not as traumatic as that of others might have experienced.

This is because the SDA church has successfully blackened the characters of all who stand with the Shepherd's Rod doctrine and have aptly been able to cause great fear to fall upon those who venture to investigate its claims.

Imagine the process of constantly being fed indoctrination that the Shepherd's Rod is of the Devil and the absolute worst thing you can do as a Seventh-Day Adventist is to study it, only to come to the realization that it is indeed the last message of warning and mercy to the church, the one that prepares every soul for the Heavenly garner!



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But I had no such fears or disillusionment because of the believers in my family. The message, although in close proximity, was never forced upon me or even taught to me directly.

I did, however, have a disillusionment experience which was experienced as a shock, later on as a young Davidian.

As I began to study and work with Brother Adair, my focus was 100% on reaching those in the church. I was in the field in fierce battles with SDA church leaders. I saw a need, so I began to work with the Headquarters to produce articles tailored for and strictly for Laodiceans.

To go back a little bit, I left the Waco Association shortly after I was introduced to Brother Adair and started studies with him. The study that convinced me that the Salem Association was on the right track was the "144,000 and Those Sealed with Them" study. I never believed that only 144,000 would be saved out of the entire SDA church, and this was in alignment with my beliefs.

I also had a dream in which God showed me a large barn, or storehouse on the grounds where Brother Adair & Sister Marilyn lived.

But my disillusionment shock did not start until I had a particular disagreement with Brother Adair. As I was focusing on the Laodicean outreach efforts and expressed frustration that the Association and particularly Brother Adair needed to focus on creating these publications. With that, Brother Adair let me know that he could not focus on the Laodicean part of the ministry.

He told me, "Sister H., that is not my focus; my focus is on other Davidians. I am trying to teach Davidians truths that they need to know."

Then it was that the shock of disillusionment took place within me. My internal dialogue went something like this:

- What?
- I cannot believe that we are in such a state that we need the present truth focused on Davidians!!
- Why would Davidians need any reform? We have the message of the Shepherd's Rod, and we have already suffered in accepting the truth amidst much turmoil and persecution!
- Are you telling me that all these other Davidian groups are wrong and we're right? I cannot believe this!!
- Aren't all Davidians the saints of God? Will they not all be saved?

For some time after this conversation, I had serious doubts and reservations about whether this "focus" was of God or whether this was of a man.

This was because I simply had not studied the message to the depth that

these pioneers had studied it. To be clear, I decided to put my doubts aside and just do my duty, even though I did not fully understand.

- I did not leave my post.
- I did not start a new association.
- I did not stop paying my tithe.
- I did not usurp the leadership of Brother Adair or Sister Marilyn.
- I was obedient to the more senior members, the pioneers, of the association.

Now that I have educated myself as to what our history actually is, I have realized that our Salem pioneers had to "hold up the standard" and "stand in the gap" during many fierce battles, trials, and transitions in the unfolding of and promulgation of the Loud Cry of the 3rd Angel's Message.

Indeed, Brother Adair was one man, a great man of God who accomplished more than most of us can in one lifetime. There was a need for the pioneer to steer those who were coming into present truth into all truth.

The truth I found was, in the investigation of the splits and divisions which occurred in Davidian history, none of these promulgators of division were following the prophet's commandment to adhere to "reorganization" - The Leviticus.

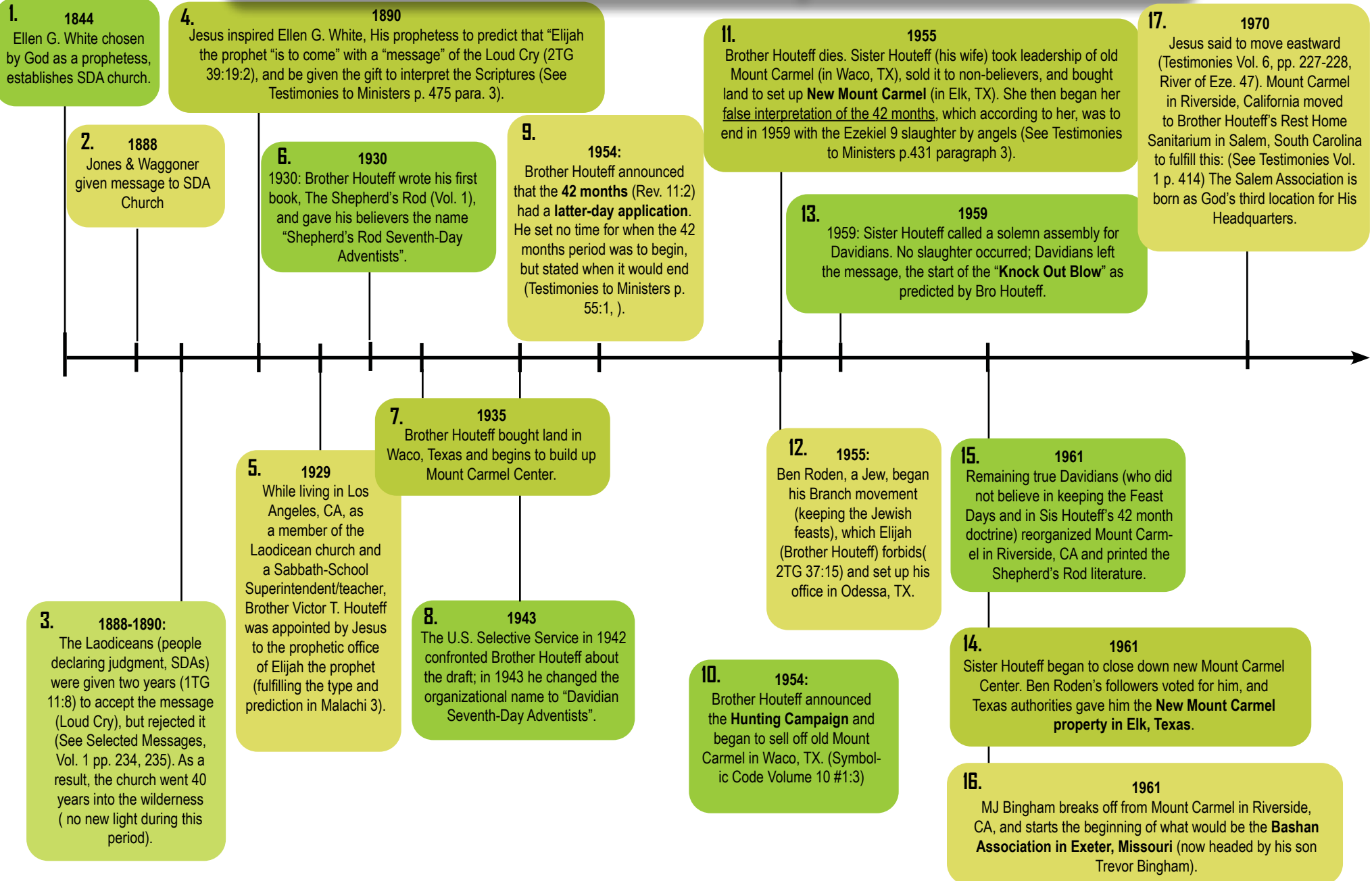
If they had, they would have never violated our Constitution, the Leviticus of D.S.D.A., and its accompanying bylaws in order to accomplish their objectives. There would exist no multiplicity of sects in Davidia.

To say that one cannot find out the truth about the multiplicity of sects and beliefs that exist in Davidia, assuming they will exist all the way into the kingdom, defies the logic of our doctrine; If you were nothing, what would you choose to be?

For educational purposes, a timeline of this history of battles is provided on the following pages:

*Some events are not included in this timeline, such as the splits that occurred from subsequent movements and independent associations and Davidian ministries.

Davidian History Timeline



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18. 1973
Some Davidians who lived in California refused to accept that Ezekiel's stream (the flow of truth) was to flow "eastward". They took the Salem association to court, lost the case, and broke away from Salem to establish their own headquarters in the west, in Yucaipa,

21. 1993
David Koresh and many of his followers died in the fire that burned down the New Mount Carmel Center in Elk, Texas. This event is also known as the Waco Siege.

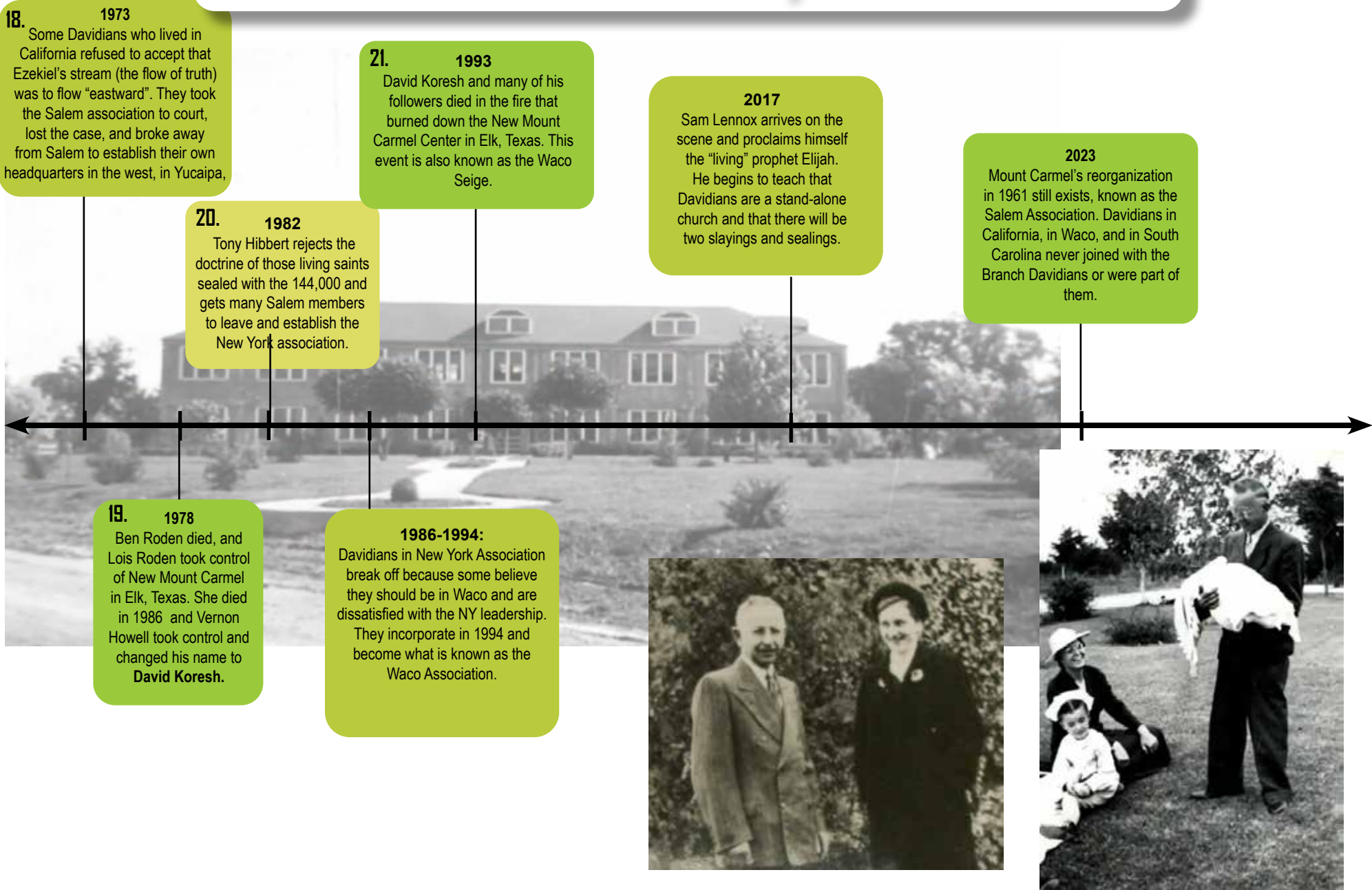
2017
Sam Lennox arrives on the scene and proclaims himself the "living" prophet Elijah. He begins to teach that Davidians are a stand-alone church and that there will be two slayings and sealings.

2023
Mount Carmel's reorganization in 1961 still exists, known as the Salem Association. Davidians in California, in Waco, and in South Carolina never joined with the Branch Davidians or were part of them.

20. 1982
Tony Hibbert rejects the doctrine of those living saints sealed with the 144,000 and gets many Salem members to leave and establish the New York association.

19. 1978
Ben Roden died, and Lois Roden took control of New Mount Carmel in Elk, Texas. She died in 1986 and Vernon Howell took control and changed his name to **David Koresh**.

1986-1994:
Davidians in New York Association break off because some believe they should be in Waco and are dissatisfied with the NY leadership. They incorporate in 1994 and become what is known as the Waco Association.



Split of Davidian and Branch Davidian Movement

Read Bro. Don Adair's testimony about Ben Roden [here](#).



Ben Roden

1954
Brother Houteff announced that the **42 months** (Rev. 11:2) had a **latter-day application**. He set no time for when the 42 months period was to begin, but stated when it would end (Testimonies to Ministers p. 55:1,).

1955
Ben Roden, a Jew, began his Branch movement (keeping the Jewish feasts), which Elijah (Brother Houteff) forbids (2TG 37:15) and set up his office in Odessa, TX.

1955 Branch Davidian Split Occurs

1954
Brother Houteff announced the **Hunting Campaign** and began to sell off old Mount Carmel in Waco, TX. (Symbolic Code Volume 10 #1:3)

1955
Brother Houteff dies. Sister Houteff (his wife) took leadership of old Mount Carmel (in Waco, TX), sold it to non-believers, and bought land to set up **New Mount Carmel** (in Elk, TX). She then began her false interpretation of the 42 months, which according to her, was to end in 1959 with the Ezekiel 9 slaughter by angels

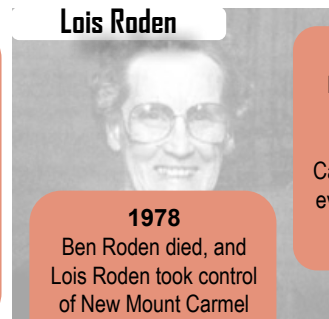
1959
1959: Sister Houteff called a solemn assembly for Davidians. No slaughter occurred; Davidians left the message, the start of the **"Knock Out Blow"** as predicted by Bro Houteff.

1961
Sister Houteff began to close down new Mount Carmel Center. Ben Roden's followers voted for him, and Texas authorities gave him the **New Mount Carmel property in Elk, Texas**.



Florence

Read Bro. Don Adair's testimony about Florence Houteff [here](#).



Lois Roden

1978
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1993
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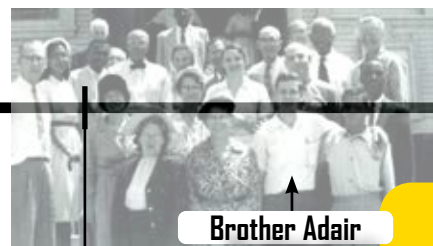


Vernon Howell

History Fact
Ben & Lois Roden's son, George Roden, got into a gun battle with Vernon Howell (David Koresh) and lost his court case to take over the Branch compound.

[Watch:](#) David Koresh tried to deceive Waco & Salem Davidians.

1961 Reorganization Pictures



Brother Adair



History Fact
Unlike Brother Houteff, Florence took an aggressive stance in attempting to reach the SDA church.

1961
Remaining true Davidians (who did not believe in keeping the Feast Days and in Sis Houteff's 42 month doctrine) reorganized Mount Carmel in Riverside, CA and printed the Shepherd's Rod literature.

1970
Jesus said to move eastward (Testimonies Vol. 6, pp. 227-228, River of Eze. 47). Mount Carmel in Riverside, California moved to Brother Houteff's Rest Home Sanitarium in Salem, South Carolina to fulfill this: (See Testimonies Vol. 1 p. 414) The Salem Association is born as God's third location for His Headquarters.

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Old Mount Carmel vs New Mount Carmel



The original members who began old Mt. Carmel with Br. Houteff

Aerial of Old Mount Carmel Property



Old Mount Carmel was the 300+ acres purchased in Waco, TX for the Headquarters. The property was set up to surround Lake Waco and featured a damn, several administrative buildings, a school, a printing press, a cafeteria, bakery, orchard, and dairy farm and dormitory residences for Bible students and workers. Brother Houteff began to downsize in order to fund the Hunting Campaign to expand to all 50 states and beyond. Old Mount Carmel was established by Brother Houteff and a small group of believers and flourished in the middle of the Great Depression.



Workers who helped build Old Mount Carmel



Watch all 7 parts of the documentary: [The Davidians: Origins, History & Factions](#)

New Mount Carmel Aerial Photos



The "Waco Burnout"



New Mount Carmel (where the "Waco Seige" occurred) is a much-smaller property in Elk, Texas that was purchased and partially developed by Florence Houteff. The property was turned over to Ben Roden after a court battle. From there Ben Roden reigned until his death and then his wife, Lois Roden, took over. Vernon Howell and Lois lived as a romantic couple, and Vernon was able to take over the property after her death despite opposition from her son (in the form of a gun and court battle), George Roden.

Branch Compound Today



Significant Splits & Events in History

Subsequent splits that occurred after the establishment of the Salem Association (starting from Riverside, CA) occurred mainly from doctrinal issues are documented here. These are classified as significant splits because they changed the face of the Davidian movement.

Significant Split #1: “Bashan” Association in Exeter, Missouri

A Davidian named M.J. Bingham, the former, disgraced editor to Brother Houteff began to be dissatisfied with his position among the Davidians headquartered in Riverside, CA. He wrote an article that brought forth new interpretations of the Rod which the majority rejected. The doctrine in question? -That Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead represent literal headquarters, and that “Carmel” withered when the land Old Mount Carmel (in Waco, TX) was parceled and sold off. Bashan was the future, he claimed, and this doctrine was the basis for the establishment of a new association.

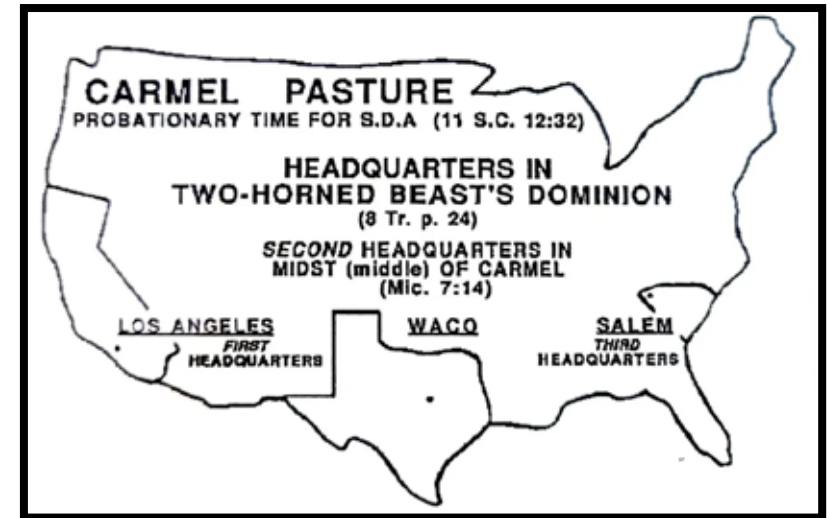
Then later more Davidians, who would form the Gilead association, based in Canada, split off from the M.J. Bingham’s association. The Gilead association was led by his protege who claimed he was “King David”. They taught, like Bingham did with Carmel, that the Bashan pasture had withered, and Gilead was the pasture Davidians needed.

SALEM DOCTRINAL TEACHING: The Salem Association and all daughter (NY & Waco) organizations believe and teach that Carmel is a spiritual pasture of probationary time and will not wither until probation is closed for the church according to the following quotes:

11 Symbolic Code #12, page 32:

Quote:

“That is, after the harvest, the time in which they could have been saved, they will realize that probationary time has closed. Then the habitations [Seventh-Day Adventist laity] of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. 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



“Carmel” is a spiritual pasture in the United States that exists during probationary time for the SDA church. It will not wither until probation is closed for the church.

pasture (present truth), when probation closes it shall be deserted (‘wither’).”

end of quote

Significant Split # 2: Davidians rebel and Yucaipa Association forms in the West.

In 1969, as God’s Headquarters in Riverside, CA began to study Ezekiel’s stream in the Shepherd’s Rod’s writings, they realized the flow of truth represented by the stream had an eastward course. This truth was not accepted by all. Some then relocated to Salem, South Carolina to join Davidians there who had been running the old Davidian rest home.

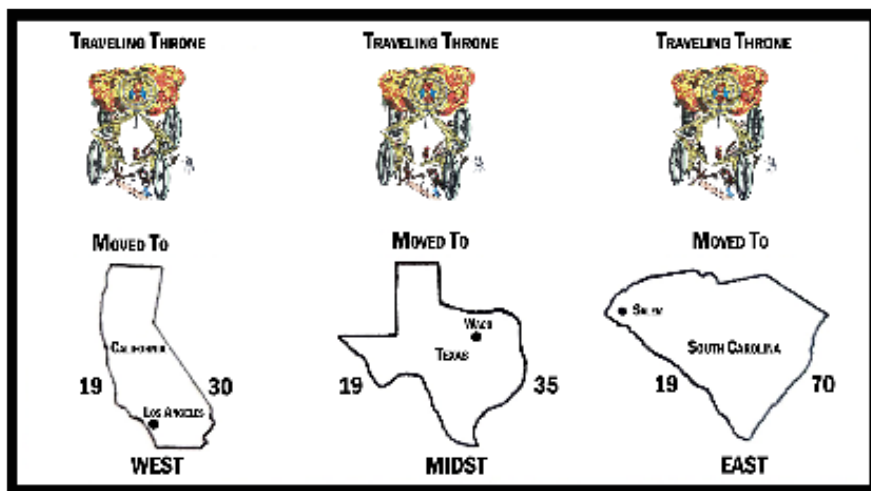
To their surprise, they were warmly received and were told by believers there that when the prophet had visited, he had told a leading brother there that, “One day the work will all be moved here” to the Salem, SC area. They began to reprint the publications there. However, unbeknownst to the relocated brethren, some of the Salem believers they joined had accepted

Sister Houteff's 42-month doctrine and asked the new printer to start printing them, which he refused. He and the newly relocated Davidians disagreed over this and other doctrinal issues, so they were cast out from the Rest Home. Brother Green kindly deeded the Association a piece of land nearby (later rezoned to Tamasee) where they exist today in Tamasee, South Carolina.

California Davidians Won't Move Eastward & Stay West

There were some of California Davidians did not want to move eastward, and instead rebelled against them and tried to take control of the association's assets to move the Salem Association back to the west in the 1970's. These Davidians **lost their court case against the Salem Association and moved back to California.**

Additionally, Davidians who initially agreed to move eastward but remained in California, (to include gifted Davidian writer, Wanda Blum, previously married to Don Adair) tried to take control of the Salem Association by calling an illegal session in California. (Sister Wanda Blum left Brother Don for another Davidian man, Brother Howard Blum. The divorce was not warranted according to scripture.) Sister Blum was then anointed by Brother Warden and Reichmann to lead this group that had remained in the West. This



The first Headquarters was in the West, in California. The prophet then saw that Ezekiel's river had an eastward course and relocated to Waco, TX, but the stream would move further east to South Carolina where the Davidian rest home sanitarium is located.

group became the Yucaipa association which was later taken over by the NY Association and dissolved. Sister Wanda later started another association in California which is now headed Tony Dugo. Moving East was a test for true-hearted Davidians who adhered to the Word.

To read more about this **Salem vs California** split, click [here](#).

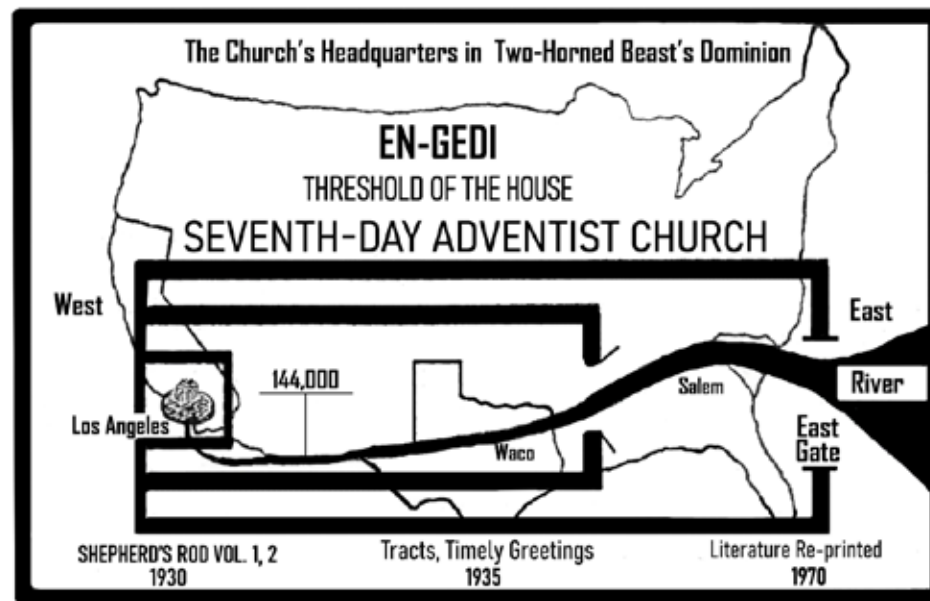
SALEM'S DOCTRINAL BELIEFS: Ezekiel's River Flowing Symbolizes the Movement of Truth & the Headquarter's Location

Salem's doctrinal beliefs of the location of God's Headquarters in the Two-Horned Beast's domain (U.S.) in the east are founded on the prophet's analysis of Ezekiel's River, and other writings:

Shepherd's Rod, Volume 2, page 297, paragraph 0

Quote:

"The direction of the compass denotes that the message of the 'loud cry' **is to start eastward when it is first revealed... naturally the message must start toward the east. This symbolical prophecy reveals that the message of the 'loud cry' is to originate in California.**



*end of quote

This stream is seen to be gradually moving and growing as it flows toward its eastward path. In alignment with the symbolism in the prophecy, a new headquarters location was sought out by the prophet.

Symbolic Code, Volume 10 page 3, 1935

Quote:

"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 earnestly over this matter for many months, and as they kept praying for light, the Lord finally indicated that beautiful Southern California was no longer to remain the center of His work for the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel, 'but an eastward course was to be seen in the stream from the '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 [second] Headquarters were to be found." {brackets added}

end of quote

Tract #8, page 24, paragraph 2:

Quote:

"...both "the earth" and "the sea," each of which is indicative of a different locality: the sea, in the realm of nature the storehouse (home) of the waters, is therefore in the realm of symbols the birth-place of the nations – the Old Country, the earth, the opposite of the sea, is correspondingly a domain away from the Old Country. It is located to John in the symbol of the two-horned beast's coming up, not out of the sea, but "out of the earth" (Rev. 13:11), the only place where trees naturally grow. And as according to Daniel 4:20-22, trees are figurative of rulers, therefore the trees in this instance represent "the ancient men...before the house" (Ezek. 9:6) – a fact which reveals that in this period, the church's headquarters are in the two-horned beast's dominion – the New World, "the earth."

end of quote

Significant Split # 3: 1981 Jamaican Davidians Leave Salem Association with Tony Hibbert as their Leader

Synopsis: Tony Hibbert & his followers depart from the Salem Association after "The 144,000 & Those With" study is presented to and accepted by the then Salem council. Tony Hibbert got up and publicly denounced the teaching of those living saints sealed with the 144,000.

- The council voted to disfellowship all those who did not believe in "those with"
- Other factors include Salem council's condemnation of "Tony Hibbert's worldly wedding".
- Accusations began to circulate about the split being a "race" issue, black vs white. A rumor was pushed out that Brother Adair said that only "white brethren" could lead. This rumor the Salem council, (who at that time, had 4 sitting council members of African descent) vehemently refuted. This was not true, but a twisting of the actual statement, yet it went out as "fact" thereafter and was published by the opposing group.

Brother Hibbert's goal was the vice presidency, which he was able to take office after influencing others to leave with him to establish another association. The New York Association is born and set up its headquarters in upstate New York.

(Today, Tony Hibbert no longer believes the Davidian message, has left the faith and is working for and with the Laodicean brethren).

SALEM DOCTRINAL TEACHING: More than 144,000 living saints will be saved in the SDA Church.

Salem teaches that 144,000 living saints will be sealed as the new leadership for the SDA church. In addition to those saints, more living saints will be sealed in the SDA church (not to be confused with the great multitude). In summary, more than 144,000 will be saved out of the SDA church. This is pictorially predicted in the depiction of horses pulling the chariot in Zechariah 6, and also in the following quotes:

1 Timely Greetings, Number 4, page 27, paragraph 4:

Quote:

"Remember, too, that you are candidates for the firstfruits, **to be either one with, or one of the 144,000**, that you are to be without guile in your mouths (Rev. 5)."

*end of quote

2 Symbolic Code, Number 5, page 8, paragraph 1

Quote:

"All that are found members in the faith up to the fulfillment of Ezekiel Nine will either receive the seal and be a part of or with the 144,000, or else be left without the seal and fall under the 'slaughter weapons' of the 'five angels'."

end of quote

This doctrine was important for the Salem council to acknowledge, because the mother SDA church had wholly put away the subject of the 144,000, marking it as **taboo** to discuss because they too, were mistaken that only 144,000 would be saved!

Significant Split #4: 1991 The New York Association suffers a Split

A portion of its adherents reorganized in Waco, TX. This would become the Waco Association, headquartered in Waco, TX.

SALEM DOCTRINAL BELIEFS:

Belief in Brother Victor Houteff's Sermons Published After His Death

Salem teaches that some of the sermons that were published in The Symbolic

Code after Brother Houteff died, were sermons that the pioneers witnessed him preach. Brother Adair & Sister Bonnie, both residents of Mount Carmel Center in Waco while the prophet was alive, testify of this fact. These sermons were recorded and put in a file cabinet where all his sermons were stored, later to be published in The Symbolic Code, Volumes 10 -13. Florence Houteff's writings are not published by the Salem Association and are removed from these Codes. The New York & Waco Association, for the most part, also accept these sermons (given by Brother Houteff and published after his death).

Other Associations Explained:

Edstrom Association (Universal Publishing Association, UPA7, etc.) Brother Eric Edstrom, a former professor at an Adventist University, came to study with Brother Adair at Headquarters. There arose some disagreement as to how the ministry was to be carried out, and Edstrom demanded Salem's mailing list. This information was refused him. Edstrom went on to start his own association, eventually launching several websites. Edstrom and those who have studied under him do not believe in any of the Symbolic Code sermons published after Brother Houteff's Death.



Significant Split # 5: Salem International is formed after Brother J.'s Council Loses Power

Salem International is considered significant only because it is the most recent in Salem's history. Salem International was formed after an attempt to transition Salem's leadership into new hands failed. This failure is now viewed as the Providence of God by Salem's members.

Brother J., a businessman from Georgia and longtime Salem member, was chosen by two council members to replace Brother Adair as vice president.

Brother J swiftly convinced the council members to accept his wife and another couple to be on the council. This effectively gave him a quorum on

every vote, with a total of seven council members.

The council members had been searching for the bylaws but couldn't find them at that time. It soon became evident that Brother J.'s plan was to move the Salem Association from its location closer to Georgia, and more than likely, (in the future) to Georgia. This was against Salem's doctrine of an eastward course of truth and the prophet's testimony to Salem Davidians while he was yet alive, that the "work would soon all be here" [in the Salem, SC area].

The senior members of the council Sister J., and Brother W., were unable to convince Brother J. and his associates otherwise. A vote took place and with the quorum plus one, they were able to vote for the Salem Association to move and also fired the most active and dedicated worker on the ground, Sister H.

However, Sister J. and Brother W. were able to stop the illegal purchase and attempted move of Headquarters (to a building near Georgia) by finding the bylaws at the last minute.

The bylaws stipulated that the newest council members were not qualified because 1st and 2nd tithe was not being paid and the validity of the couples' marital status had not been confirmed. Additionally, the vice president, secretary, and treasurer were resident positions. Brother J. and Sister J. could not take those offices according to the bylaws that were in effect at that time.

Dissatisfied with the loss of his office and power, Brother J and associates went on to form Salem International teaming with Sister Kerr, (former Salem member), which teaches a 375-acre requirement for God's headquarters as well as teaching the world the Rod message via his radio broadcast, something that is discouraged by the Rod (7SC Nos. 7-12 18:2, 3). Brother & Sister J. were offered the chance to go to a session to place their candidacy and ideas before the people, but they declined.

To view the whole report about the split (four members who left, please visit our website [here](#)

After Salem International members left, they began having meetings with other Davidians and circulating evil reports about Sis. J, a faithful Salem member who left her home and family to take care of Brother Adair. A court case was filed by Brother Jirair (an independent association leader) and Sister Kerr (Salem International member) to challenge

Sister J (appointed by Brother Adair in 2020) as his Power of Attorney (POA) through his lawyer. This challenge in court was defeated in 2022.

UPDATE: Jirair and Kerr and their team are appealing the decision of the court and took it to South Carolina's Court of Appeals in a continued effort to take Brother Don from the care of faithful Salem members.

SALEM'S DOCTRINAL TEACHING: 375-acre requirement NOT required for God's Headquarters

Why? Brother Houteff began to parcel off and sell the Old Mount Carmel in Waco to fund the "Hunting Campaign", an aggressive outreach effort to expand to every state and abroad.

Symbolic Code Volume 10, #1, page 3, paragraph 1:
Quote:

"The Hunting Campaign launched last year initiated and heralded a new electrifying and progressive advancement of present Truth. --{10SC1 3.1}
"Now again, with even greater emphasis towards reaching her goal, Mount Carmel Center makes the following announcement to all faithful Davidians who will realize that this good news is perhaps nothing short of a sign. Mount Carmel Center, **by commencing to first sell its excess property, then the whole is symbolically leading the way to the program that is outlined by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.."**

end of quote

Symbolic Code Volume 10 #2, pages 19, 20:

Quote:

"The Hunting Campaign inaugurated two years ago has been steadily expanding. The states covered during the entire campaign to date are: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, parts of New York, all of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina. --{10SC2 19.4}

"States that are not yet completed but are still being worked by the Hunters, include: Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. --{10SC2 19.5}

"Those states which have been covered since last October 25th are: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina, thus showing that the hunting efforts have been largely concentrated in the South during the last twelve months. --{10SC2 20.1}

"An increased number of foreign Hunters and workers who have come to the forefront during the last year...." *end of quote*

Symbolic Code Volume 12, Number 1, page 26:

Quote:

"In a connection with this report, we quote from a letter Brother Houteff wrote in April, 1954 in which he said, 'According to Jeremiah 16:14, 16 the 'hunting' stage is the last endeavor before Ezekel 9'...'"

end of quote

False Prophets & Porters: In 2017, Sam Lennox starts his group and teaches that there must be a living prophet

Sam Lennox is another dynamic figure who has captured many souls with his promulgation of unique but unsubstantiated theories. He teaches new interpretations which widely differ from Brother Houteff's expositions of scripture. For example, because he pushed the doctrine that Davidians constitute a totally separate church from the mother SDA church, as a result, he now teaches two sealings and slayings (by the angels) and splits the 144,000 saint number into 24,000 groups. He also has a wave sheaf doctrine that differs from the original Shepherd's Rod publications.

SALEM DOCTRINAL TEACHING: The antitypical Elijah prophecy was fulfilled by Brother Victor T. Houteff and none other

We must "teach that which is published". Salem also teaches that the message does not have to have a "living" prophet to fulfill this role "...where

there is no type, there is no truth."

Quote:

"Since the promised Elijah is to be the last prophet to the church today, as John the Baptist was the last prophet to the church in his day, and since the last work on earth is the Judgment for the Living, the truth stands forth like the light of day that Elijah's message is the message of the Judgment for the Living, the last, which in the very nature of the gospel is of far more importance and consequence than any other message ever borne to a people."--Id., pp. 25, 26; 1954 edition, pp. 23, 24.

General Conference Special page 19, paragraph 2:

"This surely confirms the conclusion that since Elijah is to herald the great day, he can therefore be the only one who will rightly interpret the prophecies of the day, which are still mysteries to Christendom, and even to our own Denomination! Indeed, to reiterate, it is for this very reason that the prophet is sent. He is to unroll the scroll, to explain what the day of the Lord is like, what the Lord will do then, and how we may survive His judgments. To re-emphasize the fact, let it be said again that being the last of the prophets Elijah is, therefore, the only one who can open to our understanding all the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the great and dreadful day of the Lord – prophecies which heretofore have been only mysteries to all. Thus he is, as the Scriptures say, to blow the trumpet in Zion, and to sound an alarm in God's holy mountain, in the church.

Timely Greetings Volume 1, #47, page 15

"Now, if never before we should see that where there is a type there is also an antitype, and that where there is no type, there is no Truth.

End of quote

The Conclusion: Follow the Truth and the Headquarters Where It Resides

Upon reviewing the evidence and the history, one can ascertain that these splits were not of God, but of men -rebellious to the order God ordained. I

leave you with the words of the prophet in the General Conference Special, page 8, paragraph 2:

Quote:

"Do not, though, forget that the message which he proclaims will in itself bear the Divine credentials of Truth, and that no priest or prelate can decide for you who the Elijah may or may not be. No, not even the appearance of what his message is doing or not doing, or whether it is prospering or disintegrating, can be taken as evidence that God is in it. Neither can numbers of adherents for such have never signified a right cause at any time, not even in the day Christ Himself preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. The message he brings is the only thing to go by."

Furthermore, in trying to differentiate between truth and error, it is best to take the inspired words of the prophet to heart as he recorded in the **Symbolic Code, Volume 7, Numbers 7-12:**

Quote:

"Question No. 231--If we are to "prove all things," and to "hold fast that which is good," and to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks us a reason of the hope that is in us, then ought we not challenge those who are enemies of the Rod to prove it in error?"

"Answer--Present Truth believers who are fully established in the Truth, who have no doubts as to its Inspiration, who are settled once for all that The Shepherd's Rod message is heaven-sent, but who are incapable of defending it in all its aspects, are in no wise justified in exposing their precious jewel of Truth to the enemy whose only aim is to take it away from them. Especially when he is not coming with a promise to give them something in addition to what they already have, but to take it away, they cannot afford to challenge themselves to give him a chance to prove as to whether or not he can cheat them of their treasure. When it is gone, the proof will be sad consolation!

"So placing themselves on Satan's vantage ground will make them guilty of the folly not only of presumptuousness but of waste of time and of energy as well, and, last but not least, of a fearful chance-taking with this most precious gift. It will be but inviting the Devil to rob them of eternity. We must guard our heavenly treasure with the utmost care, and preserve our faith in it by

studying to give an answer to every man that asks us a reason of the hope that is in us, but not by inviting the enemy's deceitful questions.

"If, though, for any compelling reason you, dear reader, must assume the risk of meeting the enemy in this great spiritual warfare, you hold him to answer to the whole Truth; do not let him make you to answer for a certain point of truth which, perhaps, no one at the moment could clear. Do not permit yourself to be pushed up on the line of defense, but rather keep yourself on the offensive.

"And do not forget that the enemy who seeks your crown is mightier than you, and that therefore if you are not absolutely settled on the message, then by all means rather than study with its enemies, you had better first study with its friends. Not until you have thus done all to prove it right, and cannot, can you rightly study with the opposition if you want to do all to make sure of not being cheated of a message from the Lord.

"For remember that if there is someone ready to refute one truth, there is another one ready to refute another truth, and so on and on. In fact, the enemy is ready to refute every truth in existence, even the Bible Itself, if you but let him. Certain it is, though, that Satan does not have so good an argument against the Rod's truths as Sunday keepers have against the Sabbath truth. Hence for one who is settled in the Truth and is searching for more, voluntarily to interview a known enemy, is but to put one's sword in the enemy's hand and to challenge him to cut off one's head.

"Ever bear in mind, though, that "the efforts made to retard the progress of truth will serve to extend it" (Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 454), and that your loss is but your own.

"Our convictions need daily to be re-enforced by humble, sincere prayer and reading of the word. While we have an individuality, while we each should hold our convictions firmly, we must hold them as God's truth and in the strength which God imparts. If we do not, they will be wrung from our grasp."--Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 401.

end of quote

Moving Eastward: A Record of Events

This excerpt is taken from the article *God's Headquarters: Why Salem?* written by Don Adair.

The Knockout Blow

In the White House Recruiter, page 33, the “eleventh-hour Davidians were warned that a “knockout blow” was to come. And yet, no one realized that Sis. Houteff and her Executive Council would be the “professed friends of the gospel” who were to bring that “knockout blow”, until the failure of their Solemn Assembly in 1959, which led them to liquidate new Mt Carmel in 1961-1962. And since “knockout” means to be knocked senseless for a time, but not killed, then after 1959 the Davidians were symbolically knocked unconscious to their duty to carry the Loud Cry message eastward across the United States.

Gradually, they came to their senses while Sister Houteff was dissolving Mount Carmel, the sheep were scattered (Zechariah 13:7, Timely Greetings, Volume 1, #18 page 17), leaving them with no leaders, little tithes, and few members. So they reorganized in 1961 and set up a temporary Headquarters in Riverside, California with leaders to carry on the work of gathering believers. They also prayed to know where God’s permanent Headquarters should be located. Finally, they realized, by studying “Ezekiel’s River (Shepherd’s Rod Volume 2 pages 290-298), that the Lord was directing them to move eastward. And since they now had the funds to move, the Lord led the Council to make plans to set up His Headquarters in the east in Salem, South Carolina. In 1969, the Session voted to accept these plans, which was published in the Symbolic Code that year, announcing to many Davidians that God had directed them, through the message of the Shepherd’s Rod (by

the study of Ezekiel’s River, to move eastward to Salem, SC. That **1969 Session** announcement is quoted in part from pages 8-10.

“SESSION OF THE DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION

Sunday, August 31, 1969

“The Session was opened with prayer by Bro. Glen Green and Sis. Yvone Bishop.

“The first order of business was for the Vice president to appoint a Chairman and a Secretary. Sis Bishop was appointed Secretary and Bro. Don Adair was appointed Chairman....

“Next on the agenda was a discussion on whether we would move to Salem, South Carolina, or should we remain in California another year. Each was asked for their thoughts and suggestions, and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed by all that it be in the best interest of all to leave the office in Vista until the next Session.

“Some of the reasons given were: The building in Salem has to be repaired, and that would take several months; the printing press has to be set up; also the present occupants may not move as soon as they expected, and those in California have their homes and jobs and it will take some time for them to relocate....

“The Session appointed Bro. Smith to supervise the repair of the building and set up the printing press.

“In view of the contemplated move, the Session decided to split the Council having four (4) in Vista and three (3) in Salem, that would leave a quorum in California. Any major decision could be handled by mail or phone depending upon the urgency.

“Of the delegates living in California, the following was elected:

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Vice-President-----H.G. Warden
 Treasurer-----Yvonne Bishop
 Secretary-----Wanda Adair
 Council Member-----E.F. Reichmann

“Of the delegates living in South Carolina, the following were elected:

Editor-----Sidney Smith
 Council Member-----Glen Green
 Council Member-----Sump Smith

“The meeting was closed with prayer and all delegates expressed the feeling that the Lord was about to do something for us.” 8 *Symbolic Code*, #5. pages 8-10, Sep.-Nov., 1969.”

Then in 1970 another session was held in Salem, South Carolina and the Davidians voted to moved eastward to an exact geographical location in one of the eastern states of America. This Divine move was also attested by the following testimonies of Davidians:

-Brother E.F. Reichmann: “As has been previously mentioned in the first Session Code {1969}, we are quite certain that the Rest Home in Salem is still a real part of ‘old Mount Carmel’... Our understanding is according to what Brother Houteff said, that at that time there could not be a ‘Mount Carmel’ at Salem, but some future time there would be. Salem and its environment seems to be especially located for God’s people.... Yes, we believe that the Lord is in the moe {eastward to Salem}. And we have many positive convincing evidences of various trials and test to determine the accuracy of our faith in this Project.... E.F. Reichmann -9 *Symbolic Code*, #7, pages 5, 6, April, May, June, 1970. (bold emphasis, braces added)

Testimony Sister C.T. Smith: “Brother L. Nations was discussing the **water shortage** with Brother Houteff on Mount Carmel and he

asked him why he did not move to Salem, South Carolina where there is plenty of water. Brother Houteff said, ‘**Not now, but one day Mount Carmel will be at Salem.**’ Brother Nations told Sis C.T. Smith about this, at that time on Mount Carmel, and on his return home to Salem, he related the same to his congregation. This incident was what prompted Bro. and Sis. C.T. Smith to move to Salem, South Carolina.” -Sister C.T. Smith.

To read the entire article on this interesting subject, “**God’s Headquarters - Why Salem?**”, please visit our website or click [here](#).

The Financial Status of Mt. Carmel Center - Salem GADSDA

As mentioned, in May 2022, we finalized the purchase of the house at 115 Davidian Way. Sis. Judy and Brother Don moved in in June. As a result, we could let go of our lease at 114 Lyndsey Point in Seneca. This property was costly because of the lack of suitable properties in a high demand area. It was furnished and already set up for business. By moving operations to 115 Davidian Way, the Association will save **\$21,200 annually**.

The following expenditures plus the **housing costs** information represent the gargantuan effort to care for Brother Adair and move him into a safe, clean environment, to secure Salem’s assets; from books to intellectual properties, also to move from our temporary location, to finding a permanent home, and to set up that home as an place of operations and as living quarters, plus a host of other objectives.

This Headquarters building is ready to go!

When Brother Houteff and the pioneers first arrived to Old Mount Carmel, they arrived with faith and not much else. They left their former lives, their homes, their friends, and went to a new land. They did not know how God would provide. But what God was able to do is build up the camp in the middle of the Great Depression. Yes, God will open up a fountain in the desert, if we will just believe.



This picture was taken when Brother Houteff and a small company of believers first came to Texas to build up old Mount Carmel.

Not only did they leave their former dwellings, they invested everything they had into the future God was pressing upon their minds. Brother Houteff wrote in the Symbolic Code Volume 3 Numbers 3 & 4 under the heading, “Come Ye to the Help of the Lord”,

Quote:

“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...”

“... You who are ready to enter into the Lord’s vineyard with the “mattock” to dig up the “thorns and briars” 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 manna 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”?

“**The experience of apostolic days will come to us when we whole-heartedly accept God’s principle of benevolence,**--consent in all things to obey the leadings of His Holy Spirit...*Testimonies for the Church,*” Vol. 7, p. 146.

“In the light of the foregoing statements, we, must conclude, with the Spirit of Prophecy, that ‘Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality’ (*The Acts of the Apostles,*’ p. 344), and that therefore, God’s cause today in the closing work for the church, will

advance only as we make a covenant by sacrifice. Indeed, if sacrifice is what God required in Moses' day, in Nehemiah's and Paul's, when the demands of the work were comparatively small, how could He possibly require any less today when "all things" are to be restored, and when the gospel must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in just a short time?

"How are we ever to "lay siege against" the "city", and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it;" and build a "camp also against it," and "set battering rams against it round about;" and at the same time carry out the Lord's command: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes"?"

"The only way we can possibly accomplish this tremendous feat is that each Present Truth believer experience 'an awakening to neglected opportunities,' and that he be 'faithful in giving back to God His Own in tithes and offerings,' and making good his vows, for God has not only been robbed 'in tithes and offerings,' but also 'there are many neglected vows and unpaid pledges, and yet how few trouble their minds over the matter; how few feel the guilt of this violation of duty. We must have new and deeper convictions on this subject. The conscience must be aroused, and the matter receive earnest attention; for an account must be rendered to God in the last day, and his claims must be settled."--"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4, p, 468.

"The Lord further says: 'In order to advance the cause of God, means are necessary.' However, 'it is not the plan of God to rain down means from heaven in order that His cause may be sustained,' ("Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 2, p. 660), but rather that all 'shall arouse, and lay their prayers, their wealth, and all their energies and resources, at the feet of Jesus,...' Then 'the cause of truth will triumph.'--"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4, p. 475.

"Yet, notwithstanding the fact that but few, if any, believers

in Present Truth are fully meeting the foregoing demands, nevertheless, Mt. Carmel, with the limited income available, is expected by all not only to develop all the projects that constitute building a "camp," but also to send forth and sustain laborers in the field, publish and circulate Present Truth literature, maintain a training school, care for the poor and the sick, and carry on the many other phases of the work. How can this be done when so few are willing to assume their full share of the burden? Is it any wonder that God now calls for all the faithful in Israel to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, by making a covenant with Him by sacrifice?

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Plans must be laid to build the camp, just as Solomon was tasked with building the temple.

Like the pioneers at old Mount Carmel, we find ourselves trying to build the camp pay our workers, sponsor the foreign field, help the needy and we are outmatched in the needs versus how much we have coming in. Let's look at some more references from the Code:

Symbolic Code Volume 2 #10 pages 9, 10:

“The call for means to advance the cause of truth will never be more urgent than now. Our money will never do a greater amount of good than at the present time. Every day of delay in rightly appropriating it, is limiting the period in which it will do good in saving souls.” *“Testimonies for the Church,”* Vol. 4, p. 81. “Remember Lot’s wife.”- “But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out.” (Num. 32:23.)



The temple “was erected wholly by free-will offerings” which were also to “provide for necessary repairs and other expenses”.

“Paul lays down a rule for giving to God’s cause, and tells us what the result will be both in regard to ourselves and to God. ‘Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.’ ‘This I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.’ ‘God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. (...Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God,’ (Vol. 5, p. 735.)

“The tithe was to be exclusively devoted to the use of the Levites,

the tribe that had been set apart for the service of the sanctuary. But this was by no means the limit of the contributions for religious purposes. The tabernacle, as afterward the temple, was erected wholly by free-will offerings; and to provide for necessary repairs, and other expenses, Moses directed that as often as the people were numbered, each should contribute a half shekel for ‘the service of the tabernacle.’ In the time of Nehemiah a contribution was made yearly for this purpose. From time to time, sin-offerings and thank-offerings were brought to God. These were presented in great numbers at the annual feasts. And the most liberal provision was made for the poor.” -- “Patriarchs and Prophets,” p. 526.

“The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty; but, on the contrary, the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity. On condition of their obedience, God made them this promise: ‘I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field....And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.’” -- Id., p. 527.

“He has given His people a plan for raising sums sufficient to make the enterprise self-sustaining. God’s plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality... Says the apostle, ‘Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.’

“Great objects are accomplished by this system. **If one and all would accept it... there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world.** The treasury will be full if all adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer. Through every investment made, they will become more wedded to the cause of present truth. They will be ‘laying up in store for themselves a good foundation

To the Twelve Tribes Abroad: An Appeal

“The poor, by following the rule of the apostle and laying by a small sum every week, help to swell the treasury, and their gifts are wholly acceptable to God; for they make just as great, and even greater, sacrifices than their more wealthy brethren. The plan of **systematic benevolence will prove a safeguard** to every family against temptations to spend means for needless things; and especially will it prove a blessing to the rich by guarding them from indulging in extravagances.” -- Vol. 3, p. 412.

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Brethren, we have done all we can and continue our efforts to uphold the work of the Lord. The worker who received the highest salary quit their job and cashed in their entire retirement in order to pay themselves, just so they could labor for Mount Carmel during so crucial a time. Many have considered making like sacrifices but are held back by unbelieving spouses, by properties, responsibilities, and ultimately, their own plans. **But we owe it ourselves to believe in the work we have been tasked with and pray feverently to go beyond our belief into action... for faith without works is dead.**

We are to hunt and find our brethren, the 144,000 and those who will be sealed with them. This life and death issue is what the camp is for! If we fail here, we fail eternally.

Hebrews chapter 12 verses 1-2:

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us**, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Calling all Salem Davidians!!

2023 January 22nd & 29th

- 8:00 AM Pacific Time
- 10:00 AM Central Time
- 11:00 AM Eastern Time
- 6:00 PM African Central Time

Session Agenda:

- Review & Revision of Bylaws
- Objectives for New Year
- Plan of Action for Ministers
- Launch of Hunting Campaign

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- The Laodicean Condition & its Remedy
- Should Adventists Join Ecumenical Movement?
- The Kingdom: Purposes & Coming - Unlocked
- The Judgment of the Living
- Ezekiel 9: Decoded In the Parables
- The Prophecy of Ezekiel 4
- The Judgment & the Harvest - redesigned for Laodiceans
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In The Interest of the S.D.A. Denomination

We plead with those who have left the fold to reconsider their steps, search for God’s will -with much fasting and prayer... and if the Spirit should begin to convict you, that you harden not your heart while there is still yet time. The work needs even those who have gone astray for a time to come back, and, taking a stand even more steadfastly for the truth, to warn others of the danger. Remember God does not judge us by what we do not know, but by what we had an opportunity to learn and did not. Neither does He reject those with a contrite heart. Nay, He is nearest to those who come in repentance before His throne. Please know, we are praying for you continuously, that your eyes will be opened to the deceit of men and erroneous doctrines, so you may return to the “revival” (written message of the Rod) and “reformation” the order of God’s Headquarters managed by the Leviticus of D. S.D.A. Amen! May we see each other in the soon-coming Kingdom!