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Statement of Purpose

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Corrections: In our last issue we mistakenly wrote that Sister Watkins resigned in 2021. She actually resigned on **Monday, September 12, 2022.**

In the 2022 fiscal report, the amounts spent for trademarks in the U.S. & Zambia were switched. We apologize for any & all discrepancies!

Calling all Salem Davidians!!

July 28th, 2024 Special Session!! (virtual via Zoom)

- **11:00 AM EST**
- **10:00 AM CST**
- **8:00 AM PST**
- **6:00 PM ZAMBIA**

Session Agenda:

1. Voting in Officers for Executive Council
2. Review & Revision of bylaws
3. American Division Leadership

***if business is not accomplished the first day, the session will flow into the next day at the same time**

Because of the ongoing conflict, we offer you a reprint of the following sermon by the prophet Elijah.

ISMS, AND THE REMEDY

**TEXT OF ADDRESS BY V. T. HOUTEFF,
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SABBATH, NOVEMBER 9, 1946
MT. CARMEL CHAPEL
WACO, TEXAS**

Let me introduce my subject by telling you a simple story.

Once upon a time six brothers were building a bridge, supposedly to the god of Justice. The purpose of the bridge was to unite the east with the west.

They had no difficulty laying the foundations and setting the pillars. But, lo, when they came to join the east wing with the west one, they found themselves confronted with a phenomenal obstacle: What they had built up during the day was torn down during the night. This miracle continued day after day. Finally the brothers sat down in a council meeting to discuss how they might solve their harrassing problem. Feeling that to quit would be the greatest folly they could ever commit, that it would bring their names into disrepute, they studied and they prayed.

At long last they concluded that the god of Justice was for some reason displeased with them and that a human sacrifice would appease him. So it was that they resolved to sacrifice the best one of their wives. This, however, was not to be divulged to the women. In



order to make an impartial and acceptable selection, they further resolved that on the morrow each would instruct his wife to prepare the best possible breakfast and dinner, and to take the meals to him at the bridge as early as possible. They were to explain

to their wives that they must needs eat and pray at the bridge side to the glory of the god of Justice, and for the success of their project. The woman to arrive with the meals first was to be the victim.

Five of the men, though, did not stick to their solemn oath. Each of them straightway told their wives what was to be done, and that therefore they should not hurry to the bridge with the meals.

In the morning, at the appointed time, the men were at the bridge site. Shortly afterwards they saw in the distance someone coming to the bridge. For a few moments no one knew for sure who it was, but soon the man who had kept his part of the agreement recognized it to be his wife. He, of course, immediately burst into tears, and with groans he fell to the ground. Seeing her husband's strange behaviour, the wife dropped her basket of food and ran to the scene to learn what was the trouble. But while she was attempting to comfort her husband, the other five brothers seized her, carried her to a gap in the bridge, and there they cemented her alive. Now, the brothers confidently expected the bridge to stay up, for they felt that they had done all they could to appease the god of Justice.

Thus it was that while the five dishonest men that night returned home in happiness, the honest one returned to his home in grief.

On the following morning, all the men hurried to the bridge, expecting to find it standing intact. But to their surprise and consternation they found the whole bridge lying flat on the ground!



Naturally, the incident was rumored throughout the city, and the judges of that city went to see what the great excitement was about. As they listened to the builders argue and philosophize from cause to effect, they learned that the unfortunate woman was not sacrificed by fair chance, but by fraud! Thus they judged that the whole disaster was

due to the fact that unjust men were trying to build a bridge in the honor of a just god! The matter was brought to court and the judges finally decreed that Justice must be satisfied, else not only the bridge, but even their city might fall to the ground. Accordingly, on that very day the five unjust men were executed, and the honest one was made mayor of the city.

Christians [Davidians] have been building a bridge, so to speak, to the God of Justice for many years. But they do not seem to be any more successful than were the six bridge-builders. And for what reason? For the very same reason the six builders were unsuccessful: Selfish men are engaged in the work, and though they see the need for a sacrifice, yet they somehow always manage to make others do the sacrificing.

And you remember that though the building of the tower of Babel was counter to God's will and His order, still all the while the builders worked harmoniously among themselves, their project prospered—

their tower skyrocketed. But when their language was confused and they could no longer understand one another, then the progress of the tower stopped. And to show them that He was displeased with their project and that He was the One Who had confounded their language, God blasted the tower so that it crumbled to the ground. That which happened to the bridge happened also to the tower.

Christians [Davidians] are working at cross-purposes among themselves. One Christian [Davidian] brother is betraying another. Christian ministers, rather than preaching the Truth, are preaching against one another. One goes ahead to build up, and another trails behind to tear down. They do not see eye to eye; nor do they understand one another even as much as did the confused tower-builders.

Just so long as such selfishness, and dishonesty, confusion and animosity, exist among Christians [Davidians], their bridge and their tower, so to speak, will come to naught as certainly as did the bridge of the six covenant-breakers and as did the tower of the prophet Noah's mockers. There is no way of stopping ism trouble without removing the cause—no, no more than a splinter wound can heal before the splinter has been removed.

You are familiar with the fact that there was no ism trouble in Moses' day as long as Moses alone interpreted the Word of God to the people. **But just as soon as Korah, Dathan, Abiram and others aspired to Moses' office ism trouble started. And the only remedy that even God Himself': could find was to cause the earth to open her mouth and to swallow the ism-breathing multitude, the self-appointed representatives of God.**

In our day there is an even greater flood of private interpreters of the Scriptures (the cause of today's isms) than there was in Moses' day. And according to Revelation 12:15, 16, the Lord warns that He will again use a remedy similar to the ancient remedy against today's ism-breeding flood. Then some may learn to respect the office of the Spirit of Prophecy. Let us now read of the fate of those who chose to continue walking in sparks of their own kindling.

Rev. 12:16— “... and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”

Here we see that a similar remedy which caused isms to cease in Moses' day, is again to be used to cause isms to cease in our day, the only means by which harmony can be restored among fellow-members in the church itself, as well as among Christians [Davidians] in general.

2 Tim. 3:16, 17— “All Scripture is given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

2 Pet. 1:20, 21—”Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

Affirmatively stated, all Scripture, not merely a part of It, is inspired. Negatively stated, none of It is privately interpreted, for the reason that It did not come of men but of God; that is, as the Spirit of God dictated to men the Scriptures, so the Spirit of God must interpret the Scriptures to men, that no man privately (without Inspiration) is capable of disclosing the sealed prophecies or interpreting any part of them or even capable of understanding their importance after they are interpreted except it be by the gift of the Spirit of Truth. None of the wicked,” therefore, “shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” Dan. 12:10.

We should now be convinced that as long as this Divine command and principle of interpreting God's Word is overlooked and abused, and as long as selfishness and bigotry exist among Christians in general and among Bible students in particular, isms will continue to increase, and the strength of the people will continue to be wasted just as was the strength of both the builders of the bridge and the builders of the tower. Yes, just as certainly as night follows day, just that certain will their, efforts come to naught, and their shame be uncovered.

That we cannot be led into all Truth without the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy, Inspiration symbolically forewarns through the prophet Zechariah. Let us turn to Zechariah 4, and begin with the first verse.

Zech. 4:1-4— “And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and has seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my Lord?”

The illustration here exhibited, you note, is an exact reproduction of Zechariah’s symbolism. In order that our study be simplified and vivid, we shall study the chapter along with the illustration.

Now let us hear the angel’s explanation of this symbolism.

Verses 5, 6— “Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

The angel disclosed two things: First he made known that the symbolism is concerning the Word of the Lord (the Bible) to the servants of God; second, that His Word is revealed, not by man’s might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God.

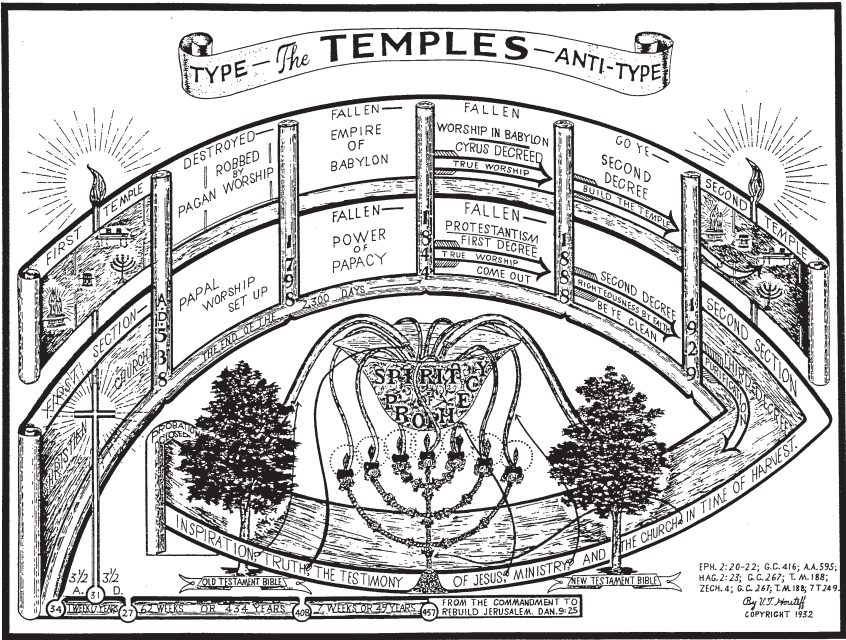
Plainly this symbolism as a whole represents the system by which the Lord transmits His revealed Word to His people. That we might have a thorough understanding of this Divinely designed system, we need to know what each component part of the illustration stands for. The Spirit of Prophecy gives the clue.

In The Great Controversy, page 267 is explained that the “olive

trees” represent the “Old and New Testaments”; Testimonies to Ministers, page 188, says that the golden oil represents the Holy Spirit; and on page 337 of the same book, along with Revelation 1:20, says that the seven lamps represent the church, and that the seven tubes (the ministry) convey the oil to the churches.

Now study the illustration itself as you would study any cartoon. First of all, the trees represent the Word of God (the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—two trees).

Here is seen that the whole symbolical set up is for the purpose of depicting the accomplishment of but one thing—of keeping the seven lamps (the entire church membership) supplied with spiritual oil (Bible Truth) so that it might give spiritual light all round about, that the church might lighten the world with the revealed Word of God. And since the ministry’s duty is to feed the church with spiritual food, the fact is that the seven tubes represent the ministry at work, taking the oil (revealed Truth) from the bowl to the seven lamps, the churches. Now the truth that in the illustration the tubes (the ministers) do not take the oil directly from the olive trees (the Bible), it positively indicates that the bowl in which the oil is deposited represents the container or the store in which the



compilations of Inspired Bible interpretations are stored, and that from it, not from the olive trees, the ministers help themselves with oil and carry it to the seven lamps (to the church).

The two golden pipes, therefore, can be only a representation of the inspired channels which are capable to extract the oil (light of Truth) from the trees (from both Testaments) and store it in the bowl (books) for the tubes (ministers) to convey it to the candlestick (to the churches).

The symbolism, therefore, points out the system which Heaven has ordained for dispensing the Word of the Lord to His church: that the Spirit of Prophecy at work is the only remedy against isms in the church and in the world.

Those who do not avail themselves of the golden oil, and those who continue ever to hunt for some kind of oil, or whoever try to extract their own, will, of course, drop into the pit when the earth opens her mouth to swallow up the flood. Then it is that ism-breathers and ism-seekers shall forever pass away.

Verses 8, 9— **“Moreover the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.”**

These scriptures positively imply that there are doubts in the minds of some as to whether antitypical Zerubbabel, or some other shall finish the work which Zerubbabel has started. Whom does Zerubbabel represent?—

The Word of God explains that ancient Zerubbabel is a signet, type, at the time God overthrows the thrones of the kingdoms, at the time their armies are destroyed by one “brother” Christian’s sword cutting down another brother Christian. (Haggai 2:22, 23). Zerubbabel, therefore, represents God’s servant at a time the crowned kings, “throne of kingdoms,” are overthrown, and in which time one Christian nation is at war with another Christian nation. Since the crowned kingdoms are fast passing away, and other forms

of governments are taking their places, all proves that antitypical Zerubbabel's appearance is now due. And the Lord's own answer is "the hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it."

Verse 10— "For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth."

The day this scripture is fulfilled, is the day in which the Lord of hosts starts a reformatory work in an apparently very small and insignificant way, and those who despise small and insignificant beginnings will at last rejoice and shall see that antitypical Zerubbabel is the one to direct the work along with all (seven) his helpers. They are the eyes of the Lord. What a momentous day! What a great people! Evidently they constitute the "stone" of Zechariah Three which we studied several weeks ago, and learned that it has seven eyes, complete spiritual vision. Obviously this is the stone that smites the great image of Dan. 2:45.

Verses 11, 12— "Then answered I, and said unto Him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto Him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?"

All these taking place at this particular time, and the prophecies now unfolded, prove that antitypical Zerubbabel must now be here, and that as he has started the work, he also must finish it. The fact that Inspiration takes the pains to tell who is to finish the work in itself is proof that there must be active usurpers of his office as there were of Moses' office.

Verses 13, 14— "And He answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord. Then said He, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

From the angel's information it is now clearly seen that the symbolism depicts the system of interpreting the written Word of

God, and of transmitting It to the church. The time of which is in the New Testament era, when both trees are in existence.

Let us now summarize the lesson by the aid of the illustration. Here we see a candlestick (a church) all of gold, the finest of all candlesticks (no “tares” in it). It constitutes the remnant (those that are left after the sinners are done away with) which indeed keep the commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev. 12:17; 19:10). This fine candlestick is fully trimmed and burning. The two golden pipes (God’s inspired interpreters) store the golden oil in the golden bowl (Spirit of Prophecy publications). And the seven tubes (the entire ministry) convey from the golden bowl the golden oil to the seven golden lamps (to the entire laity).

Under this perfect system of preparing, and dispensing the Word of God, “meat in due season,” “to His people, there need be no fear that the reservoir will run dry, or that the lamps will grow dim. This is the only system, moreover, that can make the church perfect, without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing—a people without guile in their mouths, all seeing eye to eye, all saying the same thing. Truly “a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like.” Joel 2:2. This beyond doubt is the mighty power that lightens the earth, it is the Loud Cry. Indeed this symbolism reveals the church at the time she is endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy and with the righteousness of Christ.

Obviously, the system of Bible interpretation described by Zechariah, is the Lord’s only system. It is the only remedy for isms and discord among Christians. Thus it is that His “watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.” Isa. 52:8. [brackets added]

Let us remember that even as present truth believers, we will subject to the “separation of the wheat & the tares”, and also that associations & groups who are not teaching strictly from the Golden Bowl will turn into “salt pits” and are out of the stream (Eze. 47) of Truth, therefore “let no man deceive you” or “take your crown”! Stand on the Truth alone.

My Journey with Dress Reform: Adhering to God's Standards

My journey with dress reform has been one in which I struggled. As a young Davidian in her 20s I was pretty strict with my dress, but after going through arduous battle in the SDA church and eventually getting disfellowshipped and thrown off church property, I lost my faith & turned to the world, supposing it could alleviate the pain I felt inside.

In America, a big emphasis is placed on fashion and looking good. Skimpy clothes on women abound, and the modest woman may feel pressure to adhere to social norms. I was one of those women once I took my eyes off Jesus. But since God called me back into His marvelous work, God had been convicting me, and slowly but surely, I replaced all my immodest clothing with modest clothing.



Sister Hall as a young Davidian in college.

I was also rebuked by Salem's council, Sister Pat, & Zambian-SA division for not being dressed properly during Brother Adair's funeral services, so after that I began to purchase more clothing: longer dresses and skirts, longer-sleeved shirts, & some jackets and sweaters that were light, as where I live has very hot weather, to wear with my dresses and skirts. In some cases I had to make payments to get the clothing, and it was a process, but I can report that now my closet is full of modest clothing & I now dress modestly everywhere

I go! I am thankful to the leaders



Sister Hall in her new clothes
purchased at Shein.

in the Zambian-SA division . Sister Pat, and the then council **for rightly calling me out.** It motivated me to change, because I did not want to be disqualified from doing God's work. This work means everything to me! **Here are some things I did to change my mindset when it comes to dress reform.**

1. I cleaned up my social media.

I removed or stopped following a lot of posts that showed women/celebrities dressing skimpy & stopped following many celebrities too. Social media is a very destructive tool if we are not proactive to make sure what we are looking at will bring God's approval.

2. I got busy doing God's work.

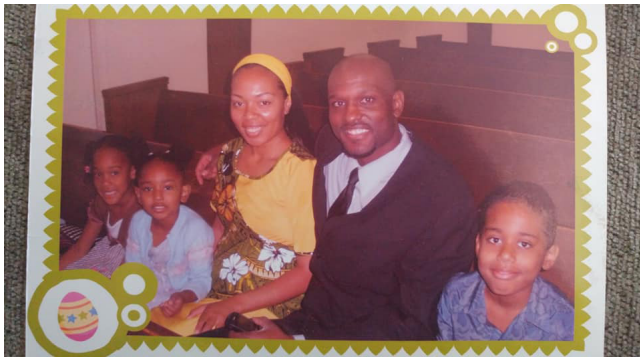
I had read somewhere in the Spirit of

Prophecy that the only people who will be saved/sealed **are the ones who take up their God-given work.** **As I began to work, my desire to dress like the world began to lessen, and eventually I had no desire to be prideful in my dress.**

3. One of my biggest fears was not being attractive to my husband, but the message says this:

“Why is God to strip the daughters of Zion of their vanities? – Let us hear Him answer: ‘...Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet.’

“The fashionable way of dressing makes them haughty, proud; makes them stretch forth their necks, and makes them tinkle with their



Sister Hall & her young family at church wearing the traditional Samonan dress, a puletasi.

feet; makes them do anything to attract attention – yes, everything with which to make themselves appear indecent, hypocritical, and of questionable characters. Is it any wonder that there is so much wickedness in the church? One must as it were, carry a gun to protect his wife on the streets. How can it be otherwise when the women's way of dressing in itself invites trouble?

“Moreover, if you sisters do not dress in harmony with the Lord's will, in harmony with His advanced Truth, even the world, if it knows anything of your profession, will not think much of you. They are looking for hypocrites anyway, and if you are not faithful to your religion, you will in their eyes appear to be the best of hypocrites.

“Verse 24 – ‘And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.’

“Dress properly and you will find not only that wicked men will not hang after you, but neither will the Lord's curses fall upon you.

“Verse 25 – ‘Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.’

“If the daughters of Zion fail to reform, then their men shall fall by the sword. Do you want me to tell you why their men will fall by the

sword? – Because no sincere Christian boy in his right senses, will ever as much as consider marrying a girl that dresses as a hypocrite dresses. And so if such a worldly-minded girl is ever to get married, what kind of man will she get? – Not an informed Christian in present Truth, I am sure. She will get the kind of man that does not have God’s protection over him, the kind that is to fall in the war, the war that is fought while God’s people are being delivered. (Re-read Tract No. 14.) If you want to save your men, then quit fooling with the Devil. Get to be God’s true representatives.”

The last thing I did:

4. I ordered clothing from Shein where you can buy modest clothing at a reasonable price. Shein caters to women across the world -not just western cultures- who dress modestly, such as Muslim & Jewish women. They have a wide variety of modest clothing, simply type in the search bar “long skirts”, “long dresses, with long sleeves” or “modest clothing”. I also searched Amazon to order scarves for my head covering for religious activities & services. I found a wide variety of styles and found some that suited my taste and style. Temu is another good place to find headcoverings.

What I realized in my search for modest clothing and scarves, is that western culture is the only place where women do not cover their heads in church. In America, you would be hard pressed to see women wear anything on their head, but in the old world, this is quite common.

Paul writes, “Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head...” (1 Corinthians 11:5)

Now many Christians say that a women’s headcovering is her natural hair on her head because of this part: **but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering.”**

However, the verse continues, 1 Corinthians 11:6 says, **“For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered”.**

The very fact that Paul is saying “if the women be not covered, let her also be shorn” shows he is not talking about her natural hair, but about the covering she should have on her head, -one other than her hair.

I noticed another phenomenon once I dressed modestly. After a prolonged period of time, my daughters, who are now young adults started to wear more long dresses and skirts! I didn’t have to talk to them or scold them; **they just started doing it.** I had one daughter who was very resistant to wearing dresses and wanted to wear jeans all the time, but now she insists on wearing long, flowy dresses! She told me recently that she is in her “dress era”. **What a testament to parents that we can talk all we want, but our children will not change unless they see us do it first!**

Malachi 4:5, 6: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6And he shall *turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers*, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

This message came to turn our hearts towards our children, our family, our loved ones, --to yearn for their salvation. And if we are the children who have parents who are not saved, it will do the opposite. Our hearts will yearn for the older generation. That chapter in Malachi also says that this predicted Elijah is to restore all things... that means -all reforms that we have to make to fit into the society of heaven. We must become less and less like the world during the journey of life.

Additionally, the prophet says if we do not reform, our men will die in the gigantic war that will surround Jerusalem. It is there that the last King of the North will come to his end, and God’s people will be delivered. Dan. 11:45, 12:1

The Lord is coming to a pure church, and we must be ready to receive the forces of the Gentiles. How can we witness to them if we are showing our body parts off for the world to see? I used to be so skinny and fit, but when I gained weight (although I am working on



There are many different Christian religions that practice head covering during religious services as a form of worship & reverence to God.

losing it), and my looks changed, I stopped being so haughty. It was a humbling experience that brought me to the realization that true beauty is on the inside. And yes, Sisters, my husband is still attracted to me!

Acts of the Apostles, p. 523:

“The apostle exhorted the women in the faith to be chaste in conversation and modest in dress and deportment. ‘Whose adorning,’ he counseled, ‘let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the

hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.’

The lesson applies to believers in every age. ‘By their fruits ye shall know them.” Matthew 7:20. **The inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit is priceless.** In the life of the true Christian the outward adorning is always in harmony with the inward peace and holiness. ‘If any man will come after Me,’ Christ said, ‘let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” Matthew 16:24. Self-denial and sacrifice will mark the Christian’s life. **Evidence that the taste is converted will be seen in the dress of all who walk in the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord.**



Sister Hall with her first grandbaby!!

It is right to love beauty and to desire it; but God desires us to love and seek first the highest beauty, that which is imperishable.

No outward adorning can compare in value or loveliness with that ‘meek and quiet spirit,’ the ‘fine linen, white and clean’ (Revelation 19:14), which all the holy ones of earth will wear. This apparel will make them beautiful and beloved here, and will hereafter be their badge of admission to the palace of the King. His promise is, “They shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy.” Revelation 3:4.

Session Announcement

The **session date** has been published twice & will take place on July 28th. As with our last session, the first part will be for the general assembly & worship. All Salem members are invited to attend. A news update will be given and a mini-sermon delivered, after which, the business portion of the meeting will occur. Because of recent events, the business meeting is only open to delegates & vote members in unquestionable standing.

Timely Greetings, Vol 2, No. 41

Excerpt: The Palestine Situation, Communism, & the Gathering of TWO Peoples.

But, you say, is there no prophecy concerning what the Jews are doing today in Palestine? Of course there must be a prophecy. Let me read it to you:

Zeph. 2:1-3 – “Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord’s anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord’s anger.”

These verses of Scripture, you note, are to meet fulfillment just before the “day pass as the chaff,” before the fierce anger of the Lord breaks upon the nation not desired. And while this undesired nation is gathering together, then it is that all the meek of the earth, those who have borne the Lord’s message “before the great and dreadful day of the Lord” (the church), are counselled to still seek meekness. There are, therefore, **two peoples brought to view in these verses – the nation not desired and the meek of the earth.**

Now in view of the fact that there is but one such undesired nation, the Jewish, and none other, that is hated by all nations, this scripture cannot possibly apply to another people. Also the fact that now while we are broadcasting the message of the great and dreadful day of the Lord, the day before the day of the Lord’s anger, the undesired Jews world over are gathering together in Palestine—I say in view of all these things now contemporaneously taking place, the truth of the Scriptures boldly stand out, showing that the anger of the Lord is to fall upon the Jews unless they reform, and not they, but “the meek of the earth” are to inherit the land. And so according to Scripture, Jew and Arab alike are to go out of the Promised Land, and the meek of the earth to march into it.

How are they to get there, and who is to open the way? – The answer to these questions we shall find in Zech. 14:4,5

Isa. 11:11, 12, 16 – “**And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.... And there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.**”

Isa. 27:12, 13 – “**And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.**”

Editor's Note: Remember, in Revelation where the church, the woman, appears in vision to John, that it has to flee the the vineyard & hide in the wilderness. **See video on the Church, the Woman & the Dragon.** But the dragon continues to pursue the true church around the world! This means that God's people shall be scattered until the time the Gentiles are fulfilled, after which, they will be gathered again into the “vineyard”, the holy land.

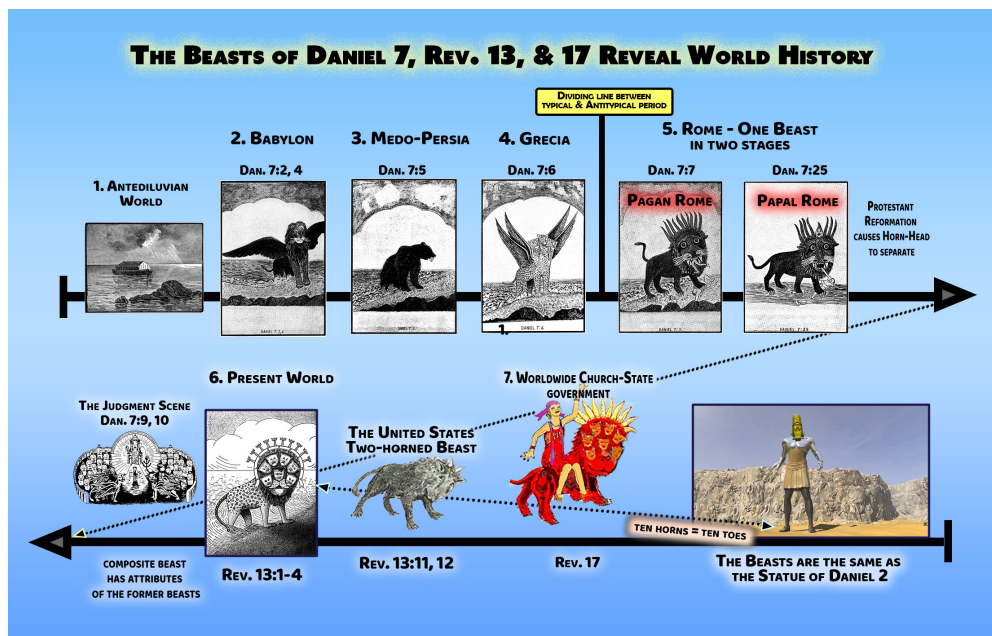
The Lord opens the way, and the Lord gathers His people.

Now about the war as it stands today. Tract No. 14, War News Forecast, whic,h came out several years ago, tells the truth concerning World

Editor's Note: Brother Houteff wrote this as the World War II was at it's tail end. And although the fighting ceased for a time, since 1945; the Biblical prophecy of Nahum says that World War II will be resumed.

Moreover, there has been no official declaration as yet that the war is over. No complete settlement with the powers which fought in the war has as yet been reached. Anyone can see that the world is fast getting ready to resume the war with a mightier and final blow if possible. Anyone can see, too, that the war was not won for the good of Great Britain, but for Russia, and that following the cessation of hostilities conditions have caused the world to consolidate into two great and hostile blocks, – the Western and the Eastern blocks, – not to mention the wars and rumors of wars all around us. This happened because Great Britain allied with atheistic Russia, a government that is against God and His church. Thus Great Britain put greater trust in God's enemy than in God Himself, and that is why the war is yet to be fought.

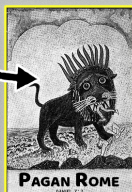
And now while the cold war between the east and west is on, the churches, too, by the Amsterdam confederacy, are enlarging the size



ROMAN EMPIRE REPRESENTED AS A DREADFUL, NONDESCRIPT BEAST

27 BC - 1798 AD

- ♦ DIVIDING LINE OCCURS BETWEEN ROME & GRECIA (TYPICAL VS ANTITYPICAL)
- ♦ 5TH KINGDOM FROM CREATION BUT 4TH ON THE STATUE
- ♦ 10 HORNS = UNIVERSAL, CIVIL POWER
- ♦ BEAST IS THE SAME AS IRON LEGS ON THE STATUE
- ♦ ROME IS DEPICTED AS ONE BEAST IN 2 PHASES (PAGAN/PAPAL)
- ♦ SUCCEEDED BY THE LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST IN REV. 13



PAGAN ROME



PAPAL ROME

BEAST IS THE SAME AS IRON LEGS ON THE STATUE

DANIEL 7:7, 25



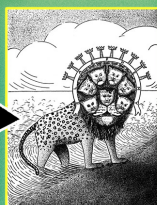
PRESENT ROMAN WORLD REPRESENTED BY A LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST

1798 AD - ?

- ♦ LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST IS THE 6TH KINGDOM FROM CREATION
- ♦ 5TH ON THE STATUE & IS THE SAME AS IRON & CLAY FEET
- ♦ 10 HORNS = UNIVERSAL, CIVIL POWER RULES INSTEAD OF CHURCH
- ♦ HEADS REPRESENT RELIGIOUS BODIES
- ♦ WOUNDED HEAD IS THE PAPACY
- ♦ DESCENDED FROM PREVIOUS BEASTS - "LIKE UNTO A LION", "FEET OF A BEAR", "BODY OF A LEOPARD"



PAGAN/PAPAL ROME



REVELATION 13:1-3

BEAST IS THE SAME AS IRON & CLAY FEET



FUTURE WORLD GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED BY A SCARLET-COLORED BEAST

"THE BEAST THAT WAS, IS NOT, AND YET IS" (REV. 17:8)

- ♦ SCARLET-COLORED BEAST IS THE 7TH KINGDOM FROM CREATION
- ♦ IS A LATER TIME PERIOD DURING IRON & CLAY FEET (LATTER PART)
- ♦ WOMEN (BABYLON THE GREAT) SITS ON BEAST SHOWING THE CHURCH RULES CIVIL POWER (HORNS)
- ♦ CROWNLESS HORNS = CONTEMPORARY RULERS
- ♦ ATTRIBUTES SHOWS THAT BEAST SUCCEEDS THE LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST
- ♦ DEPICTS THE FINAL WORLD GOVERNMENT
- ♦ THE BEAST IS SLAIN AT THE 2ND COMING AND RETURNS AFTER THE MILLENNIUM



PAGAN/PAPAL ROME



PRESENT WORLD

FUTURE WORLD GOVERNMENT



BEAST SHARES THE FEET & TOES TIME PERIOD WITH PREVIOUS BEAST

REVELATION 17:1-16



of each block. Both radio broadcasts and newspapers declare that all the churches except the Roman and the Russian orthodox churches did send representatives to the Amsterdam assembly. The Russian orthodox church, you know, is the Greek orthodox church. And why do you suppose the church that is in Greece joined the confederacy, but the church that is in Russia did not? Only because of fearing the “block” they are in. The churches, too, are taking sides with their respective block – Eastern or Western. (What will the Roman church do? She, too, will of necessity eventually join the Western block.)

Does it not look to you as though the world is getting ready for a church and state government? I have repeatedly pointed out that the world is unwittingly making a mighty effort to saddle the scarlet-colored beast of Revelation 17 and to mount there on BABYLON THE GREAT. We are headed for the church and state government which BABYLON THE GREAT symbolizes while riding the scarlet-colored beast, and when the war gets “hot” again, Babylon may then replace the United Nations thereafter. So it is seen that the world in its attempt to overcome the obstacles with which it is confronted, is as it were jumping out of the fire and falling into the frying pan, only because it is not taking God into partnership. [see charts on p. 25]

The world sees communism as a hydra-headed monster behind a bush, and the nations are already, so to speak, smiting their knees one against the other while they look at it. Their safety, however, does not depend on fear and armament, nor on the man we elect for president, but on God, on Him Who holds the earth in space, and Who still rules the affairs of mankind. From the dawn of history till today the great nations that have fallen, fell when they were best armed and most independent of God. This should be a great lesson to all, but who realizes it!

God, therefore, for the sake of His own will puts in the hearts of the communists, or communist-like powers (the ten horns of the scarlet-colored beast who hate the woman, hate religion, as does communism) to “give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.” Rev. 17:17.

Now, the statement to “give their kingdom” implies that they have a kingdom to give. In verse 12, however, we are told that they “have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.” When both statements are put together then the statements say that communism could have a kingdom, could rule the world, but “God hath put in their hearts to fulfill His will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.” They, therefore, only receive power as kings one hour with the beast, after which they destroy the woman, the church and state system, and take the kingdom to themselves (Rev. 17:17). (For a detailed exposition of the seventeenth chapter of Revelation, read Tract No. 12, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, pp. 30-33).

Just how this is to come about, I do not know; but **I do know that the greatest of all wars is to be fought about the holy land**; “Behold,” says the Lord, “the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” Zechariah 14:1, 2.

This prophetic statement, “God hath put in their hearts...to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast,” proves true what I tried to say awhile ago: That when any nation became great and on its own, without God, built a gigantic war machine for defense and aggression, then it was that that nation came to naught. The tranquility and prosperity of any nation and people, therefore, depends on their stand with God, not on their military strength.

Let me now remind you what Inspiration has to say of the association of nations and peoples according to current events. For light on the subject we turn to the eighth chapter of Isaiah's prophecy. Time will not permit me to re-study with you the whole chapter, and I do not think it is necessary, for we studied it not long ago. You remember that the chapter unveils a confederacy which ancient Israel, the ten-tribe kingdom (the church), made with ancient Syria, a sovereign power



of the world, to war against Judah, a sister kingdom (church). Inspiration makes a type of that church and state confederacy, and by it definitely points out the trend which the nominal churches and the sovereign

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The Fallacy of the Identifying Every Beast as Rome

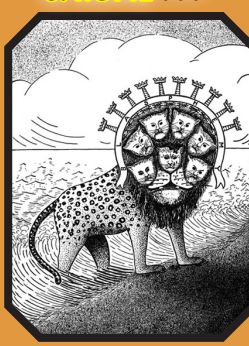
5. ROME...



5. ROME !!!



6. ROME ???



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one beast in two stages



**EVERY BEAST IS
ROME, I TELL YOU!
ROME, ROME, ROME
ROME!!!**

The angel of Laodicea (the ministers) are blind because the prophetic symbols are misinterpreted.

A WRONG INTERPRETATION LEADS TO A CONFEDERACY

Because the SDA church/ministers misinterpret the beasts which tell the world's history, thereby designating all four beasts in the second half of the succession Rome, (excepting the two-horn beast [the U.S.]) they are unaware **that it will not be the papacy who will be foremost in creating a church-state confederacy & eventually the Sunday law.** The papacy will be involved for sure, but not foremost as she has lost her civil power to a great degree. If we just study Revelation 13 & the Spirit of Prophecy, we can see the nation who is at the head of the movement to create an image of the prior beast (papal Rome) is actually **America.**

Therefore, in the time of Isaiah 8, Israel, the ten-tribe kingdom & larger portion of Israel represents the majority of Adventists (a larger body of individuals), will confederate against their brethren in the church (represented by Judah, the two-tribe kingdom) to war against them.

Why does this confederation happen? Why do our brethren come against us?

If the beasts were properly interpreted by the ministry, their eyes would be open to the fact that leopard-like beast of Revelation 13, is actually a descendant of the beasts which represent Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome. We have a statement from Ellen G. White in *The Great Controversy* where she calls the beast, the papacy, but this was not a complete interpretation of all the attributes of the beast. Yes, the papacy is a part of the beast, **the wounded head**, but the rest of the heads represent the rest of the religious bodies. **The horn head has disappeared and now, in the present world, the heads (religious bodies) are ruled by the horns.** The horns are crowned, representing the monarchies of the world. But as you can see, the scarlet (red) colored beast, shows the next phase of world history with the crowns are missing, denoting that the monarchical

civilizations (kingships) are fast fading away for another form of government.

The leopard like beast, being a descendant of the previous beasts therefore when viewed in its entirety (not just the wounded head, represents THE WORLD OF TODAY, THE PRESENT WORLD.



“In the book of the Revelation, under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamb-like horns, (Revelation 12; 13) are brought to view those earthly governments which are especially *engaged in trampling upon God’s law and persecuting His people*. Their war is carried forward to the close of time. --The Great Controversy, 1884 Edition

1884 Appendix to The Great Controversy, NOTE 8. PAGE 396, No. 3:

“This beast has the characteristics of the four beasts of Dan. 7, which represent the four empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. It is the inheritor of the power held by these four empires successively.”

The later versions of The Great Controversy identify the leopard-like beast as simply “the papacy” instead of using the phrase, “those earthly governments especially engaged in trampling upon God’s law and persecuting his people”.

Houteff offers this explanation for the seeming conflicts of the interpretation of the leopard-like beast:

“The composite make-up of this beast – mouth of a lion, feet of a bear, body of a leopard, and ten horns – is faithful witness that he is a descendant of Babylon (lion), Medo-Persia (bear), Grecia (leopard), and Pagan Rome (ten horns). Hence this beast is the melting pot of the four ancient world-empires, and must, along with

its seven heads and ten crowned horns, characterize the world of today.

The beast's forty-and-two-month period, falls in the time of Ecclesiastical Rome – the empire after Pagan Rome; whereas its wounded state (Rev. 13:3), symbolizes her during the Protestant period. Moreover, the beast represents three periods – (1) the period prior to its wounded state; (2) the period during its wound; and (3) the period in which its wound is healed.

Furthermore, this symbolization shows that Inspiration reckons the Protestant world still a Roman world. This we know from several angles, the first of which is in the fact that the beast's forty-two months' period parallels that of the little horn's "time" (12 months), "times" (24 months), "and dividing of time" (6 months). The work against God and His people in both records is forty-two months long.

The horns of the non-descript beast's having no crowns, and the horns of the leopard-like beast's having crowns, point out that the latter symbolizes the world after the crownless horns (kings that were to arise – Dan. 7:24) of the former beast were crowned.

Now, as we have seen, it is clear that Ecclesiastical Rome (the second phase of the non-descript beast) was a combined church and state power (a horn-head, having "the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things" – Dan. 7:8), and that the Protestant Reformation caused the separation of the two. So while Ecclesiastical Rome's rise and reign are prefigured by the non-descript beast's horn-head, her downfall is depicted by the leopard-like beast's wounded common head – the horned part (the civil power) having been taken away. The church was stripped of the sovereign power with which the state had clothed her, with the result that the governments are now independent of the church, and the church is in subjection to the governments.

It being true that the wounded head symbolizes a religious body, and that there is no distinction in appearance between the wounded head and the six uninjured heads, then the fundamental truth

is that they all are figures of religious bodies. Moreover, as these symbolical prophecies deal with the Western Civilization, the home of Christendom, the heads definitely characterize the Christian denominations, just as do “the seven churches of Asia” (Rev. 2, 3), the one difference being that the churches of Asia perhaps cover a longer period of time than do the heads.

Furthermore, whereas the beast’s receiving the deadly wound pictures Christianized Rome humiliated unto death (deprived of her civil power), its recovering from the wound pictures her exalted unto life again (having regained her civil power). And as the wound was inflicted by the hand of the Reformation it could never have healed had the hand continued wielding at it the sharp two-edged sword. The healing, therefore, vividly depicts: **The Fall of Protestantism And The Rise of Despotism.”** 12Tr pp. 21-23

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powers of the world are to take now in the antitype. It makes known, moreover, that they will not prosper in it.

I shall now read to you what God Himself thinks of it:

Isa. 8:8-10 – “And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.”

According to St. Matthew, chapter 1, verse 23, the name Immanuel belongs to Christ, and by interpretation it means “God with us.” Plainly, then, the exclamation “O Immanuel,” shows that Inspiration is speaking to Christ. And since He could not be thus addressed before He was born of a woman and received the name Immanuel,

it is obvious that **this association of peoples is to be found in the Christian era, in the era in which Immanuel lives.**

Now the statement “Take counsel together, and it shall come to naught; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us,” plainly says what I tried to tell you – that the nations, including the churches, **have left Immanuel, “God with us,” out of their plans,** that what they are trying to do *they are doing on their own initiative and resources* for the words “God is with us” coming from one who is not with the assemblies of the people, clearly implies that Immanuel is not with them, and that therefore their work shall come to naught.

From these scriptures it is seen that the current events brought about by the two opposing blocks, the east and the west, are not going to work out according to human planning, that the plans made by the confederation and people are to come to naught except they consult God and take Him into partnership. Let us now hear what the Lord would have us do, the stand He would have His people take:

Verses 11, 12 – **“For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.”**

The fear which the people fear is not to be our fear; neither are their plans to be our plans. Our duty is to—

Verse 13 – **“Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.”**

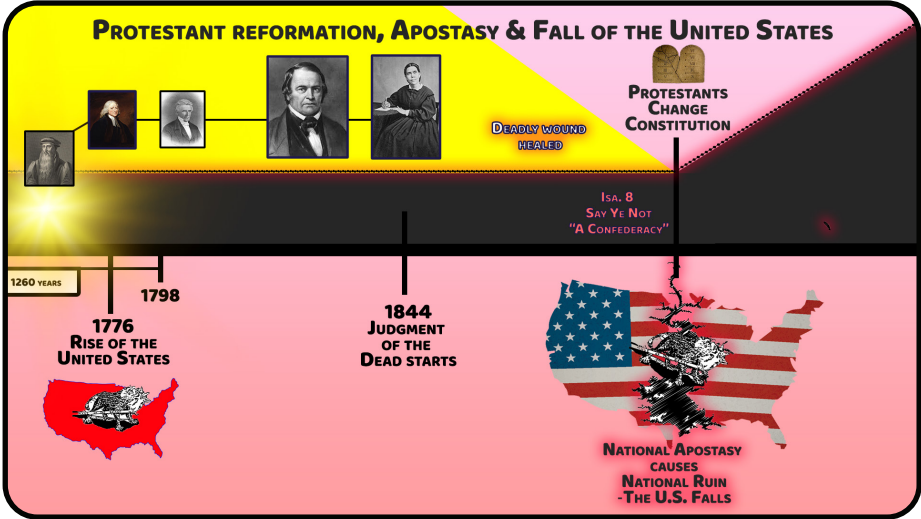
To sanctify the Lord is to be all for Him, to have no one else in His stead, to put your entire trust in Him, not making flesh your arm, for He alone is able to see you through. And though you should be the only one in all the world to take such a stand, He will not fail you. If such be your case, you will then become Heaven’s greatest hero.

Verse 14 – **“And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”**

This truth, you note, will now, just as has any Divinely-revealed truth at any time in the past, become a rock of offense and a snare to many – yes, as Christ Himself became such to the Jews – because rather than taking their stand firmly for Divine truth, they are becoming as hostile against it as were the Jews in Christ’s day. Since the prophecy continues through the ninth chapter, we shall read–

Isa. 9:20, 21 – “And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.”

Such will be the results of rejecting God and His counsel. All who take their stand with the multitude against God’s people will find themselves in the same predicament as the Midianites found themselves in Gideon’s time – as the light breaks out they will kill one another, but the faithful will be delivered. This, however, is not all: Isa. 8:15 – “And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.”



The time of Isa. 8 speaks of a time right before the Sunday Law is passed. The legislation to change the constitution to favor Christianity will appear to be a “good thing”, but it is the event that causes the separation of the wheat & tares in the SDA church.

Read Tract 14, War News Forecast

According to this scripture many of them will find “the rapture” not to their liking and not according to their teaching of it. The Lord’s command is:

Editor's note: "The rapture" Brother Houteff speaks of is none other than Ezekiel 9, the judgment for the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

How many ways can we say a man is lost? Isaiah 8:15 seems to list it 5 ways (stumble, fall, broken, snared, and taken). Logically speaking, Isaiah 8:15 describes the progression of those who choose this path of destruction: Many among them shall stumble [on the Shepherd's Rod message] and fall [spiritually, becoming spiritually dead] and be broken [off from God] and be snared [in the confederacy trap] and be taken [in the slaughter of Ezekiel 9]. -Brother Don Adair, Confederacy Study

Verse 16 – “Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples.”

A “disciple” is one who follows Christ on and on in Divinely-revealed Truth which he accepts not because others do, or do not, but because the Father which is in Heaven has through His Spirit personally convinced him of it (Matt. 16:17) – because independent of what others do or say he is personally persuaded by the Spirit. And the “testimony” is His living Word passed on by His chosen and Spirit-filled messengers – “the Spirit of Prophecy” at work (Rev. 19:10). Hence to bind up the testimony among His disciples is to confirm “the Spirit of Prophecy” among them and them only. And to seal the law among them is to have the law authorized and fortified by Truth, to have them see the necessity of keeping it, and to have them calmly say–

Verse 17 – “And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him.”

Verse 18 – “Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts,

which dwelleth in Mount Zion.”

Soon it will be seen that those who take a firm stand on the side of Truth will be for signs and wonders.

Verse 19 – “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?”

Here the world is shown to give greater attention to Spiritualism than to a “thus saith the Lord.”

Verse 20 – “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.”

God’s people will know that those who take a stand other than the one which Truth here sets forth, are so doing because the Spirit of Truth is not dwelling in their hearts. And let us remember that to make

flesh your arm, to consult man when God should be consulted, is every bit as bad as to consult the spirits of Darkness.



“Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.” Joel 2:12, 13.”

To the Twelve Tribes Abroad:

We have had many inquiries & statements asking whether we operate out of South Carolina. We understand that these questions may come up as people are endeavoring to sort through information to see who is right or wrong. We also understand that those who are opposing the U.S. leaders have charged us with not being residents in order to justify their attempt to usurp the leadership in the U.S. and transfer it to Zambia. Their aim is to collect the tithe worldwide. We know it, they know it, the only ones who don't know it are the good people who could never conceive such deceitfulness attached to God's people. In an effort to answer those people so they may rest assured that we are fighting in the name of Truth we answer. Here is the truth:

Sister Judy lived either in the Salem SC area and later at Headquarters (once the new home was bought by her) with Brother Adair for several years 2019-2022 (except during her cancer treatment), but moved back to TX in order to get him into a facility, as all facilities in Salem, SC & Greenville were full. Additionally, we had Jirair & Kerr mailing legal documents to the nursing home for months, harassing Brother Adair, trying to get him to sign papers to hand over his intellectual properties in his demented state. That is what the legal case was about. They wanted the rights to the books he wrote, and his large inventory of Shepherd's Rod books. But Brother Adair left those things to the Salem Association in his will, therefore they felt if they could have him in their care, they would gain the Association and the everything else that comes with it.

Sister Judy is now getting ready to head back up to Headquarters. She plans to arrive the first week of August 2024. She will first travel to California to pick up Brother M., a longtime Salem believer who feels

called to come to Headquarters to help with repairs.

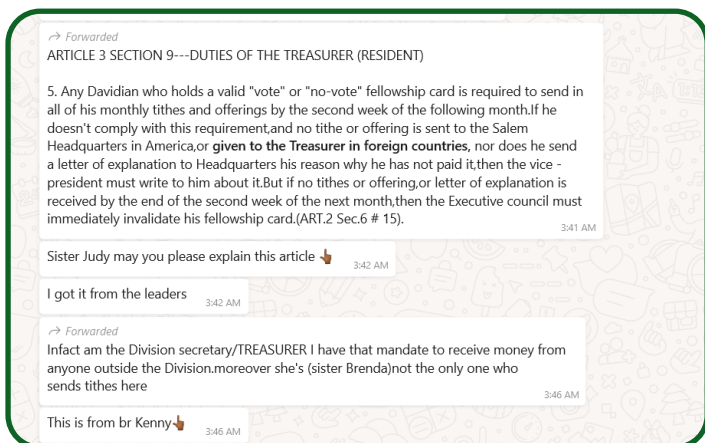
My family and I (Halls) have stayed part of the year each year at Headquarters since we became involved. We completed the renovations, set up the office, moved books & furniture; the new building is ready to go.

Sister Hawkins is planning to move to Headquarters to fill a resident council member position (once voted in) as Sister Marilyn was training her for the treasurer or secretary position. She is one of our longest running members who is still alive yet also attended the DLI when Brother & Sister Marilyn were alive. With her there, we would have three residents. I say three, because **I stay there for part of the year each year. I have always spent a significant amount of time living at Headquarters since I started working for the Association, splitting my time between Texas & South Carolina.** Sister Millie was nominated to be voted in as a nonresident. We are being very careful that we follow this resident/nonresident bylaw so we are not stuck with leadership who is not on the ground working at Headquarters for at least part of the year. Eventually the Headquarters will grow to be able to house more workers and train those who want to attend the Davidian Levitical Institute. People who move to Headquarters must have adequate time to tidy up their loose ends and move from various places around the country to the eastgate.

If you read our last two Symbolic Codes, you will see how much time we have spent organizing ourselves and getting the Headquarters ready for workers. I believe this entire conflict happened because we were out of compliance with the bylaws in letting the Zambians stay in their positions for so long after we realized it would be too difficult to get them here.

Reports from Zambia Purporting Dishonest Activities

We have been receiving reports from Zambian-SA members that the funds we gave to the two Zambian brothers (Obi & Presley) for



division camps, funerals, mission trips, deaths, were often times, never given to the division or individual. These people came forward as we released the details of Headquarter's giving to the Zambia-South Africa Division.

These claims, although reported to us, are still unsubstantiated, (meaning no proof or evidence has been offered to us), so we cannot say without a doubt they are true. Nevertheless, we implore loyal division leaders to check their records againsts Headquarter's record of giving to the division, to see if it squares up.

Because of this report, changes will be coming to how we deal with division giving and reporting. Before now we did not require the Zambian-SA division to turn in an annual fiscal report, but from now on, to avoid any type of fraud conducted in our name, and to make sure funds disbursed are going to the right place, we will require it by writing this change into our bylaws --this upcoming session.

In the near future, we will require a fiscal report to be turned in to Headquarters via a vote member/delegate ***in good standing*** from the Zambian-SA division according to this bylaw:

ARTICLE I Section 10--Delegates From Foreign Countries To Sessions

6. Only those delegates from foreign countries that are appointed prior to regular or special Session by the Executive Council must be allowed to vote at any Session. The rest of the card-holding “vote” members of each foreign country must not be allowed to vote at any Session, even though they may be present at any session’s religious meetings.

10. From each foreign country one delegate is to bring a financial report to a regular or special Session, as well as a report of the activities accomplished between regular Sessions.”

We also received a report that some of the leaders (*more than likely the Zambian-SA treasurer & other senior leaders, although we do not know exactly whom as we are still gathering information*) in the Zambian-SA division were telling the lay members that they were sending ***all the division’s tithes to Headquarters***. But we have never received one, red cent of tithes from the Zambia-South Africa Division!

After the revocation of the membership cards of all who were involved in the rebellion (to our knowledge), we were forwarded a statement that was written by the Zambian-SA division treasurer, Brother Kenny Ngandu:

“In fact [I] am the Division secretary/TREASURER I have that mandate to receive money from anyone outside the Division moreover she’s (sister B.)not the only one who sends tithes here”

The bylaw, under Article III, Section 9, was written by Brother Adair, Sister Marilyn & council members at that time, to give the division the support they needed and the authority to enforce the policy of tithe collection in their division (if there is a division). If there is no prior agreement with Salem’s headquarters to collect the tithe, they should send the tithe to Headquarters.

ARTICLE II--MEMBERSHIP

Section I--New Members Who Never Have Held A Card With The

Salem Association

"To all new divisions for currently paying first and second tithe to the Salem Association for the last six consecutive months, who accepts all of its teachings, and who requests a Fellowship card for the first time, the resident Council must send them an application form."

If we have new believers in new countries, the policy is that they should send the tithes to Headquarters **if a division is not set up & approved to collect tithes in their specific region.** A division should not accept tithes from another region that is not under their jurisdiction because **only the Headquarters has jurisdiction over the world.** Divisions are over their territories only.

But Sister B.'s case, and any other American vote & non-vote members who sign the application, which is in effect, like a contract, falls under these following bylaws:

Salem Bylaws

ARTICLE II Section 6--Invalidated Fellowship Cards

15. *Any Davidian in America who holds a valid "vote" or "no-vote" fellowship card is required to send in his monthly tithes and offerings by the second week of the following month*, If he does not comply with this requirement, nor sends a letter of explanation to Headquarters, the Vice-President must immediately write to him about it. But if no tithes or a letter of explanation is received by the end of the second week of the next month, the Executive Council must immediately invalidate his fellowship card. The Treasurer must keep a record of all members who paid tithe each month and report to the Vice-President anyone who has not paid their tithes.

8. Any valid card-holding "vote" or "no-vote" member who fails to comply with all that the message teaches and requires, or who refuses to comply with all the Session's by-laws, must have his fellowship card invalidated by the Executive Council if: (1) the Resident Council has on file written proof of his violations, (2) they have on file a copy of

a letter written to him to show him where he has erred and to plead with him to repent, (3) they have on file a copy of a letter sent to him stating the reasons why his card was invalidated, and that he is to return it immediately to Headquarters, (4) they must notify all the Davidians in the next NEWSLETTER of his card being invalidated, (5) they must send copies of all these letters to any valid “vote” card-holding member who asks for them, (6) and they must show all these letters to any valid card-holding “vote” member or any delegate at any regular or special Session, if he asks to see them.

13. If any valid card-holding “vote” or “no-vote” member of the Salem Association should stop paying his tithe, claiming that he has no confidence in those who control it at Headquarters, then he must be considered an “unfaithful” Davidian, **and the Executive Council must immediately invalidate his fellowship card**, because of the following inspired reference:

‘Some have been dissatisfied and have said: ‘I will no longer pay my tithe, for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work. Will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? **Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right.**’--9 Test. 248.

14. If any valid card-holding “vote” or “no-vote” member of the Salem Association should wrongfully use his tithe for other purposes, claiming that it is good cause, is making a mistake,” **and the Executive Council must invalidate his fellowship card immediately, because of the following inspired reference:**

‘A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord’s arrangement. God will judge for these things.’--9 Testimonies, page 248”

The recent events have really shaken us up and also those on Zambian-SA side, as finally their eyes have been opened to all that has been withheld from them. **It should be clarified that the Association donated (on the table of information sent out) separately from Sister Judy. The receipts that are from her ledger is mainly money she gave from her personal income.**

But no matter; we must carry on. God saw all and He stopped the deception Himself, by allowing a prolonged conflict to play out. In an answer to my prayer to show me why the work wasn't moving in the U.S., He allowed things to be stirred up to show us who was who. All who let the Holy Spirit anoint them with the “eye salve” should no longer stay neutral in this situation, as we see that God is weeding those out His ministry who do not have clean hearts & clean hands and will not be corrected. And should we not expect that God will deal with false professors even quicker than those in the SDA church, as we are supposed to be the vanguard, the first of the firstfruits?

And even though we have been innundated by those who are followers of men instead of followers of Jesus, the Truth, & the Word --as found in this last message of the hour, in contrast, we have those who are stepping out of the crowd in the Zambian-SA division and taking their stand.

The Northern Province remains faithful, even though a cruel deception was played on us & them to misrepresent all of them as being with Salem International! We now have reports from multiple, neutral parties that this was not true. Innocent parties were not allowed membership and some even censored, simply for calling out financial mismanagement & sin in leadership. The Executive Council will soon be deciding a course to rectify the situation.

One such person writes:

“We thanks God for his wonderful revelation through you sister we are very much proud of you and what you doing that side our prayers are with you, otherwise what you are doing is not an easy job may

you please keep up with your good works ,we are behind you and everyone at the HQ.” --

Another writes,

"In everything you have done God will reward all who contributed. May God strengthens the little hands for His work that far so that Carmel may continue flourishing."

On the other hand, some have attacked us with no shame:

(Laughing Emojis) "How are you sister Alexia? you have made my day with this Illegal things you have continue doing. How can the work of God go forward where you are if you continue baking on human dung like this ?? Us we don't talk too much the way you talk with out first think & pray because this is God's work." -Brother P

"That you are in the two horned beast's domain doesn't make you saints, Check your motives and see if they're actuated by God. DISUNITY! DISUNITY! DISUNITY EVERYWHERE AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A LEADER." -Brother C

Regardless of the amount of negative messages we receive or the numerous, redundant questions only asked to entrap us, we continue as soldiers of Christ. **Let those who are rebelling please consider this part of our bylaws under the application for membership & relent from their disastrous course:**

28. INVALIDATION OF FELLOWSHIP CARDS

- Do you understand that after you receive your fellowship card, you will be expected to continue to live its principles until it expires on December 31?-----
- Do you understand that the fellowship card issued to you by the Executive Council can be invalidated by them at any time (ARTICLE II Sec. 2 # 5), if you are guilty of violating the principles of the Bible, or of the Spirit of Prophecy, or of the Rod message, or of the by-laws?-----
- Do you pledge to God to submit to the Executive Council's

- decision to invalidate your fellowship card?-----
- Do you accept the automatic invalidation of your fellowship card at the very moment you tell or teach to any other valid card-holding “vote” or “no-vote” member that the Headquarters of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists is no longer to be at Salem, S. Carolina (ARTICLE I Section 11 No. 7)?-----
 - Do you accept the automatic invalidation of your fellowship card at the very moment you tell or teach any valid card-holding “vote” or “no-vote” member that a regular or special Session should be held at any other place in the world besides the Headquarters at Salem, S. Carolina (ARTICLE I Section 4 No. 1)?-----

It is clear, very clear. We cannot usher in a era of lawlessness for any man, woman or child. We cannot allow those who break the Leviticus & bylaws -without remorse or repentance- lead the flock any longer. God is watching all of these things to see if we will manage His heritage with a keen interest in preserving the life & vitality of the flock. We take this seriously, as is seen in the name, Food for the Flock. This is the name that me Brother Adair, & Sister Marilyn brainstormed about & approved.

We have moved the Salem Association in a direction that they always wanted.

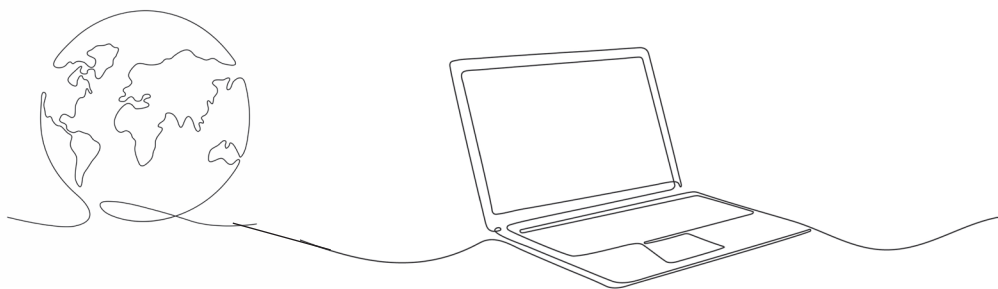
So Brothers & Sisters,

Our work will continue. The message will go round the world. We aim to work in conjunction with the heavenly agencies to prepare the earth for the final harvest, and this message, this truth, will not "wither" until it has accomplished what it will, until all of God's children are ushered into His Kingdom, Amen!

Alexia S. Hall

Sister Alexia Hall, (assistant vice president)

Feedback from the Field (Web Edition)



"Currently I have to depend on those [videos] you people have made. They are well packed. I have noticed that Adventists are discussing prophecy on media platforms but the lessons are full of gaps and inconsistencies. The videos are eye openers to some."
-Sister X, Zambia

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Many thanks for making this study [King of the North video] and sending it to me. Very well done, really magnificent.... May God bless you all." -Brother J, France

"Hi Dear Brother,
After I finished reading "The Church Entering into and in the Harvest Period" I learned amazing truths that are completely new to me. While contemplating this truths, I need some clarifications. Who is the fourth angel of Rev. 18. Is it a movement? What is the difference of the judgment of the dead and the judgment of the living? Thanks." -Brother K, Ethiopia

"Hi
I came accross your website while browsing other things. I am SDA and the stuffs in your website are really new. Is there some one whom I can contact with in Ethiopia who can explain about those stuff? Thanks." -Brother H, Ethiopia

It seems as the field in Ethiopia is opening up before us. Brother Kassahun shares how he found us through miraculous means:

"Dear Beloved,

Thank you so much for the reply and the studies you have sent me in pdf. I am reading them eagerly because I am now convinced that these are indeed "present truths" for the SDA churches.

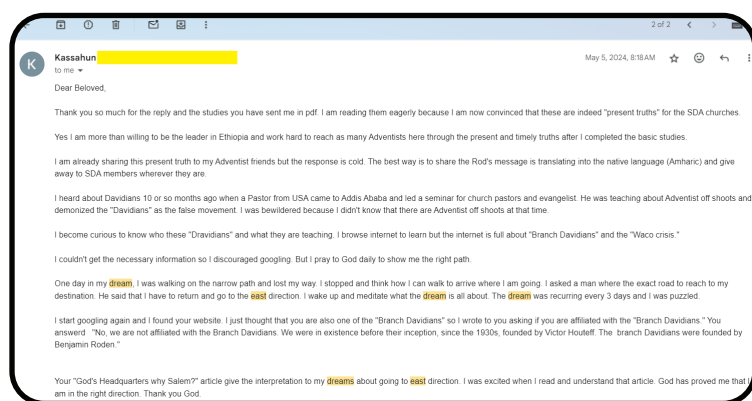
Yes I am more than willing to be the leader in Ethiopia and work hard to reach as many Adventists here through the present and timely truths after I completed the basic studies.

"I am already sharing this present truth to my Adventist friends but the response is cold. The best way is to share the Rod's message is translating into the native language (Amharic) and give away to SDA members wherever they are.

"I heard about Davidians 10 or so months ago when a Pastor from USA came to Addis Ababa and led a seminar for church pastors and evangelist. He was teaching about Adventist off shoots and demonized the "Davidians" as the false movement. I was bewildered because I didn't know that there are Adventist off shoots at that time.

"I become curious to know who these 'Davidians' and what they are teaching. I browse internet to learn but the internet is full about 'Branch Davidians' and the 'Waco crisis.'

"I couldn't get the necessary information so I discouraged googling.



But I pray to God daily to show me the right path. One day in my dream, I was walking on the narrow path and lost my way. I stopped and think how I can walk to arrive where I am going. I asked a man where the exact road to reach to my destination.

He said that I have to return and go to the east direction. I wake up and meditate what the dream is all about. **The dream was recurring every 3 days and I was puzzled.**



"I start googling again and I found your website. I just thought that you are also one of the 'Branch Davidians' so I wrote to you asking if you are affiliated with the "Branch Davidians." You answered 'No, we are not affiliated with the Branch Davidians. We were in existence before their inception, since the 1930s, founded by Victor Houteff. The branch Davidians were founded by Benjamin Roden.'

"Your 'God's Headquarters: Why Salem?' article give the interpretation to my dreams about going to east direction. I was excited when I read and understand that article. God has proved me that I am in the right direction. Thank you God.

"I know that there will come persecution ahead from SDA church here but I will stick with the light God has given me. He will help me."

"God Bless."

Brother Kassahun has, in just a couple months' time, became a believer in God's Headquarters & translated two tracts into his native language, Amharic. He works very fast and efficiently! Let us be reminded what the prophet said about Ethiopia:



Question No. 7:

"What is meant by this scripture:

'Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands.' Does it mean that the colored race will turn to God?"

Answer:

As no people are saved as a nation, the scripture above quoted, along with others, **obviously shows that there will be a great ingathering not only from Ethiopia**, but from all races and thus justify the statement, "**Ethiopia shall...stretch out her hands.**" It is such an ingathering from all races and nations that will make the "great multitude." -- "Princes shall come out of Egypt," says the same scripture. (Ps. 68:31.) "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain 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." (Isa. 2:3.)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HEADQUARTERS:

- 1. Over which territory does its jurisdiction begin & end?**
- 2. How is it to be governed?**
- 3. Who is at the head, Headquarters or the divisions?**

“**I**t was just 21 years ago this May that the world headquarters of The General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists moved here to Mt. Carmel Center from Los Angeles, California* were privileged to be among the first twelve pioneers came with only the promise that we would ‘work for nothing and furnish our own board and room, and that there would be plenty of hard work to do.’ That is the way Mt. Carmel Center started. (11SC8)

Here is how Brother Victor Houteff, author of the Shepherd’s Rod publications, and the structured the worldwide organization, the General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists, in 1934: Symbolic Code, Vol. 3, No. 2, p. 7 - EXCERPT:

DIRECTORY of The General Association of The Shepherd’s Rod

Seventh-Day Adventists.

ORGANIZED 1934.

TERRITORY: THE WORLD.

Postal Address: The Universal Publishing Assn. Mt, Carmel Center. Waco, Texas. [*the headquarters of GADSDA was moved after the prophet died to the eastgate*]

Telegraphic Address: Mt. Carmel Waco, Texas

Executive Officers: President--V.T. Houteff, Vice President--E.T. Wilson, Secretary--Mrs. V.T. Houteff, Treasurer--Mrs. S. Hermanson, Auditor--J.E. Wilson.

General Field Directors: E.T.Wilson, H.G.Warden.

Commissary Manager: J.E. Merrill.

Publishing: Editor--V.T. Houteff. Associate Editors: M.J. Bingham, Mrs. S. Hermanson, Circulation Manager: Mrs. Evelyn Davis.

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EASTERN DIVISION. Director: E.T. Wilson. Eastern Address: Hendersonville, N.C.

NORTHERN DIVISION. Director: Dr. H.F. Roller. Portland, Ore.

WESTERN DIVISION. Director: H.G. Warden. Western Address: Los Angeles, Calif.

SOUTHERN DIVISION. Director C.T. Smith. Atlanta, Ga.

NEGRO [African American] DEPARTMENT
EASTERN DIVISION W.L. Blunt. Savannah, Ga.

NEGRO [African American] DEPARTMENT WESTERN
DIVISION. Burdsal Brewer. Los Angeles, Calif.

Before this directory is an injunction of the prophet that for the Adventist church to really reform & be ready to meet Christ, they must reorganize.

“God brings against ministers and people the heavy charge of spiritual feebleness, saying, ‘I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.’” -- “Christ Our Righteousness,” p. 154.

“Then follows a clear setting forth, in seven propositions, God’s final call to His beloved church, for a **REVIVAL**, a **REFORMATION**, and a **REORGANIZATION**, stating definitely what the result will be if a deaf ear is turned to this last warning: reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. (3.) Revival and reformation are two different things.* (4.) Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. (5.) Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. (6.) Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. (7.) Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend.”--Christ Our Righteousness, pp. 154, 155.

“Three things stand out in bold relief in the above quotations. First, that God sends this clarion call to the ministers, and then to the

laity. Second, that it is a positive declaration on God's part that if His people fail to heed the call for a "spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation," He will spue them out of His mouth.

"And, third, that the One in authority makes it clear that at this time He is calling for a 'reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices'" In other words, the church must experience a three-fold change before she can ever go forth, into all the world, 'conquering and to conquer,' 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners'".

The Prophet Gives History of the Organized Church

"Following the instruction of the Lord, the Adventists, as far back as 1863, organized themselves into a General Conference Association. They were admonished to study carefully the organization of their type, ancient Israel, for, said the messenger to modern Israel, '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.

- '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;

- 'lastly, officers who might be employed for special duties.'--
"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 374.

“Not only do we have the example of the Israelitish church, but also of the early Christian believers, who followed ‘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’, as ‘oversight’ was given to the ‘newly organized church of God in the gospel dispensation.’-- “Acts of the Apostles,” p. 95.

“And now, in the time of the ingathering of modern Israel--the one hundred and forty-four thousand--who are to make up the antitypical “house of David,” and who are to constitute the first fruits of the kingdom for which Christ taught His disciples to pray, there is incumbent upon all, who, have heard the call for a reorganization, the obligation to be ready to march with those who respond to the call for the ‘great reformatory movement among God’s people.’-- Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. 9, p. 126.

“We therefore, as reformers, must follow the divine instruction concerning a more thorough organization, for the Lord tells us to ‘Arouse... associates to work under some name whereby they may be organized to cooperate in harmonious action.’ ‘Make regular, organized efforts to lift the church-members out of the dead level in which they have been for years. Send out into the churches workers who will live the principles of health reform. Let those be sent who can see the necessity of self-denial in appetite, or they will be a snare to the church. See if the breath of life will not then come into our churches. A new element needs to be brought into the work.”-- “Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. 6, p. 267.

“From these statements it is clear that God is calling for ‘a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife....One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit.’”-- Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, p. 251.

“Thus we again see that the Lord is calling upon willing workers in the church to organize themselves--one or more--and work in ‘right

lines,’ being assured that ‘others’ will join them and soon ‘all will pray understandingly the prayer that Christ taught His servants: ‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.’ Matt. 6:10.”

Do you see what both prophets are saying? --Both Sister White & Brother Houteff? Only those who can follow the reformation, the organized church, will be saved and allowed to lead in the Kingdom, and be one of the 144,000!

The prophet continues:

“In fulfillment of the above, and as we are called out to restore every divine institution, we are requested to establish a more perfect organization, with the result that, after many weeks, of earnest prayer and careful research work in the Bible and Testimonies, we are now glad to announce to the readers of the Symbolic Code that the Lord is preparing His army for ‘the closing work for the church.’

“Hence, comes to us the prophetic call: 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.” (Isa. 54:2.)

“In harmony with the foregoing command, Mt. Carmel has begun to enlarge the place of her tents, ... to stretch forth her curtains (organize--protect herself against all undesirable elements) by establishing a thorough organization after the pattern of the theocracy of ancient Israel, ‘wonderful alike for its completeness and its simplicity (“Patriarchs and Prophets,” p. 374); ‘to lengthen the cords (revealing truth), by exhibiting in a forthcoming publication the herein announced organization; and to strengthen her stakes (representatives), by establishing each one at his post of duty.

“The following list is in part a directory of departmental representatives-- ‘stakes’--for the United States....”

My Beloveds,

Please don't let the above words escape your attention, because it is ***the path*** to reaching the stature & fullness, as the body of Christ, that God is requiring us to attain.

1. It is only by “**establishing a thorough organization after the pattern of the theocracy of ancient Israel**”, that we, as God's remnant people are protected “***from all undesirable elements***”.
2. We can only ***strengthen our stakes (representatives) by establishing each one at his post of duty.***

If we go further, the prophet defined what reorganization & reformation really is:

“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. *The Answerer*, Vol. 1, p. 38.2, 3

Why does God organize us as a people? Watch the Kingdom of Daniel 2 to find out why the Kingdom is established in the earth before Jesus comes.

The members of the Kingdom-church, are, according to Isaiah, to be skilled in their respective trades and professions. As builders, engineers, carpenters, masons, mechanics, or whatever, they are to “build the old wastes,...raise up the former desolations, and...repair

the waste cities, the desolations of many generations." Isa. 61:4.

They are also to be animal husbandmen, vinegrowers, expert agriculturists. And as such, they are to be skilled in the science of management, employing thousands of aliens, not only to minister to their needs and to build (Isa. 60:10), but also to "stand and feed" their flocks and to be their plowmen and vinedressers (Isa. 61:5).

Thus it is that the "study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools."--Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 179.

"Pure, practical religion will be manifested in treating the earth as God's treasure house. The more intelligent a man becomes, the more should religious influence be radiating from him. And the Lord would have us treat the earth as a precious treasure, lent us in trust."--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 245.

Besides being skilled agronomists, artisans, and tradesmen, these governors of the Kingdom, as living embodiments of genuine Christianity, are to be expert international bankers, economists, personnel and traffic engineers, and provisioners, together handling "the forces" and "the riches of the Gentiles." Isa. 6:5, 11; 61:6. And thus variously equipped with these excellent proficiencies, they are, above all, to be "Priests of the Lord... Ministers of our God"--"men wondered at." Isa. 61:6; Zech. 3:8.

The gospel minister is accordingly to be decently informed in the practical pursuits of life and to be expert in at least one thing. Certainly any preacher getting ten per cent (the tithe) of a farmer's income, should study to become capable of helping him to improve his farming methods in a practical way should ever the occasion arise.

In short, he should be competent to assist the members of his church in organizing, correcting, or improving their work and business. Jesus taught His disciples not only to pray, to preach and practice the Truth, to give and forgive, but also to serve, to fish, to feed and clothe, and to pay bills in a business-like way. (See Matthew 6:5-13; 10:5-7, 27; 5:19, 20; 23:3,4; John 3:20, 21; Acts 20:35; Matthew 6:14, 15; 18:21, 22; 20:25-28; Mark 6:35-

41; Luke 22:7-13; John 21:3-6; Matthew 25:31-45; 17:24-27.)

But to be such a Christian, a truly religious person, one must first of all organize his entire being, rightly controlling, co-ordinating, and using his strength, his energy, his means, and his time.

Anyone who fails to effect this integrated four-fold economy of being, can never achieve any true success. To do so, he must get "sixty seconds worth of distance run out of each unforgiving minute," sixty minutes of maximum application and accomplishment out of every working or resting hour, and peak effectiveness out of every move or stroke.

He must, in short, eliminate every wasted motion, as well as every thoughtless, circuitous duplication and overlapping of motions, which bring no results but only deplete his stock of reserve energy. The work of such an altogether-Christian will never be found done in a bunglesome or hit-and-miss fashion.

Furthermore, he is never found living in excess of his means, but so carefully budgeting his income as to enable him to live within his means and also regularly to lay aside a little in reserve for a rainy day.

He shuns contracting debts; he knows that the habit of ever borrowing and never being able to pay back, is a species of robbery--lying.

Such a one, whether poor or rich, never fears the future. He unpretentiously trusts in the Lord for his daily needs; he never has a worried thought "for the morrow." Matt. 6:27-34.

All in all, we see that Bible religion, Christianity, is nothing more or less than turning from obeying the Devil, to obeying the Lord, turning from a life of doing wrong to a life of doing right,--from consuming to producing; from borrowing to loaning; from begging to giving; from cheating to restoring and to dealing honestly; from exacting to forgiving; and from being served to serving.

"True religion is ever distinctly seen in our words and deportment, and in every act of life. With the followers of Christ, religion should never be divorced from business. They should go hand in hand, and

God's commandments should be strictly regarded in all the details of worldly matters. The knowledge that we are children of God should give a high tone of character even to the everyday duties of life, making us not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit. Such a religion as this bears the scrutiny of a critical world with a grand consciousness of integrity."--Testimonies, Vol. 4, pp. 190, 191.

"Christianity has a much broader meaning than many have hitherto given it. It is not a creed. It is the word of Him who liveth and abideth forever. It is a living, animating principle, that takes possession of mind, heart, motives, and the entire man. Christianity--O that we might experience its operations! It is a vital, personal experience, that elevates and ennobles the whole man."--Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 421, 422.

All this is what the religion of Christ is, and he who practices it, has true charity (1 Cor. 13)--is truly "born again."

SUMMARY

"To say it again, every true Christian first organizes himself, then his family, and then his business. And what is more, he learns through it all that some can be organized, while others cannot; that some labor to achievement, while others labor to naught; that some produce, while others only consume; that some are always giving like the maple tree, while others are always taking like the dry sponge; that some bless the world with good, while others live and labor for self and think that all others should live and labor for them; that some quietly practice their religion, while others make a display of holiness by much religious talk and prayer, but few corresponding works, and that some know both when to visit and when not to visit, while others know neither the time to visit nor the time to take leave, and have to be pried loose like barnacles once they are seated! What a jungle is the preacher's problem!" 5ANS pp. 22-26

Health Wave

-Submitted by Sister Dorothy Hawkins

2 SC 11:11 - under "HEALTH WAVE FOR NOVEMBER"

2 SC 11:11 para.1-6 - "If Seventh-day Adventists practiced what they profess to believe, if they were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. And they would show a far greater zeal for the salvation of those who are ignorant of the truth."

2 SC 11:11 para.2 - "Greater reforms should be seen among the people who claim to be looking for the soon appearing of Christ. Health reform is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done. There are those who ought to be awake to the danger of meat-eating, who are still eating the flesh of animals, thus endangering the physical, mental, and spiritual health. Many who are now only half converted on the question of meat-eating will go from God's people, to walk no more with them." - - "Counsels on Health," p. 575."

2 SC 11:11 para.3 - "It would do well for us to do less cooking and to eat more fruit in its natural state. Let us teach the people to eat freely of the fresh grapes, apples, peaches, pears, berries, and all other kinds of fruit that can be obtained." - - "Counsels on Health," p. 477."

2 SC 11:11 para.4 - "Let our people discard all unwholesome recipes. Let them learn how to live healthfully, teaching to others what they have learned. Let them impart this knowledge as they would Bible instruction. Let them teach the people to preserve the health and increase the strength by avoiding the large amount of cooking that has filled the world with chronic invalids. By precept and example make it plain that the food which God gave Adam in his sinless state is the best for man's use as he seeks to regain that sinless state." - - "Counsels on Health," p. 478, 479; Gen. 1:29."

2 SC 11:11 para.5 - "Those who understand the laws of health and who are governed by principle, will shun the extremes, both of indulgence and restriction. Their diet is chosen, not for the mere gratification of appetite, but for the upbuilding of the body. They seek to preserve every power in the best condition for the highest service to God and man. The appetite is under the control of reason and conscience, and they are rewarded with health of body and mind. While they do not urge their views upon others, their example is a testimony in favor of right principles. These persons have a wide influence for good." - - "Ministry of Healing," p. 319."



2 SC 11:11 para.6 - "When you put aside the heavy protein diet, you must substitute it with nut meats, such as unroasted or blanched peanut butter, flaked almonds, walnuts, pecans, etc. Because most people do not masticate their food sufficiently, nut meats should be flaked or made into butter to prevent nutrition waste, and indigestion."

3 SC 3,4: - under **"THE DIET FOR TRANSLATION"** on pg.15-16
 3 SC 3,4:16 para.5 - "Still further, as those who are to be translated are to return to the same diet which, in the beginning before nature

was marred by sin, was given to the holy family in the garden of Eden. God is now saying to us: “Behold, I have given you, every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.” (Gen. 1:29.) This scripture teaches that the diet for those who are to be translated will be composed of herbs (grains and vegetables of all kinds) bearing seed, and the fruit of “every tree” (fruits and nuts) yielding seed.”

Ezekiel 47:12 - “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.” Revelation 22:2/2 SR:295

2 SR:295 para.3 - “After the angel had measured three times a thousand cubits, says Ezekiel: “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. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. And by the river upon the bank thereof,” said the angel, “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.” (verse 6,7,12.)”

2 SR:296 para.0 - “The value of the leaves and the fruit of these trees is identically the same as the tree of life according to Revelation 22:2. “And on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bear twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.” The significance is that the church of God (house of David) is endowed with power from the throne to offer life eternal with no taste of death to those who accept the truth, and are willing to become a part of this mighty river. As this is the only section of God’s church that has been granted the authoritative gospel of permanent healing and life everlasting, the Word declares: “He that is feeble among

them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them.” (Zech. 12:8.)”

[If we do not now take care of our bodies, which are the temple of the LORD, by the foods we eat, by what we drink, how we dress,

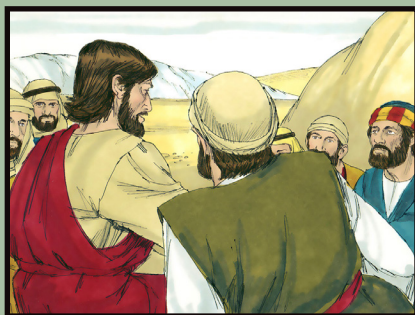


and what we do, then how will our bodies thus be able to withstand that which Christ is preparing for us at the start of the gathering of the great multitude? Also, what we put into our bodies is what our bodies become. If we eat and drink well, then our brain and mind is more able to understand that which God gives us.]

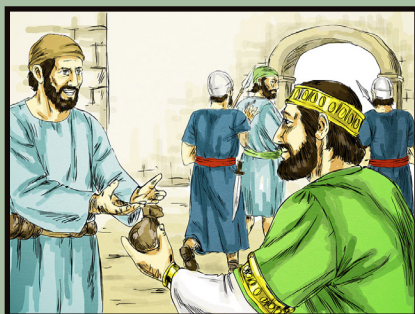
Revelation 22:1 - “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

Revelation 22:2 - “In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

The Man Who Buries His Talents Also Loses His Soul!



"And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. But without a parable spake he not unto them..." Mark :33-34 (KJV)



He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

WHAT IS MY GIFT?

Question No. 121: What is the meaning of 1 Timothy 4:14; “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery”?

Answer: In the scripture in question, the apostle Paul is urging the Christian to be faithful and full of zeal in the duties which God has placed upon him, and not to neglect his privileges and opportunities, nor to come short of his endowments and capabilities to multiply his “talents.”

The first duty of each Davidian is to be faithful in obeying the principles of the doctrine, *in doing whatsoever work he is given to do*, and by precept and example leading others to do likewise.

Some are thus doing by *building* Mt. Carmel Center, some by *giving studies*, others by *writing letters* and *sending tracts and books to their relatives, friends, and acquaintances*, and still many others *by sending in names and addresses of Seventh-day Adventists* to whom Present-truth literature may be sent.

Each must be faithful in his duties, as was Daniel, so that he bring no reproach against his religious profession, but rather, by his consistent behavior and faithful service in the name of Christ, lead others to the message of the hour. **Today as Never before, the Christian is to be “not slothful in business,” but “fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.”** Rom. 12:11. 5 Answerer p. 41.4

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