

# GOD'S HEADQUARTERS WHY SALEM?

## CHRIST HAS THE REINS IN HIS HANDS

"A certain {Davidian} brother said, 'I hope the Lord will soon take the reins in His own hands to deliver Israel.' Even after coming to the Red Sea, the multitude did not know that God had taken the reins in His own hands."—1 *Timely Greetings*, No. 5, pg. 20 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Some Davidians today are not aware of the fact that Jesus took the "reins in His own hands" (TM 300) in 1929, and set up His first Headquarters in Los Angeles, California. Later, in 1935 He moved it eastward near Waco, Texas. And again in 1970 He moved it eastward to Salem, So. Carolina, where He is still leading the true Davidians today. This fact is proven by studying the message of the sealing angel (Rev 7:2).

## SEALING ANGEL FROM THE EAST

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the {144,000} servants of our God in their foreheads."—Revelation 7:2, 3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"This particular angel {message} is ascending from the east. 'Ascending' here could not mean departing or flying away, but simply coming, or advancing.... The angel was seen coming, but he is taking time.... John's prophecy in Rev. 7 of this ascending angel was only a vision of some thing to come, and the fulfillment of this prophecy was realized when Sister White was given her first vision in 1844, which was a vision of the 144,000. Read *Early Writings*, pgs. 13-20. John prophesied of this movement and the scene of the angel ascending in the east; (John's vision) became a reality in 1844, but the angel is in the east, and we must await his arrival {in California}, for when he arrives, the sealing begins."—1 *Shepherd's Rod*, pg. 22 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The sealing angel {message} is to come from the east, and we must know where is this particular east. That is, from what geographical location in this world (Russia, China, Mexico, America, etc.) is the angel to begin his flight from the east.

"And as according to Dan. 4:20 22, trees are figurative of rulers, therefore, the trees in this instance represent 'the ancient men {SDA ministers}...before the house' (Ezek. 9:6)—a fact which reveals that in this period {in the sealing of the 144,000}, the {SDA} church's headquarters are in the two-horned beast's dominion—the New World, 'the earth' {America}."—8 *Tract*, pg. 24:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Therefore, the "New World" (the earth) being the United States of America, where God's Headquarters must be located, reveals the fact that somewhere in one of the eastern states of America is where Sis. White had her first vision to signalize the angel start-

ing his ascent. And where did she have her first vision? It is written in her book entitled "*Life Sketches*."

"I was born at Gorham, Maine, Nov. 26, 1827....While I was but a child, my parents removed from Gorham to Portland, Maine." (L.S. 17). "In March, 1840, William Miller visited Portland, Maine." (L.S. 20). "In June, 1842, Mr. Miller gave his second course of lectures at the Casco Street Church in Portland." (L.S. 26). "It was not too long after the passing of the time in 1844, that my first vision was given to me. I was visiting Mrs. Haines at Portland {Maine}."—*Life Sketches*, pg. 64:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Thus, the sealing angel (message) began his ascent in 1844 when Sis. White had her first vision in Portland, Maine, on the east side of America. This is the exact geographical location in "the New World (the earth)," where the angel began to ascend (fly) from the east toward the west. And how do we know he was to fly towards the west? This fact is noted in the chapter, "THE EAST AND THE WEST" in 1 *Testimonies*, which gives us the answer:

"Dear Brethren: The Lord has shown me in vision some things in regard to the east and the west {sides of America} which I feel it my duty to set before you. I saw that God has been opening the way for the spread of present truth in the west."—1 *Testimonies*, pg. 146:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"I saw that the people in the west {side of America at that time} could be moved more easily than those in the east....The hearts of many in the west are already prepared to eagerly receive the truth....I saw that tenfold more has been accomplished in the west than in the east with the same effort, and that the way is opening for still greater success."—1 *Testimonies*, pg. 147:1, 2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"I saw that special efforts should be made in the west with tents; for the angels of God are preparing minds there to receive the truth {angel-message flying from the east}. This is why God has moved on some in the east to move to the west {where the angel-message is to arrive}. Their gifts can accomplish more in the west than in the east {at that time}."—1 *Testimonies*, pgs. 148, 149 (boldings, braces added).

Thus, the truth is obvious, the Lord directed His people to go west, because that is the direction the angel-message (Rev 7:2) was "ascending" (flying). And while the angel is flying there, God's people would be "awaiting his arrival." Where, though, is to be the place of his arrival, the exact geographical location in one of the western States of America?

"In 1844, as all Seventh-day Adventist's know, Sister White was given a vision of the 144,000, signaling the sealing angel's starting his ascent from the east (Rev. 7:2 4) {toward the west}. From then on he was ascending, and the saints were awaiting his arrival. Finally in 1929, through the Sabbath School Lessons, the Lord announced throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination that the angel had arrived {in Calif.}. Then the scroll began to unroll and the angel's presence {message was} to be felt by many who were agonizing for truth and righteousness."—1 *Shepherd's Rod Tract*, pg. 10:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

It was in 1929 that Bro. V.T. Houteff had begun to teach the SRod message, even while he was a Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath School teacher in L.A., California. This meant that the message of the sealing "angel" (Rev. 7:2) had arrived that same year, and that California was the exact geographical location in one of the western states where he arrived! This "angel" (Rev. 7:2) of the SRod message is to seal the 144,000 "servants" (Rev. 7:3); and God will use them to teach the saints, the great multitude (Rev. 7:9), the message of the Loud Cry. And since the angel had already arrived in the west (in California), then where was he to go from there? Was he to continue to go west on across the Pacific Ocean? Or was he to stay in the west in California? Or was he to turn around and then go eastward across the United States of America?

### MESSAGE OF LOUD CRY STARTS EASTWARD

"What is the message {Elijah}? The eleventh hour {SRod} message is none other than Revelation 18—the loud cry of the Third Angel."—2 *Shepherd's Rod*, pgs. 230, 231 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"After the purification {Ezek. 9 slaughter} of the church and the sealing of the servants of God, then the message {of the SRod} in the 18th chapter of Revelation shall culminate in a 'Loud Cry'."—2 *Shepherd's Rod*, pg. 169:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"How do I know that the great day of the Lord is almost here?—I know it because the announcement of it is here already, and because the {SRod} message of the marking that is foretold in Ezekiel's chapter nine, the work of the judgment, is already making its way throughout the Adventist world. I know it also because the material for the glory that follows immediately thereafter (the material that is to lighten the earth with the glory of the angel, the Loud Cry—Rev. 18:1) is already and waiting {in the message of the SRod}."—1 *Timely Greetings*, No. 5, pg. 12:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"It is our {Davidian} privilege, therefore, not only to bring the light of God {of the SRod} to the {SDA} Denomination where the 'firstfruits' (the 144,000—Rev. 14:4) of the great spiritual harvest are, but even to bring the same light {message of the SRod of the loud cry} to the second fruits, to the great multitude that are gathered out of all nations, a multitude which no man can number (Rev. 7:9)."—1 *Timely Greetings*, No. 46, pg. 6 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Afterwards he brought me again unto the door {SDA church} of the house {1Tr 17:4, 21:2}; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the forefront of the house stood toward the east."—Ezekiel 47:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"This direction of the compass {eastward} denotes that the {Shepherd's Rod} message of the Loud Cry is to start eastward when it is first revealed {in California in 1929}. The church membership being largely east of California, and across the Atlantic, naturally the {SRod} message must start {from California} toward the east. This symbolic prophecy reveals that the {SRod} message of the 'Loud Cry' is to originate in California {the west}."—2 *Shepherd's Rod*, pg. 297:0 (bold emphasis and braces added).

Thus, "the message of the Loud Cry" (2SR 297:0), not the time of the Loud Cry after the slaughter of Ezek. 9, was to "originate in California" when the angel arrived in 1929. And then the SRod message was to "start eastward when it is first revealed," and continue to go eastward across the United States of America. And that is exactly what Elijah the prophet did when he (Bro. V.T. Houteff) carried the "message of the Loud Cry" eastward from California and set up God's Headquarters near Waco, Texas. This move was recorded in *The Symbolic Code*.

"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 {the California} headquarters have been praying earnestly over this matter for many months, and as they kept on praying for light, the Lord finally indicated definitely that beautiful southern California was no longer to remain the center of his work for the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel,' but an eastward course {across America} was to be seen in the stream from that 'fountain' which is to swell into the great river of Ezekiel's prophecy {Ezek. 47:1}, and plans were soon formulated whereby a thorough search could be made in the territory indicated by the Lord where the future headquarters were to be found."—1 *Symbolic Code*, No. 10, pg. 3:1 (bold emphasis and braces added).

"There, He has given us one of His beautiful lake-side hills adjacent {not in but next} to Waco, Texas, a city of about 60,000, yet far enough from it to be away from the world and its evil environment—about 5 miles from the center of the city, and about 2 1/2 miles from the city limits. There lies 189 acres of land for our 'camp'."—1 *Symbolic Code*, No. 10, pg. 1:10 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Were it not for the "knockout blow" (WFR 332), the "angel" message of the SRod would have gone eastward across America from Waco, Texas; for Elijah the prophet (Bro. V.T. Houteff) said of Mt. Carmel Center: "our stay here will be very, very short" (11SC 12:30:1).

### THE KNOCKOUT BLOW

In the *White House Recruiter*, pg. 33:2 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 was 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 Sis. Houteff was dissolving Mt. Carmel; and the sheep were scattered (Zech 13:7; 1TG 18:17:5), leaving them with no leaders, little tithe, and few members. So they reorganized in 1961 and set up a temporary Headquarters in Riverside, California with leaders (LDB) 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" (2SR 200-208), 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** at Salem, So. 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 SRod by the study of "Ezekiel's River" (2SR 200-208), to move **eastward** to Salem, So. Carolina. That 1969 Session announcement is quoted in part from pages 8 to 10:

**"SESSION OF THE DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY  
ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION  
Sunday, August 31, 1969**

"The Session was opened with prayer by Bro. Glenn Green and Sis. Yvonne Bishop.

"The first order of business was for the Vicepresident 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:

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

"Of the delegates in South Carolina, the following were elected:

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

"The meeting was closed with prayer and all the delegates expressed the feeling that the Lord was about to do something for us. "—8 *Symbolic Code*, No. 5, pgs. 8-10, Sept.-Nov., 1969."

Then in 1970 another Session was held at Salem, So. Carolina; and the Davidians voted to move **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 two Davidians—Bro. E.F. Reichmann in California and Sis. C.T. Smith in Salem:

**Testimony Of Bro. 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 Mt. Carmel'....Our understanding is according to what Bro. Houteff said, that at that time there could not be a 'Mt. 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 this move {eastward to Salem}. And we have many positive convincing evidences of various trials and tests to determine the accuracy of our faith in this Project....**E.F. Reichmann**."—9 *Symbolic Code*, No. 7, pgs. 5, 6, April, May, June, 1970. (bold emphasis, braces added).

**Testimony Of Sis. C.T. Smith**—"Brother L. Nations was discussing the water shortage with Bro. Houteff on Mt. Carmel and he asked him why he did not move to Salem, So. Carolina where there is plenty of water. Bro. Houteff said, '**Not now, but one day Mt. Carmel will be at Salem.**' Bro. Nations told Sis. C.T. Smith about this, at that time on Mt. 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, So. Carolina."—Sister C.T. Smith.

**1970—A PROVIDENTIAL COINCIDENCE**

Furthermore, in *The Shepherd's SRod* Tract, pg. 72, there are "Providential Coincidences" in the life of Moses, that we now see corresponds with the year 1970, proving that something significant was to happen that year concerning the faithful Davidians.

By reading pages 66-72 and following the chart on page 72 you will see that the birth of Moses coincides with the year 1850, "the birth of the first testimony;" and 40 years after his birth "Moses' attempt and failure to free Israel" coincides with the year 1890, two years after the "righteousness by faith" message was rejected (1SRiv 69:1); and after Moses wandered 40 years keeping sheep, he came back to deliver Israel with his shepherd's rod, which coincides with the message of the SRod which came in 1930.

The Bible, however, says that "Moses was an **hundred and twenty** years old when he died" (Deut 34:7). This would add another 40 year period to the life of Moses, during the time that Israel wandered until all the older ones that left Egypt, who continually murmured, had died off. So by adding these 40 years to 1930, it brings us to the year 1970!

It is important to note, however, that some Davidians may not believe in this providential year 1970, because Elijah the prophet (Bro. V.T. Houteff) only taught the 80 years of Moses' life, which did not include his last 40 years. The obvious reason why, was because Sis. White said, "Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test." (EW 75:0). Thus, he could teach the 80 years concerning past events, but not the next 40 years, which would end the 120 years in 1970. Otherwise, he would be condemned by Sis. White's statement (EW75:0) for pre-

dicting a future event. So he only explained the 80 years; and then when the next 40 years passed, it would be known that 1970 is a significant year concerning Davidians. And the only such event which occurred that year in connection with Davidians, was the 1970 set up of God's Headquarters in the east at Salem, So. Carolina, as Ezekiel predicted (Ezek 47:1).

It was after the Davidians moved God's Headquarters eastward to Salem, So. Carolina in 1970, that they knew it was a divinely ordained move, according to the life of Moses (1SR 70:72). It is, of course, to stay in the east until its work is done for the SDA church. But why did the Lord lead the Davidians eastward to Salem in 1970? and what was to happen after they got there? The answer is because the Lord is to raise up in the east a "large company" of Davidian saints.

#### LARGE COMPANY RAISED UP IN THE EAST

"I saw that...the providence of God will open and prepare the way {in America} in the east..."—1 Testimonies, pg. 149:1. (bold emphasis, braces added).

"According to the light which God has given me, there will yet be a large company {of 144,000 Davidians and those saved 'with' them} raised up in the east to consistently obey the truth."—1 Testimonies, pg. 414:1 (bold emphasis and braces added).

The "east" mentioned above (1T 414:1) could not be in Portland, Maine, because the statement was written in 1856, which was twelve years after the angel began flying from there toward the west in 1844. And this "east" could not be in the middle of America at old Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, which was set up in 1935 (1TG 13:23). And since new Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas was put up for sale and its assets liquidated in 1961-1962, then the "east" mentioned above (1T 414) would have to be the place where God's Headquarters was set up at Salem, So. Carolina in 1970. This place in the "east," therefore, must be the place prepared by the "providence of God" for the gathering of a "large company" of Davidians—the 144,000 and those saved "with" them.

True Davidians would not say this "large company raised up in the east to consistently obey the truth," is the General Conference leaders in Washington, D.C., since they rejected the 1888 message of Jones and Waggoner. And especially since they rejected in 1929 *The Shepherd's Rod* message, which is the "butter and honey" (Isa 7:22) that could help all SDA members to "refuse the evil, and choose the good" (Isa 7:15). Then they could "consistently obey the truth" (1T 414), and not be "poor, and blind" (Rev 3:17).

This "large company," therefore, would have to be those Davidians who are to be "raised up in the east" sometime after God's Headquarters was moved to Salem, So. Carolina in 1970. They would "refuse the evil" of going west and "choose the good" of going east. But there are others, the false Davidians who are also noted in the above statement (1T 414).

#### FALSE DAVIDIANS DISTRACTED FROM GOD'S ASSOCIATION IN THE EAST

"According to the light which God has given me, there will yet be a large company {of true David-

ians} raised up in the east to consistently obey the truth. Those {false Davidians} who follow in the **distracted course** {of the usurpers and their false associations which} they have chosen will be left to embrace errors which will finally cause their **overthrow**; but they {false Davidians} will for a time be **stumbling blocks** to those {the true Davidians} who would receive the truth."—1 Testimonies, pg. 414:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

After God's Headquarters moved to Salem, So. Carolina in 1970, some Davidians began to follow the "distracted course" (1T 414:1) of false associations, and "embrace errors," a few of which are:

- (1) The error of Branch Davidians who keep the feast laws, which the SRod forbids (2TG 37:15).
- (2) The errors of "Bashan" and "Gilead" Davidians who deny that we are still feeding on the SRod in the spiritual Carmel pasture (1SR 243:2; 11SC 12:31,32).
- (3) The errors of New York Davidians who deny living saints are saved "with" the 144,000 (2Tr 39:1; 2TG 22:21:3).
- (4) The errors of the Waco Davidians who deny that God's Headquarters moved eastward (2SR 297:0; 1SC 10:3:1).

Their errors will "finally cause the overthrow" of their false associations, as Sis. White said (1T 414:1).

These false associations will "for a time be stumbling blocks" to the true Davidians. But before they will be **overthrown** (1T 414:1) because of their errors, the true Davidians will escape and "receive the truth" from God's Headquarters in the east in So. Carolina. They are sealed (Rev 7:2) as the 144,000 or those "with" them, and make up the "large company" of saints in the "east" who "consistently obey the truth," and who also know the answer to the following questions:

#### WHICH PASTURE IS FOR TODAY? IS IT CARMEL, BASHAN, OR GILEAD?

"Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old."—Micah 7:14.

Ever since Elijah (Bro. V.T. Houteff) died in 1955, the usurpers began to arise among the Davidians, all claiming to be inspired and trying to get a following. And by twisting the spiritual meaning of Micah 7:14 to a literal one, they try to make it appear that the spiritual pasture "Carmel" is a literal place (Mt. Carmel Center near Waco), so they can say that Bashan and Gilead are also literal places. Then they teach this: "Since the literal new Mt. Carmel Center was dissolved in 1961-1962, then we Davidians must now go to a literal place called Bashan or Gilead." There is just such a group of Bashan believers in a literal place in Missouri. Now another group of Davidians has arisen believing Gilead is a literal place in Texas; and later another Gilead group in Canada rose up. But the message of *The Shepherd's Rod* does not teach that Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead are literal places:

"Feed thy people with thy rod: The verb 'feed' is to be understood as spiritual food and that food (truth) is found in the 'Rod,' therefore we again have the command to give out the book ('Feed thy [God's]

people). **Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead** are used as symbols of good **spiritual pasture** {not literal Headquarters}...."—2 *Shepherd's Rod*, pg. 243:2 (brackets by Elijah) (bold emphasis, braces added).

The explanation of Elijah the prophet (Bro. V. T. Houtreff) in the above quotation from the message of *The Shepherd's Rod*, reveals that while some words in Micah 7:14 must have a spiritual meaning, (such as "Carmel"—a symbol of a "good spiritual pasture"), yet, some other words have a literal meaning, such as **people**. Therefore, logical SRod believers must admit that the literal "people" are not to be transformed into a literal "flock" of sheep, who are to graze upon a literal pasture called "Carmel," and who eat a literal stick of wood—a "rod"! It is obvious, then, that while the "people" are the literal Davidians, the feeding on the "rod" means that they spiritually eat the truth found in *The Shepherd's SRod* book in the spiritual "Carmel" pasture of probationary time.

And the fact that the Bible says in Micah 7:14 that the Davidian flock are to feed "in" Carmel, **not on Carmel**, is proof that they spiritually eat the SRod "in" a spiritual pasture—Carmel. Therefore, the "Rod" has a spiritual meaning, which is **not the same** as the meaning of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. The "rod" spiritually represents the Elijah message of *The Shepherd's Rod*, whereas the "Carmel" pasture spiritually represents a period of **probationary time** (a limited time beginning in 1929) when Seventh-day Adventists have the opportunity to feed on the SRod message. These facts indicate that three major events, in connection with the SRod message, began in 1929.

### THREE EVENTS BEGAN IN CALIFORNIA IN 1929

Thus, when the sealing angel arrived at Los Angeles, California, there were **three different events**, though related to each other; which began in 1929:

1. **CARMEL**: In 1929 the spiritual "Carmel" pasture of probationary time for Seventh-day Adventists to accept the SRod message, **began in California** when the angel started to seal the 144,000 (2Ans 34:0).

2. **HEADQUARTERS**: In 1929 **began** God's first Headquarters in California as the "center of his work" to print the original SRod literature. In his 1935 *Symbolic Code* (1Sc 10:3:1) Bro. Houteff mentioned it when he said, "those at headquarters" (in California) prayed for the "future headquarters," which was to be in Texas.

3. **SROD**: In 1929 the truth of the spiritual message of the "Rod" (Mic 6:9; 7:14) **began in California**, when Bro. V. T. Houteff started to teach it, and had published it in his book entitled, *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1 (1Tr37).

### THREE EVENTS DO NOT END AT THE SAME TIME

Though these three different events, which are related to each other, all began in 1929 in California, they do **not all end at the same time**.

1. **CARMEL EVENT ENDS**: The first event, the spiritual "Carmel" pasture, which began in 1929 in California, does **not end** until probation closes—"withers" (Amos 1:2) for the Seventh-day Adventist church.

2. **HEADQUARTERS EVENT ENDS**: The second event, God's Headquarters, which began in 1929 in Cali-

fornia, will **not end** until after it has been set up three times: (1) The first Headquarters in Los Angeles, California was moved **eastward** near Waco, Texas. (2) The second Headquarters near Waco, Texas was moved **eastward** to Salem, So. Carolina. (3) The third Headquarters in Salem, So. Carolina will finally be moved to God's kingdom Headquarters (11G25:6:1) in Jerusalem, when probation closes for Seventh-day Adventists, and the spiritual "Carmel" pasture "withers" (Amos 1:2).

3. **SROD EVENT ENDS**: And the third event, the SRod message, which began in 1929 in California, will **not end** until all the "people" have eaten the SRod in **three** different spiritual pastures of probationary time: (1) **Carmel** (for Seventh-day Adventists), (2) **Bashan** (for the Protestants), and (3) **Gilead** (for the heathens).

But we must not confuse these **three** different but related events, which began in 1929, with each other. When the spiritual "Carmel" pasture began in 1929 at Los Angeles, California, God's first Headquarters also began there. But when the first California Headquarters was dissolved in 1935 and then moved **eastward** to Waco, Texas, this dissolving did not cause the spiritual "Carmel" pasture to "wither." So likewise, when God's second Headquarters at new Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas was dissolved in 1961-1962, because of the "knockout blow" (WHR33), it did not cause the spiritual "Carmel" pasture to "wither." And since it did not wither when God's Headquarters was moved to Waco, Texas, then Davidians must admit that it's not the moving of God's Headquarters **eastward** to a new location that "withers" the spiritual "Carmel" pasture, but the close of probationary time to seal 144,000 in the Seventh-day Adventist church. It was that event (probation closed) and it **only** is what "withers" the spiritual "Carmel" pasture.

### NAMING OF MT. CARMEL CENTER

Moreover, some Davidians think that God's second **literal** Headquarters at Mt. Carmel Center near Waco, Texas, is the **same** as the **spiritual** "Carmel" pasture, but this is not true. The spiritual "Carmel" pasture of probationary time began in California in 1929; whereas the literal old Mt. Carmel Headquarters began in 1935. Other Davidians think the spiritual "Carmel" pasture was named after the literal Mt. Carmel, which is not true. Instead, the literal Mt. Carmel Center was named after the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. Besides, there are other churches who also use the name "Mt. Carmel." In fact, there is a Baptist church just a few miles from Salem, So. Carolina that uses the name "Mt. Carmel." But without the SRod message, any place that is called "Mt. Carmel" would be a spiritless and lifeless place, and could not be a spiritual pasture. Therefore, as long as the message of the SRod is fed to the SDA "flock" (Mic 7:14), and that God has a Headquarters to print the original SRod literature for them to eat, and that **probationary time** to seal 144,000 has not closed "withered" (Amos 1:2), so that they can eat it, then just that long does the spiritual "Carmel" pasture exist.

### CENTER OF GOD'S WORK

Furthermore, some Davidians think that the word "center" was added to "Mt. Carmel Center" because

God's second Headquarters was in the center of America in Waco, Texas; but that is not true. Instead, it means that God's second Headquarters was "the center of his work" where ever it is located. And Elijah the prophet (Bro. V.T. Houteff) revealed this fact in his 1935 *Symbolic Code*, written soon after he moved eastward to Waco, Texas, wherein he calls God's first Headquarters the "center of his work" (1SC 10:3:1), even while it was on the west side of America in Los Angeles, California, which is far from being literally in the center of America. It was there at Mt. Carmel Center where the Davidian "flock" dwelt "solitarily in the wood" (Mic 7:14).

The primary reason God's second Headquarters was called Mt. Carmel Center, was because it was situated in the "midst" of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture of probationary time for the Seventh-day Adventist church. This is proven by the fact that when the literal Headquarters of new Mt. Carmel Center was liquidated in 1961-1962, the spiritual "Carmel" pasture did not "wither" (Amos 1:2), because probation for the SDA church did not close in 1961-1962. Therefore, Mt. Carmel Center was indeed in the "center"—the "midst" or middle of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. And though the literal new Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas was liquidated and does not exist today, the spiritual "Carmel" pasture is still very much "green" with pasture (1ISC 12:32:0), and has not withered.

#### MT. CARMEL CENTER DWELT SOLITARILY IN THE WOOD

Now notice the phrase in Mic. 7:14, speaking about the "flock" of Davidian sheep "which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel," again showing a literal (wood) and spiritual (Carmel) meaning. When the followers of Elijah (V.T. Houteff) first began to spiritually feed upon the "rod" (Mic 7:14) in his book (1 SRod) in 1930 (1Tr 37), they were not dwelling "solitarily in the wood" at that location. Instead, they were dwelling in one of the largest cities of the United States—Los Angeles, California. It was later in 1935 (1TG 13:2:2) when Elijah moved God's Headquarters to Waco, Texas, and had bought "189 acres" (1SC 10:1:10) of wooded land, that he cleared out an area to build. It is this place where the "flock" of Davidians fed upon the SRod from God's second Headquarters while dwelling "solitarily in the wood" (Mic 7:14). Note the SRod statement where Elijah stated this fact:

"Mt. Carmel Training Center was established in 1935, and is located six miles northwest of Waco, Texas. Its 375 acres a sylvan sanctuary, and its western and northern prominences commanding unexcelled views of beautiful Lake Waco some three hundred feet below, and the picturesque vistas beyond, it is happy indeed for situation solitarily in the woods {Mic 7:14}."—*Mt. Carmel Training Center*, pg. 5:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

That is, Micah 7:14 says that while the Davidians were to "dwell solitarily in the wood" at God's literal Headquarters at Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, they were to feed upon the spiritual "Carmel" pasture, not at the beginning of the pasture in the city of Los Angeles, California since 1929, but in the "midst" of the "Carmel" pasture at Waco, Texas since 1935.

Thus the phrase, "which dwell solitarily in the wood," applies to God's literal second Headquarters at Mt. Carmel Center. But the phrase, "in the midst of Carmel," must apply to a spiritual "Carmel" pasture. It is divided into three divisions, because the word "midst" means middle; and because its impossible to have a middle without a beginning and an end. Read this fact in this scripture:

"Behold, it {the piece of wood} is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst {middle} of it is burned."—Ezekiel 15:4 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Note that the words "both the ends" and "midst" means three parts to the piece of wood in the fire. This fact proves that the word "midst" (Mic 7:14) means three divisions to the spiritual "Carmel" pasture:

(1) The beginning of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture at God's first Hdqs. in L.A., Calif. (1929).

(2) The "midst" of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture at His second Hdqs. at Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, which was "solitarily in the wood" (1935).

(3) The last or end of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture at His third Hdqs. in Salem, So. Carolina (1970).

#### BIBLE FURTHER PROVES MIDST MEANS MIDDLE

The Bible conclusively proves that "midst" does mean middle, even the exact middle and to the very day. Read Dan. 9:26,27 as is quoted in 3 Tract, pgs. 40 and 41, which refers to the "Christ" Messiah, being crucified—"cut off"—"in the midst of the week."

"And He Christ shall confirm the covenant with many for one week [seven years, beginning at His baptism]; and in the midst of the week [in the midst of the seven years] He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease [by the sacrifice of Himself...] (Dan. 9:27)."—3 Tract, pgs. 40,41 (words in brackets by Elijah) (bold emphasis added).

"That this is prophetic time, reckoned by the year-day rule of Ezekiel 4:6, is seen from the fact that there were seven years from the time Christ was baptised to the time the apostles were permitted to take the gospel to the Gentiles. During this period, {Jesus} Christ {the Messiah} confirmed or fulfilled the covenant. 'In the midst {middle} of the week,' or at the end of three and one half years, He was to be crucified, thus causing the earthly sacrifice to cease."—3 Tract, pgs. 56, 57 (bold emphasis, braces added).

#### IN THE MIDST (MIDDLE) OF CARMEL

Bro. Houteff's interpretation of Daniel 9:26, 27 is conclusive proof that the phrase: "in the midst of the week" means the middle of a symbolic week—seven days (years). And likewise, his interpretation of the "Carmel" in Micah 7:14 as being symbolic of a "good spiritual pasture" (1SR 243), also proves conclusively that the phrase: "in the midst of Carmel" means the middle of that spiritual pasture of probationary time for Seventh-day Adventists when God's second Headquarters was at Waco, Texas where they dwelt "solitarily in the wood" at literal Mt. Carmel Center.

These facts prove that at the beginning of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture in 1929 when the SRod

message was to "start **eastward**" (2SR 207:0), God's first Headquarters was in Los Angeles, California as "the center of His work" (1SC 10:3:1). Then when the SRod message continued **eastward** to Waco, Texas to His second Headquarters, it was situated "solitarily in the wood" at old Mt. Carmel Center as "the center of His work" in the "**midst**" (middle) of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. And the final phase of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture, when the SRod message moved **eastward** to Salem, So. Carolina, where God's third Headquarters is located as "the center of His work" until probation closes for the Seventh-day Adventist church, at which time "Carmel" shall "wither" (Amos 1:2).

Moreover, since Bro. V.T. Houteff said that the SDA "church's Headquarters are in the two-horned beast's dominion, the New World 'the earth' {in America}" (6T 24:2), and since the spiritual "Carmel" pasture of probationary time for the SDA church began at Los Angeles, California in 1929, and since the spiritual "Carmel" pasture is divided into three phases—(1) the **start**, (2) the "**midst**" (middle), and (3) the **end**, then God must have three Headquarters in the United States to be "the center of His work." First, in Los Angeles, California—the **beginning** in 1929; second, in Waco, Texas—the "**midst**" in 1935; and then third, in Salem, So. Carolina—the **last** in 1970.

#### FALSE DAVIDIANS CANNOT EXPLAIN IT

There are, however, Davidians of the false associations who have become a "distracted course" and a "stumbling block" (1T 414:1) to the true Davidians. And they try to refute what God said in Micah 7:14 about Mt. Carmel Center being God's Headquarters dwelling "solitarily in the wood" in the "**midst**" of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. They say that according to a dictionary, the word "**midst**" has another meaning besides the word "middle," which is "**among**." Their objective in trying to substitute the word "among" for the word "midst," is to confuse the Davidians so that they cannot understand the truth. When, however, they are asked to explain what does it mean to say, "in the **among** of Carmel, instead of "in the **midst** of Carmel," they have no answer! They cannot explain how the use of the word "**among**" in place of God's use of the word "**midst**" makes the meaning easier to understand or makes any sense at all!

The obvious reason why they are trying to confuse the word "midst" by the word "among," is because it shows that God has **three** Headquarters in the spiritual "Carmel" pasture: (1) California (**beginning**); (2) Texas (**midst**); and (3) So. Carolina (**last**). And if you ask them, "Did God have His first Headquarters in California?" they must answer "Yes" (1SC 10:3:1). And if you ask them again, "Did God have a **second** Headquarters in Texas?" they must answer "Yes" (1SC 10:1:10). But if you ask them, "Does God have a **third** Headquarters in So. Carolina, because "**midst**" shows three Headquarters?" they answer "No." And yet, these false Davidians have an association with a headquarters, which is a **third** one, after the California and Texas Headquarters! And the fact that they have a headquarters, proves that they are admitting outright that the word "**midst**" clearly indicates **three** Headquarters. True Davidians, there-

fore, know that these false Davidians are wrong for trying to use the word "**among**" to confuse others.

#### CARMEL WITHERS WHEN PROBATION CLOSES FOR THE SDA CHURCH

"The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of {the spiritual} Carmel {pasture} shall **wither**."—Amos 1:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"With a few comments on the above scripture, any {Davidian} Bible student will recognize at a glance that it applies at the **time of the end** {last days}, as explained by the gospel prophet {Isa 2:2}."—11 *Symbolic Code*, No. 12, pg. 30 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"The prophet Jeremiah in the following words explains that this wailing by those who are thus deceived will be at the **close of probation**. For they shall say 'the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' (Jer. 8:20). That is, after the harvest, the time in which they could have been saved, they will realize that **probationary time has closed** {spiritual Carmel pastured withered}. Then 'the habitations 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 pasture (present truth), when **probation closes** {for the Seventh-day Adventist church} it shall be **deserted** ('wither'), for says the Spirit of Prophecy: 'In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages.'—'Early Writings,' p. 34."—11 *Symbolic Code*, No. 12, pgs. 31, 32. (bold emphasis, braces added).

By interpreting Amos 1:2, Bro. Houteff is teaching that the spiritual "Carmel" pasture of Micah 7:14 (1SR 243:2) represents **probationary time** to seal the 144,000 Seventh-day Adventists beginning in 1929, because he says in the above inspired reference that "when **probation closes** it shall be deserted (wither)." And regarding two probations he says: "it will be noticed that the **close of probation** for the church and the one for the world are two different events." (2SR 186:1). Thus, this close of probation, when the spiritual "Carmel" pasture "withers" (Amos 1:2), could not mean the final close of probation for the world; because there are **two more** spiritual pastures (Bashan and Gilead) for the "flock" to feed upon after Carmel withers. And they cannot "feed" after probation closes for the world, while the plagues are falling and the gospel work to save sinners is finished forever.

Therefore, the withering of "Carmel" could not be referring to the dissolving of God's Headquarters at new Mt. Carmel Center in 1961-1962, because **probation did not close** for the Seventh-day Adventist Church at that time, and has not yet closed to this very day! This proves the spiritual "Carmel" pasture still exists today, and will continue to exist as long as Seventh-day Adventists are being sealed by the work of Davidians. But when our work for the SDA church is done, and 144,000 and those saved "with" them are sealed, and their probation closes (Carmel withers), then God will again move His Headquarters (1TG 25:8:1) **eastward** to His kingdom in Jerusalem.

## GOD'S KINGDOM HEADQUARTERS—MT. ZION

The spiritual "Carmel" pasture being divided in the "midst" (middle) shows God's Headquarters in three places in America (8Tr.24:2) as "the center of His work," with all of them moving eastward since 1929. Then when probation closes for the Seventh-day Adventist church and "Carmel" withers, God will again move his Headquarters on eastward to Mt. Zion (1Tr.25:8:1) to be "the center of His work," where the 144,000 stand (Rev. 14:1) after they have been sealed. Amos 1:2 indicates, therefore, that when Carmel withers (probation for the SDA church closes), and all but the 144,000 and those "with" them (1Sc.5:8:1) die in the slaughter (Ezek. 9:6), because they refused the seal during the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. Then "the Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem" (Amos 1:2) in His kingdom, as Isaiah also said:

"And many people {Rev.7:9} shall go and say. Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain {kingdom} of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."—Isaiah 2:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Virtually whole nations are to join 'the mountain {kingdom} of the Lord' during the Judgment day, the day in which the law goes 'forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem,' from the future headquarters of the gospel."—2 *Timely Greetings*, No. 25, pg. 6:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Since "whole nations" are not joining "the mountain of the Lord" today, it is plain to see that Amos 1:2, "the Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem;" and Isaiah 2:3, "for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem" both agree—that Davidians are to continue to feed upon the "green" spiritual "Carmel" pasture until probation closes (withers) for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Then the kingdom of God is set up in Jerusalem to be "the future Headquarters of the gospel, wherein "the Lord will roar from Zion" during the spiritual Bashan and Gilead pastures.

### BASHAN, GILEAD PASTURES DURING THE LOUD CRY

Moreover, since the "Bashan" and "Gilead" (Mic.7:14) "spiritual pastures" (1SR.24:2) cannot exist at this time because "Carmel" has not "withered"—probation for the Seventh-day Adventist Church has not closed, and the kingdom has not been set up in Jerusalem where "the Lord will roar from Zion," then the words: "Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead" (Mic.7:14) cannot apply now during the spiritual "Carmel" pasture, because it has not yet withered. The dictionary's definition of the word "let" is "hinder," as noted in this statement about king Pharaoh and Moses:

"Tidings of them {Mosea and Aaron} and of the interest they were exciting among the people {of Israel} had already reached {Pharaoh} the king {Ex.5:4}. His anger was kindled. 'Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let [hinder] the people from their works?' he said."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pg. 257:5 (brackets [] belong) (bold emphasis and braces {} added).

Though the word "let" (Mic.7:14) does not apply to the "Carmel" pasture, but to the "Bashan" and "Gilead" pastures, yet, all three of them are to feed upon *The Shepherd's Rod* message, as noted below:

"It is our {Davidian} privilege, therefore, not only to bring the {SRod} light of God to the {SDA} Denomination where the 'first-fruits' (the 144,000—Rev. 14:4) of the great spiritual harvest are {in the Carmel pasture}, but even to bring the same light {of the SRod} to the second fruits, to the great multitude {during the Bashan and Gilead pastures} that are gathered out of all nations, a multitude which no man can number (Rev. 7:9)."—1 *Timely Greetings*, No. 46, pg. 6:1. (bold emphasis, braces added).

All the saints in the three pastures feed on the SRod message (Mic.7:14). The 144,000 feed in the spiritual "Carmel" pasture until probation has closed for the SDA church, and it "withers" (Amos 1:2). Then after the slaughter of Ezek. 9 during the Loud Cry, the great multitude are hindered by the death decree of the image beast (Rev.13:15). But God says this hindrance will be removed to "let" the saints feed on the SRod in the spiritual "Bashan" pasture, and afterwards in the spiritual "Gilead" pasture.

But the usurpers and the Davidians in the false associations of "Bashan" and "Gilead" today, say the word "let" (hinder) refers to the other Davidians who oppose and hinder their work. But they are wrong, of course! They may have literal places which they have named "Bashan" and "Gilead," but they are not God's places; because the probationary time of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture for the SDA church has not yet closed, and the kingdom is not yet set up.

This fact is easily proven by two scriptures: Amos 1:2 which teaches that the first spiritual pasture of "Carmel" is to wither, and Micah 7:14 which teaches that after it withers, the "people" are hindered from feeding on the next two spiritual pastures of "Bashan" and then "Gilead." And though Micah 7:14 teaches that there are three spiritual pastures (Carmel, and Bashan, and Gilead), all "green" with present truth from which certain "people" are to "feed" upon the message of *The Shepherd's Rod*, they are not to feed upon all three of them at the same time!

That is, when God opened the first spiritual pasture of "Carmel" in 1929 for the SDA church, He did not open the "Bashan" or "Gilead" pastures at the same time. First He opened the spiritual "Carmel" pasture of probationary time to seal the 144,000 and those "with" them; at the end of which it "withers" (Amos 1:2) when He closes that pasture. Then after the slaughter of Ezek. 9 and the kingdom has been set up, He opens the spiritual "Bashan" pasture of probationary time for some of the great multitude (Protestants) to eat the SRod message and be saved, and closes it. And next He opens the spiritual "Gilead" pasture of probationary time for the others (the heathens) to eat the SRod message and be saved, and closes it for the entire world; then the seven plagues fall (Rev.16). This means that there must be three classes of "people" who are to be harvested into God's kingdom, by feeding on the message of the SRod in three different spiritual pastures of probationary time.



"It is only now that we are beginning to learn how God does His harvesting of the various spiritual crops {of souls}. He is first to harvest the righteous (the teachable ones) {144,000 and those who are saved 'with' them} from the Seventh-day Adventist church (the house of Judah) {during the Carmel pasture}; next. He is to harvest His people from among the protestants (the house of Israel) {during the Bashan pasture}; and last, He will harvest from the heathen them that will turn and worship him {during the Gilead pasture}. Each of these crops {souls} He wisely harvests in a different way and in their appointed {probationary} time of harvest."—12 *Symbolic Code*, No. 8 pgs. 14, 15 (bold emphasis, braces added).

There are two main harvests of souls, as noted in the above SROD remark: (1) The harvest of 144,000 and those saved "with" them from the SDA church (Judah) during the "Carmel" pasture. (2) The harvest of the great multitude from Babylon (Rev 18:4), which is divided into two groups—first the protestants during the "Bashan" pasture (Israel), and the heathens during the "Gilead" pasture. This makes a total of three harvests of souls to be fed on the same message of the SROD in three spiritual pastures.

Thus, God is to have only four Headquarters in all, from which the message of the SROD is to be fed to the saints. During the probationary time of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture for the Seventh-day Adventist church, God has three Headquarters (at California, at Texas, and at So. Carolina) as "the center of His work," because "Carmel" is divided in the middle—"midst" (Mic 7:14). His fourth Headquarters (1TG 25:8:1), as "the center of His work" in the time of the Loud Cry, is to be at Mt. Zion. In this time there are two spiritual pastures (Bashan and Gilead) of probationary time to gather the Protestants and also heathens.

#### WHERE IS MT. CARMEL TODAY?

The SROD says that the "message of the 'loud cry' is to originate in California" (2SR 207:0) in 1929, where God's first Headquarters was set up in the spiritual "Carmel" pasture at L.A., California as "the center of His work." It was not, however, named Mt. Carmel Center; but it was to move, because the SROD also said the "message of the 'loud cry' is to start eastward when it is first revealed" (2SR 207:0) in California. In 1935 the first Headquarters was closed down and moved eastward near the city of Waco, Texas. It was God's second Headquarters—Mt. Carmel Center, "the center of His work" and it was in the "midst" (middle) of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. But it was not God's last Headquarters, for the SROD "message of the Loud Cry" was to continue eastward.

It's progress, however, was interrupted by the "knockout blow" (WHR 33) in 1959, and new Mt. Carmel Center was liquidated in 1961-1962, which delayed it's going eastward for a time. Finally, in 1970 it moved on eastward to Salem, So. Carolina, which was God's third Headquarters in the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. It was named Mt. Carmel Center, which was "the center of His work," and His storehouse.

#### THE LAST "CARMEL" STOREHOUSE IN AMERICA

"Where is one to look for God's storehouse?—wherever God's truth is for today {at Mt. Carmel Center in So. Carolina}, from wherever 'meat in due season is dispensed.'"—2 *Timely Greetings*, No. 30, pg. 18:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Or, should I pay it {tithes} to the Davidians, the 'storehouse' of present truth {at Mt. Carmel Center in So. Carolina}."—4 *Answerer Book*, pg. 43:0. (bold emphasis, braces added).

The "storehouse" would be where the original literature of *The Shepherd's Rod* (present truth) has been printed or is being printed. This is the way the true Davidians would know how to identify God's three Headquarters in the spiritual "Carmel" pasture: (1) The start in California where the SROD was first printed (since 1930). (2) The midst in Texas where the SROD was printed again (since 1935). (3) And the last in So. Carolina where the SROD literature was again reprinted (since 1970). They are the only three "storehouse" Headquarters which the Lord recognizes during the probationary time of the spiritual "Carmel" pasture. As for the Davidians of the other associations who also print the SROD literature, they are false, because they also teach and print error!

This is further proven by the fact that after the "knockout blow" (WHR 33) in 1959, and after all the assets of new Mt. Carmel Center was liquidated in 1961-1962, the printing of the SROD literature had stopped completely. It was not until after the faithful Davidians reorganized in 1961 and later moved to Salem, So. Carolina in 1970, that all of the original SROD literature was printed at God's last Headquarters in the east. And it was not only set up as *The General Association Of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists*, but it was also named Mt. Carmel Center. All true Davidians recognize it as the third and last Headquarters, the "storehouse" of Present Truth in the spiritual "Carmel" pasture of today until it "withers" (Amos 1:2) at the close of probation for the SDA church.

#### IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who {the false Davidians} can be against us?—Romans 8:31 (bold emphasis, braces added).

There are false Davidians "who apparently believe and who declare that they stand strongly for the {SROD} message, but who are throwing rocks at us and at our work." (2A 56). We pray that those Davidians who are throwing "rocks" at God's Headquarters, will put them down and pick up their Bibles and work with us. (Write for our article about these rock throwers, which has more details.) Now please turn your attention to the next page and study the diagrams, which prove by illustration what you have already read.

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