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#### PURPOSE

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## THE TIME OF MODERN ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE

Inquiries have come to Mt. Carmel headquarters in recent months asking what was the last light that Brother Houtess received before his passing. Sister Houtess brings this light to our attention at this time because of the lateness of the hour, the vital current importance of the prophecy involved, and over and above all because it has now become the divinely-appointed time to make this heart-stirring revelation known to all Davidians.

During the last months of his life, Brother Houteff was engaged in studying Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 15, preparatory to enlarging upon the subject matter therein for its reprint. At this time he expressed the definite conviction that the time prophecy of Revelation 11:2-12 and Daniel 12: 6, 7 could have met their fulfilment only in type from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. and that they have a latter-day fulfilment. The basis for this conclusion now follows:

"And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

"And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto

heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." (Daniel 12:6, 7.)

The phrase, "and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished," indicates that at the end of the time, when the power of the holy people shall have been scattered all these things (the things contained in the book of Daniel) shall be finished. But since not all the wonders of the book of Daniel have been finished, instances being the fall of the King of the North, the deliverance by Michael, the special resurrection, it clearly indicates that the time has not yet passed.

Moreover, since Revelation 11:13 transpires the "same hour" as the events in the verses preceding it, and since verse 13 applies to the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 (Timely Greetings, Vol. 2 No. 15, p. 12), then the preceding verses must also take place about that time. With these thoughts in mind, we shall now review Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 15:

"Rev. 10:1--'And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud:

and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.'

"This angel has all the characteristics of a power that sends down the 'latter rain,' and that causes the spiritual grain fully to develop, for that is what cloud, sunshine, and rainbow, indicate. As a rainbow never appears without rain, the angel is therefore the angel that brings the rain and the sunshine for the development of the final harvest.

"Rev. 10:2--'And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.'

"There is but one book in the Bible that has had to be opened, and that is the book of Daniel (Dan. 12:4). And since the first thing which the angel did was to open the book, the analysis proves that he actually appears on the scene at the commencement of the time of the end, the time the book was to be opened. (Rev. 10:2).

"You know that man naturally starts out with his right foot. Now, since the angel's right foot was upon the sea and his left foot upon the land, the symbolism shows that he starts out on the sea, the province of Daniel's beasts (Dan. 7), then on earth, the province of the two-horned beast (Rev. 13:10-18). His work, therefore,

starts in the Old Country, and should include the very first truth that was disclosed from the book of Daniel. All in all his message and power prove to be world-wide--land and sea." --Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 15, pp. 3, 4.

For the sake of brevity we shall omit the next few paragraphs describing the Millerite Movement and its disappointment, and the subsequent commission to the Seventh-day Adventist Movement and let the reader review it in his personal study.

"Rev. ll:1--'And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.'

"The measuring of the worshipers is in reality the numbering of them. And so you see that following the Seventh-day Adventist Movement there is to be a numbering of its people. And as there is but one numbered company, the 144,000 (Rev. 7:3), the first fruits (Rev. 14:4), the servants of God (7:3), it follows that they are the ones who are numbered, who escape, and also who are ment to the nations. Yes, they are the ones who finish the Mystery of God as they bring all their brethren out of all nations (Rev. 7:9), the second fruits.

"Verse 2 -- 'But the court which is without the

temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

"The worshipers, the members of the church, the tribes of Israel, are to be numbered, but those who are to fill up the court, those of the Gentiles, are unnumbered: 'After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands' Rev. 7:9.

"Seven times seven, forty-nine, determined the year of Jubilee, the liberation of the people and of the land, the type of the Kingdom complete. Besides any other significance, the forty-two months being only six sevens, it signifies that the holy city, Jerusalem, will not be 'trodden down' all the way up to the time of the antitypical Jubilee, -- the Gentiles are to be driven out of it before the Mystery of God is finished, before the seventh angel begins to sound.

"Verses 3, 4-- 'And I will give power unto My Two Witnesses, and They shall prophesy a tnousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.'

"When the prophet Zechariah asked what the olive trees of his vision symbolize, the angel answered, 'the Word of the Lord.' Zech. 4:6.

"The two olive trees, then, are figurative of the Old and New Testaments, the Bible (The Great Controversy, p. 267). As to the symbolization of the candlesticks the Lord Himself points out that they are figurative of the churches (Rev. 1:20). The two candlesticks in connection with the olive trees are therefore figurative of the Old and New Testament churches, the churches which gave us the Bible.

"Verse 5-- And if any man will hurt Them, fire proceedeth out of Their mouth, and devoureth Their enemies: and if any man will hurt Them, he must in this manner be killed."

"From this we see that though the Bible is the best friend to Its friends, It is a terrible enemy to Its enemies. When Truth cannot save, It kills.""--Id., pp. 8-10.

Besides possessing the power just described during the days of the prophecy of the Two Witnesses, the following verse continues to describe their power:

Verse 6--"These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of Their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to

blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as They will."

Though the Two Witnesses have power for 1260 days to shut up heaven that it rain not (cause to cease the falling of the latter rain), yet They "have power over waters to turn them to blood" (give mortal life) "and to smite the earth with all plagues as often as They will."

"Verses 7-13--'And when They shall have finished Their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against Them, and shall overcome Them, and kill Them. And Their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

"And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see Their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer Their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over Them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of Life from God entered into Them, and They stood upon Theirfeet; and great fear fell upon them which saw Them.

"And They heard a great voice from heaven

saying unto Them, Come up hither. And They ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and Their enemies beheld Them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

"The Bible points out that but one bottomless pit was opened, the pit out of which the locusts came (Rev. 9:2), and it was the heavenly Star that opened the pit to let out its captives, --the locusts who were to hurt only those men who have not the seal of God in their foreheads. Since the locusts were capable of knowing who had and also who had not the seal of God in their foreheads, and since they were friends to God's sealed people, the truth is obvious: The Star that liberated them from the pit is Christ, and the locusts are the Christians, the people that were rescued from apostate Judaism.

"Moreover, the fact that the Angel of Revelation 20:1 (Satan's great enemy), is the One Who has the key of the bottomless pit, it follows that the Angel of Revelation 20:1 and the Star of Revelation 7:1 are the same, for the One to Whom the Ty was given, is the only One that could have it.

"Now we may ask who is the beast of the bottomless pit? If the Star that came from Heaven and opened the pit is Christ, and if the locusts that came out of the pit are the Christians, then there is no way of escaping the conclusion that the beast which came out of the bottomless pit is symbolical of Christendom. Thus it is that the Lord was crucified there.

"Now that the city is spiritually called Egypt, it denotes that it is holding God's people in slavery. The name Sodom denotes that God's true people will have to be rescued from it as was Lot.

"A tenth part of the city must represent the Lord's part, the tithe, so to speak. The earthquake therefore represents a shaking in the church of God. The remnant who give glory to God, can only be the faithful who survive the shaking. Thus is the Church purified. This earthquake, then, is symbolical of the slaughter-of Ezekiel nine, and coincides with Isaiah 66:16.

"Moreover, the fact that the Mystery of God is finished when the seventh angel begins to sound, and also the fact that the shaking is here shown to take place during the sounding of the sixth angel, the Truth stands out that the shaking takes place before the Gospel work is finished. The Spirit of Prophecy in our day also foresaw this shaking:

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people.'--Early Writings, p. 270."
--Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 15, pp. 11-13.

From this study we can clearly see the following facts:

- (1) That the fulfilment of the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 is immediately preceded by the forty-two months (Rev. 11:2) or 1260 days (Rev. 11:3), or "time, times and an half" (Dan. 12:7);
- (2) That during the days of this prophecy the Gentiles are treading the holy city, Jerusalem, at the end of which they are to be driven out;
- (3) That during this time prophecy there is a cessation of the latter rain;
- (4) That great power is exercised by the Two Witnesses (the two olive trees and two candlesticks), so that They are able

to give mortal life to one class, and to destroy any who would hurt Them, and to smite the earth with all plagues as often as They will;

(5) That this period terminates with the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 (an act of God), war brought by Christendom against the Two Witnesses (an act of men), and a 3 1/2-day period when the Two Witnesses are dead after which They rise in great exaltation by Divine interposition.

(For further study concerning the sequence of events surrounding the fulfilment of Ezekiel 9, please read the Fundamental Beliefs--Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 10, pp. 29, 30; Tract 5, Final Warning, especially the first paragraph on page 114. For correlative reading your attention is called to Timely Greetings Vol. 2, No. 7, pp. 9-11 and Vol. 2, No. 42, p. 29.)

As we approach the time of these events more can be said about them, but for now the important point to be emphasized is that it is clear that we have already entered the period of forty-two months, and that we have no time to lose in making every preparation for the day of our visitation. Let us work and pray that we "make our calling and election sure." Let us enlist ourselves wholeheartedly on God's side before it be forever too late and we be left in

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the company of those who shall weep and gnash their teeth.

Since we now know through prophecy that the latter rain has temporarily stopped, let us not waste our time with strange "voices" and "winds of doctrine," but rather let us make available to others the very present Truth which now has "mighty power to give life or death. Let us engage ourselves in gathering for Christ, not scattering with Satan. Let us study that we may be well fortified with the Truth that we may be accounted faithful stewards and be progressing toward Christian maturity for the gathering harvest, and also that we may see eye to eye, all speaking the same things.

Let us speak only the Truth to our neighbor; and strengthen the feeble knees. Let us be strong in the Lord and witness fearlessly in defense of Truth and righteousness though the majority forsake and champions be few, realizing that the battle is the Lord's, "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12. Let us make the Lord our only fear, our only dread.

"... And all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.... All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient." Ex. 24:3,7.

## DAVIDIAN BIBLE COURSE STUDENTS' COMMENTS

(Hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists have recently enrolled in the Davidian Bible Correspondence Course. The following are some of the comments students have sent along when returning their lessons to Mt. Carmel Center.)

I am very pleased and very thankful to study these lessons. I am sure that many will be hungering for them. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

The Shepherd's Rod is indeed a heaven-sent message. "Where are God's watchmen who will see the peril and give the warning? Be assured that there are messages to come from human lips under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."

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