

Ezekiel goes to Judah to prophesy of the coming judgments.

"And He said to me, 'Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.' 2 Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me: 'Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

4 For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' 5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.'" **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

Suggested Scripture Reading: **Ezekiel 13:1-23**

1 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord;

3 Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered,

“Are not these things written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come? God, by His Holy Word, commands: **Cease ye from man**, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?’ (Isa. 2:22).”--2 Shepherd’s Rod, pg. 97:3 (bold emphasis added).

“The prophet Micah, looking forward to this time of carnal security, says, **Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide.**’ (Micah 7:5).”--2 Shepherd’s Rod, pg. 105:1 (bold emphasis added).

This sin is found even among the Davidians who claim to believe the SRod message while practicing this same idol-worshiping sin of “trust in man.” And they will surely find themselves out of Heaven as one third of the angels found themselves out of Heaven for the same sin of trusting in Lucifer. Why? Because they let him lead them away from the “Word of God.” His sin was the “desire to exalt self” above God’s throne (Isa. 14:13), and their sin was the desire to “trust in man.” Together they were led away from the “Word of God.”

“These two sins--trust in man, and desire to exalt self--are still the leading sin elements now here on earth” (2TG28:13, 14). That is why there are Davidians who have the spirit of Lucifer in them--the “desire to exalt self” by claiming inspiration, which makes them “usurpers of Inspiration’s throne” (1TG5:14:2). And there are other Davidians who also have the spirit of Lucifer in them--the desire to “trust in man” (the usurpers). But the Bible says to “hear ye the Rod” not man; therefore, it is obvious that the “trust-in-man” Davidians who follow “desire-to-exalt-self” usurpers will be led away from hearing

THE WORD OF GOD IN THE MESSAGE OF THE SHEPHERD’S ROD

“The intention of The Shepherd’s Rod is to ‘cry aloud, spare not,’ show the sins and uncover the shame. It is to **destroy** the confidence of the sheep on the arm of flesh.”--10 Symbolic Code, No. 7, pg. 10:2 (bold emphasis added).

Yes, to “destroy the confidence of the sheep on the arm of flesh;” to teach Davidians to “cease ye from man;” and to forever destroy their desire to “trust in man;” is the whole purpose of The Shepherd’s Rod message. Indeed, unless the “ROD” accomplishes this very thing in the lives of the Davidians, they will never be one of the 144,000 who “follow the Lamb {not man} whithersoever He goeth.” (Rev. 14:4).

And remember, as former Seventh-day Adventists our confidence in the angel of Laodicea had to be destroyed, by the message of The Shepherd’s Rod, before we could accept its sealing message, which was given to us by “the Lord’s Voice” (Mic. 6:9)--Jesus our Lord. And as long as we continued to “follow the Lamb” through the voice of The Shepherd’s Rod publications, we would have no trouble with the desire to “trust in man.” Yet, in spite of the valuable lesson we learned as Seventh-day Adventists, there are Davidians today who need to learn the lesson all over again; for with some, it is most difficult for them to give up their desire to “trust in man.” They need to have their confidence destroyed in “the arm of flesh”--the Davidian “usurpers,” and to have their confidence restored in the Lord Jesus, whose voice is to be heard in the message of The Shepherd’s Rod.

That the purpose of The Shepherd’s Rod message is to “destroy the confidence of the {Davidian} sheep on the arm of flesh” (the other Davidians), is also proven from Isaiah 40 about John the baptist.

“Comfort ye {**Elijah--John the baptist**}, comfort ye My people {the nation of Judah}, saith your God. {**Also in the latter days**} Speak ye {**Elijah--V.T. Houteff**} comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her {**Davidian**} warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”--Isaiah 40:1,2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

“Verse 2 leaves no doubt that Inspiration is speaking to a people in the **latter days**,--the days in which the **warfare**, pilgrimage, and captivity of God’s weary people are accomplished.”--1 Timely

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Greetings, No. 36, pg. 3:3 (bold emphasis added).

"In the darkest days of her long conflict with evil, the church of God has been given revelations of the eternal purpose of Jehovah. His people have been permitted to look beyond the trials of the present to the triumphs of the future, when, the **warfare** having been accomplished, the redeemed will enter into possession of the promised land."--Prophets and Kings, pg. 722:1 (bold emphasis added).

"The voice of him {John the baptist and Elijah--V.T. Houteff} that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."--Isaiah 40:3 (braces added).

"True, verse three found fulfillment in the work of John the Baptist; but the verses preceding and also the verses following, definitely apply to the people in the latter days and only partially to the people in John's day. Therefore the truth stands out boldly that the direct fulfillment of this chapter is found in our time, thus making John's work an ensample of our **work**--John's work the type, ours {**Davidian work**} the antitype."--1 Timely Greetings, No. 36, pg. 4:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Since the promised **Elijah** {**V.T. Houteff**} is to be the **last prophet** to the church today, as John the Baptist was the last prophet to the church in his day, and since the last work on earth is the Judgment for the Living; the truth stands forth like the light of day that Elijah's message is the message of the Judgment for the Living, the last."--General Conference Special, pgs. 23, 24 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Since "Inspiration is speaking to a people {**Davidians**} in the latter days," with a message (Shepherd's Rod) of "comfort," that is, "her warfare is accomplished" (Isa. 40:2) and she is about to "enter into possession of the promised land" (PK722); and since the inspired statement: "John's work the type, ours the antitype" (1TG36:4) proves that as John came in the spirit and

power of Elijah--"the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness" (Isa. 40:3) before Christ's first advent; so likewise there must be another Elijah in the latter days who will come in the same spirit and power of Elijah--"the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness" before Christ's second advent. And that "voice" of Isa. 40:3 is the "voice of Elijah's publications"--The Shepherd's Rod!

"What is the Lord's counsel concerning the Voice of Elijah's publications? And what is the title of them?--

"The answer comes through Micah the prophet:

"The Lord's Voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the **Rod.**' Micah 6:9

"Here is a **Rod** which speaks; and its voice, the scripture points out, is the voice of God to His people. And since 'The Shepherd's **Rod,**' the publications which contain the message of 'the great and dreadful day of the Lord,' is the only **Rod** that has ever spoken, then it is the '**Rod**' publications which the Lord demands all to hear."--General Conference Special, pgs. 35, 36 (bold emphasis added).

"The voice {**of God**} said, Cry. And he {**Elijah--V.T. Houteff**} said, What shall I cry? {**And God said, Cry this**} All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass {**who cannot stand**}.... but the word of God shall stand for ever."--Isaiah 40:6-8 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"The voice' proclaims that all {**people**} are grass, that all the goodliness in men {**the usurpers**} is as the flowers of the field, but the word of God stands forever. It must be, then, that men are blind to these realities, else they would not need be reminded of them. It must be that they {**some Davidians**} are depending upon flesh {**usurpers**}, instead of upon the Word of God {**in the SRod**

message} and His Spirit.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 36, pg. 5:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The crystal clarity of these inspired statements are too plain to be misunderstood by anyone, and they conclusively prove: (1) That the prophecy of Isaiah 40 is for the people of God (Seventh-day Adventists and especially Davidians) in the latter days. (2) That “the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness” is “the voice of Elijah’s publications” in The Shepherd’s Rod. (3) That “the Lord’s voice” (Mic. 6:9) “said, Cry” (Isa. 40:6) to the Davidians. (4) That Elijah the prophet (V.T. Houteff) said to the Lord, “What shall I cry” to the Davidians? (5) That “the Lord’s voice” through The Shepherd’s Rod publications said for Elijah to “Cry” to the Davidians that “all flesh is grass” and “surely the people is grass.”

Yes, the Lord is trying to tell us that some of the Davidians are trusting in flesh (grass)--other Davidians (usurpers), and that He wants these trust-in-man Davidians to stop trusting in flesh which “withereth,” and to start trusting in “the Word of God” that “shall stand for ever” (Isa. 40:8). This is the reason why Bro. Houteff wrote that “the intentions of The Shepherd’s Rod is...to destroy the confidence of the sheep on the arm of flesh” (10SC7:10), because there are “trust-in-man” Davidians today who have absolute “confidence” in the flesh of other Davidians--the “usurpers of Inspiration’s throne.”

Is it not easy to see that these “trust-in-man” Davidians who are listening to the porter-prophet-president “usurpers” of today, while they claim that they are hearing The Shepherd’s Rod message, are not hearing the SRod at all, because they still have “confidence” in flesh (grass)--the usurpers. Are they not fooling themselves? Not until their “confidence” in man has been completely destroyed by The Shepherd’s Rod publications can they truly be called Davidian believers and teachers of that message.

Furthermore, these “trust-in-man” Davidians do not restrict their faith in flesh to another common Davidian; they must have an important person to

look up to! And that, of course is the reason why they are inclined to trust in the self-important porter-prophet-president “usurpers” of today who claim inspiration, because they were inclined to trust in Elijah the prophet himself (V.T. Houteff)--the one who held the position of the “highest official in the church” (1TG8:23:1). And history has positively proven that some of the “trust-in-man”

DAVIDIANS FELL AT HIS FEET TO WORSHIP HIM

“And I fell at his feet to **worship him**. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.”--Revelation 19:10 (bold emphasis added).

“Here is the Bible’s own answer, which says that there is to be a people who will have the Testimony of Jesus Christ at the time the earth swallows up the flood, the hypocrites. And since this incident {**slaughter of Ezek. 9**} is yet future, it shows that there is to be a prophet {**Elijah--V.T. Houteff**} in the Church {**today--1929 to 1955--who predicted its coming**}, for the Bible’s own interpretation of ‘the Testimony of Jesus Christ,’ is ‘the Spirit of Prophecy’ (Rev. 19:10). The first part of chapter 19 you will note explains that the Spirit of Prophecy is brought to them by a man, a ‘fellowservant,’ and that those {**trust-in-man Davidians**} who receive him feel like worshipping him, but he directs them to worship God, not a man.”--2 Timely Greetings, No. 24, pg. 23:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The Bible does not lie; it plainly stated that when God sends a “fellowservant” (Elijah the prophet) with the Spirit of Prophecy to the Davidians, some would feel like falling “at his feet to worship him,” and telling others to “hear ye V.T. Houteff”! But Elijah understood this fact and that is why he directed the “trust-in-man” Davidians to worship God {**hear ye the Rod**}, not a man” (2TG24:23:1). And this is the reason why he said: “the intentions of

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The Shepherd's Rod is...to destroy the confidence of the sheep on the arm of flesh" (10SC7:10:2), including those who trust in him.

Even at Mt. Carmel Center there were "trust-in-man" Davidians who thought V.T. Houteff, not God, was leading the work; and they thought he would not die. And they were still inclined to believe this, even after he asked them to "Take this Bible and show me that I cannot die." One of these Davidians preached from the Mt. Carmel Chapel to prove that Elijah could not die! By doing this he was trying to tell Elijah "how to teach" his message (TM475:3; 10SC7:12,13); all because he was the god of some Davidians who worshiped him, not God.

And when he died in 1955, some "trust-in-man" Davidians who thought the Bible said to "hear ye V.T. Houteff," renounced the SRod message! They did not trust the "word of God" in the SRod message, but in a man (V.T. Houteff). But other "trust-in-man" Davidians searched for a Davidian usurper who claimed inspiration, to be their god to worship in place of Bro. Houteff; and they were not disappointed. There are several Davidian gods today who can be their "ruler." And why do they worship these porter-prophet-presidents, these "usurpers of inspiration's throne"? Because they think "God has forsaken the earth" (Ezek. 9:9) when V.T. Houteff died in 1955.

"When a {trust-in} man {Davidian} shall take hold of his brother {a Davidian usurper} of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing {self-righteousness}, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand."--Isaiah 3:6 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"To say, 'come and rule over us because you have clothing {self-righteousness}, is perhaps equivalent to saying, 'if you rule over us you can at least give us something {your righteousness} to wear',... The people's way of thinking and acting in this soon-coming time of trouble, ruin, and adversity of all kinds, clearly reveals that they are not taking God into consideration,--no, not at

all. They are trusting in men {the usurpers} and goods. They hope that someone can yet remedy the situation, can save them from ruin. Thus by their calling on men to help instead of calling on God, they are acting as if God has forsaken the earth."--1 Timely Greetings, No. 5, pg. 17:4 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Yes, the "trust-in-man" Davidians of today think that "God has forsaken the earth," and that is why they are continually looking for a man to trust in, to worship.

"What a difference would there have been had the Israelites only believed that God, not {the man} Moses, was their leader,..."--1 Timely Greetings, No. 7, pg. 6:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Just as ancient Israel thought Moses was their leader instead of God, so today, modern Israel (trust-in-man Davidians) thought that V.T. Houteff was their leader instead of God; thus, their reason for worshiping him. And after his death in 1955, thinking that "God had forsaken the earth" (Ezek. 9:9), they began "calling on men" (usurpers)--someone else to worship--instead of calling on God through the SRod message. But how is it possible that a Davidian, who claims to believe the SRod, could become an idolater, a "trust-in-man" Davidian, while thinking he is worshiping the true God?

"The men of that generation {antediluvians} were not all, in the fullest acceptance of the term, idolaters. Many professed to be worshipers of God. They claimed that their idols were representations of the Deity, and that through them the people could obtain a clearer conception of the divine Being."--Patriarchs and Prophets, pgs. 95, 96 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The "trust-in-man" Davidians are compared to the antediluvians and found to be just like them according to the following facts:

(1) As the antediluvians "professed to be worshipers of God," so do the "trust-in-man"

Davidians by claiming to believe the SRod!

(2) As the antediluvians said “their idols were representations of the Deity,” so do the “trust-in-man” Davidians who say their idols (porter-prophet-presidents) are inspired with the Spirit of Prophecy!

(3) As the antediluvians thought that through their idols they “could obtain a clearer conception of the divine Being,” so do the “trust-in-man” Davidians who say that through their walking and talking idols--porter-prophet-presidents, “usurpers of Inspiration’s throne” (1TG5:14:2), they “could obtain a clearer conception of the divine Being”!

Incredible as it may seem, the “trust-in-man” Davidians believe that they cannot study the SRod message for themselves; nor can they by the aid of the Holy Spirit “obtain a clearer conception of the divine Being”! No, they think walking and talking idols are “representations of the Deity” who are inspired as porter-prophet-presidents, and only they can give them “a clearer conception of the divine Being.” And that, of course, is why the “trust-in-man” Davidians need someone to worship.

SOME DAVIDIANS MUST HAVE A PORTER TO WORSHIP

“As their sins caused a still greater widening of the gulf between God and people, they, in protest, to satisfy their hearts desire for a visible God, made to themselves idols, named with the Divine titles.

“Rather than give the idols names originated specifically for them, the makers honored them with Divine titles {Lord, or God, or Jehovah} in order to make it appear that the idols were the figures of God,...”--11 Tract, pg. 3:2,3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

As the heathen priests named their false gods after the true God or Lord, and “honored them

with Divine titles in order to make it appear that the idols were figures of God,” so today, the “usurpers of Inspiration’s throne” (1TG5:14:2), who are walking and talking idols, assume upon themselves the titles of porter, or prophet, or president to make it appear to the “trust-in-man” Davidians that they are as “figures of God”--inspired with the Spirit of Prophecy. And since the titles: porter, prophet, and president are very highly respected offices by Davidians, because they are offices appointed by God, not by man, then the “usurpers” know that if they assume these titles of office, they will thereby automatically command the respect of the “trust-in-man” Davidians who follow man, not the SRod.

While exalting themselves before the “trust-in-man” Davidians, the “usurpers” cry out: “Behold me, for I am the Porter; I’m inspired; hear what I have to say.” But what is the office of “the porter”? What must one be or what must one do in order to hold that position?

“Only those who gain entrance through the Door and to whom ‘the **porter**’ (the one through whom the **Spirit of Prophecy is manifested**) opens are the authorized shepherd’s whose voices God’s sheep hear.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 2, pg. 20:1 (bold emphasis added).

There it is, as clear as “the Lord’s Voice”--SRod publications (GCS35,36)--can make it, “**the porter**” is the same as a **prophet**--(the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested).” It is obvious, then, that when a Davidian “usurper” claims to be a porter, he is claiming to be a prophet! It is just that simple--a porter is a prophet! So any Davidian who claims to believe the SRod must automatically believe “the porter” is a prophet, because this is what the SRod says (1TG2:20:1).

Moreover, every usurper has read the SRod’s rebuke which says: “**you cannot inspire yourself with the Spirit of Prophecy**” (2TG34:23:1); and they know that they “could be taught by men to keep cattle, yet no man could teach them to prophecy” (2TG44:48). And they also know that “the porter”

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is “(the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested)” (1TG2:20:1). Therefore, when a Davidian claims to be “the porter” he is claiming to be either a true prophet with the Spirit of Prophecy appointed by God, or a false prophet who is trying to inspire himself “with the Spirit of Prophecy” (2TG34:23:1).

Sis. E.G. White was a “**porter**,” in that through her the **Spirit of Prophecy (her writings--6Tr.3:2)** was manifested (2TG10:29,30), and whose writings taught that another “**porter--Elijah** (Bro. V.T. Houteff) the prophet (TM475:3)--was to come, and that through him the Spirit of Prophecy (his writings--GCS35,36) was again manifested (2TG.10:29,30). And the fact that he said “Elijah is to be the last prophet to the church today” (GCS23:3,32:0); 1A78:5) proves (1) that he was the **last “porter** (the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy was manifested” (1TG2:20:1), and (2) that any Davidian--“Satan-inspired disciple-seeker” (2TG28:16:1)--who seeks a following of “trust-in-man” Davidians (2TG28:13:4) by claiming to hold the position of “the porter” is openly exposing himself to all Davidians that he is a “**usurper** of Inspiration’s throne” (1TG5:14:2)--a **false porter**-prophet, and which is openly denying that “Elijah {V.T. Houteff} is the **last porter** to the church today” (GCS23:3,32:0).

Moreover, note that Zech. 4 shows “**two golden pipes**” which represents the interpretative prophets--“the porter (the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested)”--who puts the oil of truth into the “golden bowl” that represents the Spirit of Prophecy.

“...the two golden pipes, which carry the golden oil from the trees to the bowl, are symbolical of the Bible interpreters, the inspired messengers (prophets) from God, for the symbolism immovably shows that they are the only ones whom Inspiration enables to draw the oil from the olive

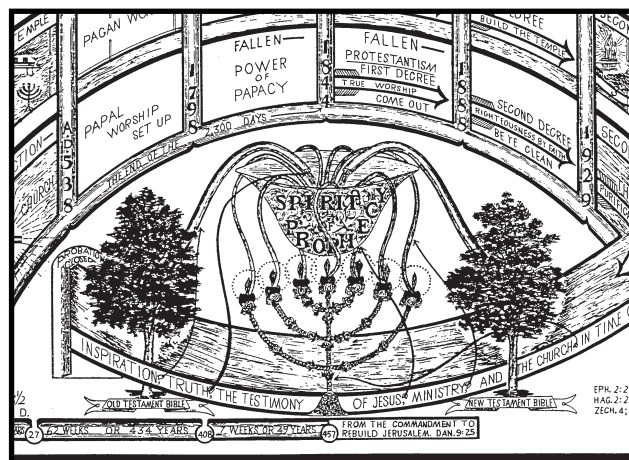
trees--to interpret the Scriptures.”--3 Answerer, pg. 32:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

“The **two pipes** through which the oil {of sacred truth} is carried into the bowl, can represent only the **channels (prophets)** through whom the oil is transferred from the Bible into the bowl, in the period during which both olive trees (Old and New Testaments) live--the Christian era.... The **interpretation** of the Scriptures, therefore, being entrusted to the **pipes (prophets)** in the Christian era, it shows that ‘no prophecy of the Scriptures is of any private interpretation,’ but is of inspiration only.”--6 Tract, pgs. 23, 24 (bold emphasis, braces added).

“The oil represents the revealed Word of God from the Bible as it is explained through His appointed servants, and the bowl describes the **publications** into which these revelations are compiled. This is the ‘Testimony of Jesus’--‘the **Spirit of Prophecy.**’ (Rev. 12:17;19:10).”--2 Shepherd’s Rod, pg. 285:1. (See 1TG14:19,20) (bold emphasis added).

A prophet is a “porter” because he is “(the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested)” (1TG2:20:1), which is the same as the “**two pipes (prophets)**” (6 Tr. 24:1). They are the only ones who can put the “oil” of truth into the “golden bowl” (Spirit of Prophecy). But the “trust-in-man” Davidians have deliberately put out their spiritual eyesight, lest they see God instead of their idol. Therefore they cannot see that any Davidian who claims to be a “porter” is openly claiming to be one of the “two golden pipes (prophets),” which, of course, automatically marks him as a false prophet--a usurper.

And that is because “Elijah {V.T. Houteff} is the **last prophet {porter}** to the church today”--the last of the “two golden pipes (prophets)” until after the slaughter. Thus, when any Davidian claims to be “the porter,” he becomes a false prophet--a walking and talking “idol” to the “trust-in-man” Davidians.



“For the idols {**usurpers**} have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.”--Zechariah 10:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

“Here is conveyed the thought that this character-building and wisdom and light-importing ‘rain’ that fits one for the society of Heaven, finds the waiting ones listening to idols {**usurpers**} speaking ‘vanity’ and to diviners telling false dreams, in vain trying to comfort. Will you not heed Inspiration’s Voice {**SRod message**} and turn away from listening to idols?”

“Who could they be if not vain self-important Truth-hating ministers {**and Davidian usurpers**} that are idolized by the laity, false preachers trying to comfort by preaching falsehood.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 17, pgs. 7, 8 (bold emphasis, braces added).

And even though Elijah is the last “porter” to the church today, that is, the last of the “two golden pipes (prophets),” which means that there can be no other Bible interpreter to put the “golden oil” into the “golden bowl,” still, the Davidian ministers, the “seven tubes” (1TG14:19:0) can freely take the “golden oil” out of the “golden bowl” and feed the “seven lamps” (Davidian laity) with the present Truth of The Shepherd’s Rod message. But at no time are the Davidian ministers (seven tubes) ever allowed to take their “tube” out of the “golden bowl” and put it into the two “olive trees.”

“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 of the store in which the compilations of Inspired Bible interpretations are stored, and that from it {**the golden bowl**}, not from the olive trees, the

{**Davidian**} ministers help themselves with oil and carry it to the seven lamps (to the church).”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 14, pg. 19:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

What an eye-opener should these symbols be to the “trust-in-man” Davidians! Since Elijah (V.T. Houteff) was the last porter, then when the Davidian “usurpers” claim to be “the porter (the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested)” they are exposed as common, uninspired, apostate, Davidians, who try to inspire themselves “with the Spirit of Prophecy” (2TG34:23:1), by trying to take their “tube” out of the “golden bowl” and put it into the “two olive trees.” They are what the “trust-in-man” Davidians follow--“rank imposters” (GCS23:3), and “usurpers of Inspiration’s throne” (1TG5:14:2), not the SRod message! And that is the very reason why the usurper” claim to be a “porter,” because they want all the

DAVIDIANS TO PASS UNDER THE PORTER’S INSPECTION

Unlimited power, yes, that’s right, UNLIMITED POWER! That’s why the “usurpers” are trying to deceive the “trust-in-man” Davidians to accept them as “the porter,” because they want all Davidians to pass under the “porter’s inspection”--to be unreservedly in absolute, complete, utter subjection to the domination of a false prophet, to the control of a “usurper,” who has UNLIMITED POWER! They want all their Davidian followers to be inspected by a man, not by God! Only God can read and inspect the heart of a man, but the self-appointed porters want to play God, and do the inspecting themselves! How, though are the “usurpers” able to deceive the “trust-in-man” Davidians into subjecting themselves to the inspection of a man?

“The porter, the one in charge, opens the door only to those who have **complied with the requirements for admission**. In other words, the Lord is plainly telling us that no one may dodge the porter’s inspection and forever get

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by.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 2, pgs. 19,20 (bold emphasis, braces added).

By playing upon the words “porter’s inspection” the usurpers deceive the “trust-in-man” Davidians into allowing themselves to be inspected by a man. But why? because they refuse to comply with the “**requirements**” of the SRod message-- “the Lord’s Voice” (Mic. 6:9). Instead, they want to hear the voice of a man and be inspected by him, rather than be **inspected** by the **SRod message**, which was brought by the last “porter” (V.T. Houteff) “through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested.” This fact proves that the “door” (Christ) is opened by the **inspection** of the porter’s SRod message to the 144,000 Davidians who have “complied with its requirements”! The “trust-in-man” Davidians, however, think that the “inspection” is by a man, not by God through His last message of the SRod! This fact can be understood by the attitude of Elijah, according to Rev. 19:10:

When the last “porter” (V.T. Houteff) was alive, there was never a time when he inspected anyone. In fact, if any Davidian should bow before him for his inspection he would say: “See thou do it not...worship God” (Rev. 19:10; 2TG24:23:1). He opened the “door” by the SRod message of truth, and those who “complied with its **requirements**,” and passed its inspection were allowed “admission” through the “door” (Christ) to receive the seal as one of the 144,000 who “follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth” (Rev. 14:4). And because the “trust-in-man” Davidians refuse to comply with the “requirements” to pass the inspection, they are refused “admission” through the “door” and are not sealed. Thus, they follow a man (usurper) whithersoever he goeth, while they submit to the inspection of an uninspired false prophet!

Now what would the **last** “porter” (V.T. Houteff) be without The Shepherd’s Rod message? Absolutely nothing! That’s right, just another common man. Thus, in order for a Davidian to be “the porter” he must be a prophet, and he must have a message. Now what other message could the so-called

porters have, if Elijah’s message is the 11th hour, the **last**--The Shepherd’s Rod?

“Taking place in the end of the world, it perforce is the gathering of the people by **Elijah’s {V.T. Houteff}** message, the **last** Heaven-sent proclamation of the gospel, which is preached first to the church just before the great and dreadful day of the Lord (Mal. 4:5), and then to all the world during that long-expected day.”--9 Tract, pg. 67 (bold emphasis, braces added).

In spite of this, though, the “usurpers” teach that there must be another “porter” today, with another message; and they skilfully hide the fact that a “porter” is a prophet, of whom V.T. Houteff was the **last** porter-prophet with the last message, lest the eyes of their “trust-in-man” followers be opened wide, and they be led to ask them this question: “How can you be a porter with another message if Elijah is the **last** porter?” And since the “usurpers” cannot give a truthful answer to that question, and prove that there is to be another “porter” after V.T. Houteff, then the “trust-in-man” Davidians are led to see that no Davidian is to pass under the “porter’s inspection;” that is, an inspection by the prophet himself, or by any man, but to pass under the inspection of the porter’s message--The Shepherd’s Rod. Yes, in order to receive the seal, the 144,000 Davidians must

PASS UNDER INSPECTION OF THE SHEPHERD’S ROD MESSAGE

“And I will cause you to **pass under the Rod**, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.”--Ezekiel 20:37 (bold emphasis added).

“To determine the Lord’s part, the tithe, the Lord’s lambs, goats or sheep, were made to pass under the rod. Each tenth then was taken and set aside for the Lord. The statement of Ezekiel twenty, verse thirty-seven, ‘to pass under the rod’ {SRod message}, therefore, means to separate His very elect {the 144,000} from among the multitude, from among the ‘tares,’ (Matt. 13:30) or from among the ‘bad fish’ (Matt. 13:47, 48). And

being thus separated {by the slaughter}, they are counted. So it is that the 144,000 (Rev. 7:3-8;14:1) are a separate and numbered company.”--2 Timely Greetings, No. 1, pgs. 7, 8 (bold emphasis, braces added).

To be one of the 144,000 you must “**pass under**” **the inspection** of the SRod by complying with its “requirements for admission” through the “door” (Christ), not the requirements of a false “porter.”

“There is therefore no mystery as to what we must do {pass under the inspection of the SRod}, and what we must not do {**pass under the inspection of a man**} to receive the seal of God... Only when we have done all we can to comply with the requirements of the {SRod} message for today, not of yesterday, shall we {**Davidians**} be sealed and stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 7, pg. 13:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

“Many have asked who is eligible to lead in the service of the work? The answer that goes out from Mt. Carmel is that anyone not holding a Certificate of Fellowship cannot be a Davidian teacher. He can listen only. Yet just the granting of a Certificate of Fellowship is a cheap thing. That in itself would have no significance. Who receives the Certificate?--Those who have personally studied all the message and believe It; those overcoming temptation; those complying with all the requirements; those who put their treasure where moth and thieves cannot enter; those who keep all the commandments; those who are not flesheaters, drunkards, or tobacco users; those who do not rob God of tithes and offerings.

“We would freely give literature to those who ask for it, but that does not give the light. It is only when one appropriates the oil, the Truth, to his everyday living that the oil becomes transformed into light. It is only when one pays this price, and thus becomes eligible to receive a Certificate, signifying he had **complied** with all the requirements, that he has the light. Hence, though we can freely hand out tracts, we cannot freely hand out the Certificate of Fellowship.

...Studying and believing alone does not open the door. We must **comply** with all the requirements--pay the price in other words. And we cannot steal the oil. Those desiring the Certificate of Fellowship must pay the price. It does take time and effort.”--11 Symbolic Code, No. 3, pgs. 10, 11. (see 5 Ans. 82, 83) (bold emphasis added).

In spite of the fact that only by passing under the SRod message can the Davidians be inspected by God, the “trust-in-man” Davidians, however, must have a porter to inspect them. And they say: “Well, I live up to those requirements, so why can’t I be one of the 144,000”? But they fool themselves, because they must **comply** with all “the **requirements** for admission,” which includes trusting in God by consulting Him through the SRod--not trusting in man by consulting the false prophets (usurpers) who call themselves “the porter.”

“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 {devils}.”--2 Timely Greetings, No. 41, pg. 22:7 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Thus, when the “trust-in-man” Davidians submit themselves to be inspected by the “usurpers” who claim to be porter-prophets, they are consulting “the spirits of Darkness” (devils) not the SRod. And they are **not “complying with all the requirements”** of the SRod message, for the simple fact that even the “usurpers” themselves are not “complying with all the requirements” when they claim to be “the porter (the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested),” because Elijah is the last porter-prophet.

Now since the “usurpers” are NOT “complying with ALL the requirements” of the “ROD” message by claiming to be “the porter,” then when the “trust-in-man” Davidians follow them, they, too, are NOT “complying with ALL the requirements,” because instead of trusting in God, they are trusting in man--“consulting the spirits of Darkness.” That’s right, they are trusting in Satan who is the masterguide of all false prophets! What a

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tragedy! Just as one third of the angels trusted in Lucifer, “a man in heaven” (2TG28:13:4), so some Davidians today are trusting in the same “man in Heaven” (Lucifer) when they bow before a false “porter,” and allow themselves to be inspected by him. Yes, both the porter-prophet “usurpers” and the “trust-in-man” Davidians fail to “comply with the demands of the message for today,” fail the inspection of God, and fail to “**pass under the Rod;**” For this reason, both will die in the slaughter of Ezek. 9, except they should repent from trusting in “a man in Heaven”--Lucifer!

“The first born (firstfruits) who failed to paint the door post with the sacrificial blood in the first exodus, the type, perished. So any of the firstfruits of today who fails to comply with the demands of the {**SRod**} message for today, will as certainly perish at the angel’s slaughter weapons (Ezek. 9:5,6).”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 31, pg. 9:0 (bold emphasis, braces added).

Since the “trust-in-man” Davidians are following “a man in Heaven” (Lucifer) through the false porter-prophets of today, then they are not following Jesus the true Shepherd, but are being led by man, the

UNAUTHORIZED SHEPHERDS HERDING HIS SHEEP

“In verse 9 Christ said, ‘I am the door.’ Connect verse 9 with verse 2, and you will see that those who enter in through the Lord’s way are the only ones whom He acknowledges as shepherd’s of His flock. The Lord, therefore, implies that there are **unauthorized shepherds herding His sheep.**”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 2, pg. 19:6 (bold emphasis added).

At no time has Jesus spoken through the SRod and authorized any Davidian shepherd to assume upon themselves the prerogative of usurping V.T. Houteff’s position as “the porter.” Therefore, should any Davidian shepherd today claim to be “inspired” as “the porter,” he automatically exposes himself to all Davidians that he is

“inspired,” not by Jesus, but by the “spirits of Darkness” (devils), and when any “unauthorized shepherd” herds a group of “trust-in-man” Davidian sheep, he does so to lead them away from hearing Jesus’ Voice in The Shepherd’s Rod.

“And yet in spite of this warning, and in spite of the fact that to go through the door is even easier than to climb over the fence, some choose to take a chance stealing their way in--pretending to be in the ‘faith’ thus getting into the sheepfold and hoping to **take over** or to **get a following**. It is, however, not possible to induce God’s true sheep to follow them for they know the true Shepherd’s Voice.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 2, pg. 20:0 (bold emphasis added).

“It is, therefore, very important to stop, watch, and listen, to diligently follow Truth Itself. Know that the vain make display of themselves, of their achievements, and especially of their religion. Know that they do this in order to draw the hearts of their audiences to themselves, **to get a following**, to exert their influence, to put something over.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 38, pg. 29:2 (bold emphasis added).

Yes, the Davidian false prophets (usurpers) who claim to be the “porter” are the “unauthorized shepherds” who are “pretending to be in the ‘faith.’” They do this “to take over or to get a following” of the “trust-in-man” Davidian sheep. But the trust-in-God Davidian sheep “know the true Shepherd’s Voice” in the SRod; He is the Davidian “**Instructor**” (**Jesus**). And He exposes the “defilement beneath” the “so-called righteousness” of the “unauthorized shepherds.”

“Who can truthfully say: ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?’ I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments “of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He said to me: ‘Can you not see how they have pretentiously **covered up** their defilement and rottenness of character?’”--8 Testimonies, pg. 250:2 (bold emphasis added).

Jesus, our Davidian “Instructor,” points the “trust-in-man” Davidians to the outward appearances of the “so-called righteousness” of the usurpers. “Behold,” He says: “See their ‘pretending to be in the faith;’ their knowledge of the Bible and the Rod; their many long years in the Davidian message; their flattering titles (porter-prophet-president) which they assume to themselves; their claiming to be inspired; and their talents of leadership and speaking ability.”

Stripping off all these outward appearances Jesus exposes, by The Shepherd’s Rod message, the “defilement beneath” their robe of self-righteousness. “Look,” He says: “See how they have covered their defilement and rottenness of character?” In the light of the SRod message is it not easy to see that they are “usurpers of Inspiration’s throne,” false prophets, wolves in sheep’s clothing, who claim to be inspired as porter-prophet-presidents? Are they not controlled by the “spirits of darkness” (devils) who cannot stand to be exposed to the inspection of The Shepherd’s Rod message?

“They {**usurpers**} are of those who are dodging the porter at the ‘Door,’ of those who know that their deeds cannot stand inspection.”--1 Timely Greetings, No. 2, pg. 21:4 (bold emphasis, braces added).

This is why the “usurpers” want the “trust-in-man” Davidians to hear them, not the Rod, because “their deeds cannot stand inspection” when held up to the light of the SRod, which exposes them as false prophets. They do not live up to “all the requirements for admission,” and therefore cannot pass the inspection of “the porters” SRod message. But the trust-in-God Davidians comply with the “requirements for admission” through the “Door” (Jesus); therefore, they have not forgotten what Elijah said in the SRod message:

“Nevertheless, one’s {**a true Davidian**} only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah (**Bro. V.T. Houteff**), for there will be no other voice {**a usurper**} of timely Truth and authority {**porter-prophet-president**}

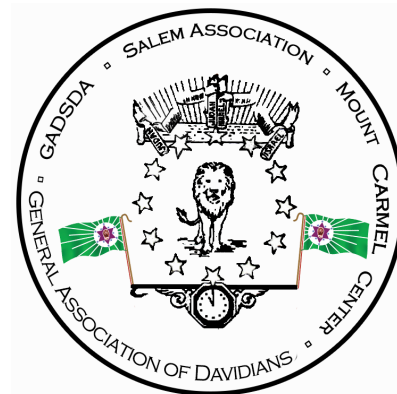
to whom one may turn. Any others {**besides the voice of Elijah**} will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition.”--General Conference Special, pg. 8:0 (bold emphasis, braces added).

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OTHER USURPER ARTICLES

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