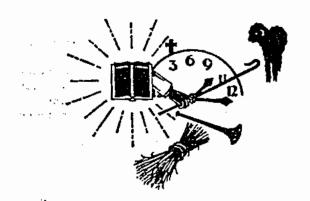
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PURPOSE

This publication is dedicated to the mission of conveying to Davidian present Truth believers, edifying news and articles of timely significance. This comforter freely gives its time to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation, and neither collects fees nor charges for its service.

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Mt. Carmel Center

Waco, Texas

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPHECY OF THE 42 MONTHS OF REVELATION !!

In the Symbolic Code for March-April, 1958 (Vol. 13, Nos. 5, 6, p. 55) there appeared an article of caution against setting the date for the beginning and ending of the 42-month period of Revelation 11. Since the Office, however, has subsequently received a few letters from some individuals expressing their opinion that the 42 months ended in August or September and that now the Two Witnesses have been "slain," we shall devote some space in this issue of the Code to set forth our position.

The 42 months of Revelation 11 have not ended, because the Bible says that when the Two Witnesses have finished their testimony (at the end of the 42 months) the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit (Christendom) will make war with them. Also, the Gentiles are to tread the holy city underfoot for 42 months only. Since the beast has not yet begun to make war on the Two Witnesses, and since the Gentiles are still in possession of the Holy Land, it is not possible that the 42 months have ended.

Furthermore, how can anyone declare that the 42 months have ended when the Code has never set any definite date for the beginning of this prophetic period? There is no authority

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for beginning the 42 months at the death of Brother Houtess. According to Revelation 11, it is the Two Witnesses that had power to shut up heaven that it rain not.

In fact, the Code has never taught any date at all--it merely warns that when this period, which we do believe we are now in, is over, the beast will make war with the Two Witnesses, and that God's people must strengthen their souls now so that they might be able to withstand the terrible persecution that will result.

Quoting now from The Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 8, pp. 3, 4:

"(The question has frequently come to Mt. Carmel since the subject of the 'forty-two months' was explained in The Symbolic Code, asking why the Code has never said when the forty-two months started and when the 'great earthquake' of Revelation 11 is to take place. Therefore, to help clarify these questions and to emphasize the fact that God has given us sufficient information to know the 'seasons,' the study of 'Jonah and the People of God' which Brother Houteff delivered June 10, 1944 has been selected for this month's issue of The Symbolic Code.

"It is true that just as 'the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming' (Jer. 8:7). God has mercifully

made available to His people the knowledge of 'the judgment of the Lord' for this age, if they are willing to know it. He has not, however, seen fit at this time to make known the day and hour. He has told His people enough that they certainly need not be caught unawares as one being surprised by an unexpected thief. God has revealed the forty-two-month prophecy to us for no other purpose than that we be made to realize that we individually have no time to lose in cleaning ourselves up with the provisions He has given us, no time to lose in getting our divinely-appointed work done in the church, and no time to lose in setting our own houses in order. When God's people need more information for their own good the Lord will not withhold it from them.)"

Since the <u>Code</u> leaves the matter there, we must not add our own ideas, and thus place ourselves in the dangerous position of running ahead of the Lord.

Most importantly, the prophecy of the 42 months was not revealed for the purpose of setting time. The Lord wanted us to know about this that we might prepare ourselves to stand, and that we might have a guide post along the way to the Kingdom, knowing that time is very short.

"It is a masterpiece of Satan's deceptions to keep the minds of men searching and con-

jecturing in regard to that which God has not made known, and which He does not intend that we shall understand. It was thus that Lucifer lost his place in heaven. He became dissatisfied because all the secrets of God's purposes were not confided to him, and he entirely disregarded that which was revealed concerning his own work in the lofty position assigned him. By arousing the same discontent in the angels under his command, he caused their fall. Now he seeks to imbue the minds of men with the same spirit, and to lead them also to disregard the direct commands of God."--Great Controversy, p. 523, par. 1.

"God has given in His word sufficient evidence of its divine character. The great truths which concern our redemption are clearly presented. By the aid of the Holy Spirit, which is promised to all who seek it in sincerity, every man may understand these truths for himself. God has granted to men a strong foundation upon which to rest their faith.

"Yet the finite minds of men are inadequate fully to comprehend the plans and purposes of the Infinite One. We can never by searching find out God. We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which He veils His majesty. The apostle exclaims, 'How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!' We can so far comprehend His dealings with us, and the motives by

which He is actuated, that we may discern boundless love and mercy united to infinite power. Our Father in heaven orders everything in wisdom and righteousness, and we are not to be dissatisfied and distrustful, but to bow in reverent submission. He will reveal to us as much of His purposes as it is for our good to know, and beyond that we must trust the Hand that is omnipotent, the Heart that is full of love.

"While God has given ample evidence for faith, He will never remove all excuse for unbelief. All who look for hooks to hang their doubts upon, will find them. And those who refuse to accept and obey God's word until every objection has been removed, and there is no longer an opportunity for doubt, will never come to the light.

"Distrust of God is the natural outgrowth of the unrenewed heart, which is at enmity with Him. But faith is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it will flourish only as it is cherished. No man can become strong in faith without a determined effort. Unbelief strengthens as it is encouraged; and if men, instead of dwelling upon the evidences which God has given to sustain their faith, permit themselves to question and cavil, they will find their doubts constantly becoming more confirmed.

"There is but one course for those to pursue who honestly desire to be freed from doubts. Instead of questioning and caviling concerning that which they do not understand, let them give heed to the light which already shines upon them, and they will receive greater light. Let them do every duty which has been made plain to their understanding, and they will be enabled to understand and perform those of which they are now in doubt.

"The followers of Christ know little of the plots which Satan and his hosts are forming against them. But He who sitteth in the heavens will overrule all these devices for the accomplishment of His deep designs. The Lord permits His people to be subjected to the fiery ordeal of temptation, not because He takes pleasure in their distress and affliction, but because this process is essential to their final victory. He could not, consistently with His own glory, shield them from temptation; for the very object of the trial is to prepare them to resist all the allurements of evil."--Great Controversy, pp. 526, 528.

"The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger, -- a faith that will not faint, though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that

time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for His blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God -- how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch. When waves of despair which no language can express sweep over the suppliant, how few cling with unyielding faith to the promises of God.

"Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test, they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. The lessons of faith which they have neglected, they will be forced to learn under a terrible pressure of discouragement.

"The 'time of trouble such as never was,' is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and

which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. 'Though Noah, Daniel, and Job' were in the land, 'as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.' "--Great Controversy, pp. 621, 622, 623.

"Nineveh, you remember, repented and proclaimed a fast. And even the cattle were aware that Nineveh had repented, but Jonah did not know it. Jonah must have been proud and more concerned with bringing his prophecy to pass, than he was with the salvation of the city, for he mourned over the withering of the gourd which is just a plant rather than rejoicing over the repentance of Nineveh!

"This should be a great object lesson to us. In carrying our message of Elijah we should not be anxious for the execution of Ezekiel 9 in the church, but rather we should be anxious for the souls of the people. Likewise in bearing our message of Jonah we should not be anxious for Assyria's fall, but rather for her repentance and salvation."--The Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 8, pp. 11, 12.

RADIO LOG

Our new radio broadcast of unparalleled interest to every Seventh-day Adventist, revealing vital truths on the Judgment of the Living, may now be heard on the following stations EVERY SUNDAY:

Colorado:

Denver	KMYR	(Dial 710)	9:30-10:00	A.M.

<u>Idaho:</u>

Boise KIDO (Dial 630) 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Montana:

Bozernan	KXLQ	(Dial	1450)	8:30-9:00 P.M.
Butte	KXLF	(Dial	1370)	8:30-9:00 P.M.
Great Falls	KXLK	(Dial	1400)	8:30-9:00 P.M.
Helena	KXLJ	(Dial	1240)	8:30-9:00 P.M.
Missoula	KXLL	(Dial	1450)	8:30-9:00 P.M.

Oregon:

Portland KWJJ (Dial 1080) 12:30-1:00 P.M.

Washington:

Seattle	KVI	(Dial 570) 9:30-10:00 P.M.
Spokane	KXLY	(Dial 920) 10:30-11:00 A.M.
Yakima	KLOQ	(Dial 1390) 9:30-10:00 P.M.
Walla Walla	KUJ	(Dial 1420) 7:30-8:00 P.M.

DAVIDIAN SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

November 1, 1958

DOES LUNAR CALENDAR OR WEEKLY CYCLE GOVERN SABBATH? (Cont'd)

ONE THOUSAND YEARS SABBATH!

Text Material: The Symbolic Code, Vol. 13, Nos. 9, 10.

- What calendar did Moses and the Children of Israel use as they departed from Egypt?
- 2. Describe the Egyptian calendar according to the Encyclopedia.
- 3. What was the only change that God made in the Egyptian calendar?
- 4. Show that the Egyptian, the Medo-Persian and the Hebrew months ran parallel.
- What was the length of the month in both Old and New Testament times? Give examples.
- 6. Where in the Bible is mentioned the celebrating of a new-moon day?
- 7. (a) Do the Scriptures prove that the months began with a new moon?
 - (b) What do they prove?
- Since Moses and the prophets are entirely silent about a lunar calendar, what course

should we follow?

- 9. How can we avoid presenting strange fires before the Lord?
- 10. What is the next Sabbath theory to be studied?
- 11. In what way is it really fantastic?
- 12. Prove that the days of creation were 24 hours long.
- 13. According to this theory, what would be the length of each day and night?
- 14. Why will men believe such theories?
- 15. What text is sometimes used to prove the thousand-year Sabbath premise?
- Give the real meaning of the text found in 2 Peter 3:8.
- 17. Why was the illustration used?
- 18. What fact is evidenced by the different Sabbath theories?

Memory Gem: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13, 14.

November 8, 1958

IS THE SABBATH ON SUNDAY? OR ON SATURDAY?

Text Material: The Symbolic Code, Vol. 13, Nos. 11, 12, pp. 3-15.

- 1. (a) According to the Bible, what day of the week is Sabbath?
 - (b) And if Sunday is the first day of the week, what day would Saturday be?
- Tell how the law of God was given to the children of men.
- 3. How should God's precepts be regarded by mankind?
- 4. In what way can one blaspheme God?
- 5. For whom was the Sabbath created?
- Prove that the Sabbath was made for the Gentile as well as for the Jew.
- 7. How does the Gentile become one of Abraham's seed, and thus a Jew?
- 8. (a) Give the meaning of Jerusalem.
 - (b) Of whom is the Kingdom made up?
- 9. (a) Why can no one be sure of his ancestry?
 - (b) Yet, what does God say concerning the identification of each one?
- 10. (a) To whom are the promises made?

- (b) How may the Gentile share in the promises?
- 11. Explain how a Gentile may become a full-fledged Jew in spirit?
- 12. Why was this and other companion publications written?
- 13. What is the main theme of the Rod literature?
- 14. Summarize the truth expressed in Isaiah 4.
- 15. What does the Bible teach as to the nature of the law?
- 16. Why is it absurd to think that Christ would abrogate the law?
- 17. How do we know from both the Old and New Testaments that the ten commandments are still in force?
- 18. Who, then, did away with the law?
- Explain why the sacrificial ordinances were removed at the cross.

Memory Gem: "The law of God, being a revelation of His will, a transcript of His character, must forever endure, 'as a faithful witness in heaven.' "--Great Controversy, p. 434, par. 1.



November 15, 1958

IS THE SABBATH ON SUNDAY? OR ON SATURDAY? Part 2

Text Material: The Symbolic Code, Vol. 13, Nos. 11, 12, pp. 15-31.

- (a) How did Paul reprove the trouble-makers over the law?
 - (b) Of what law was he speaking?
- (a) Is one actually justified by keeping the law?
 - (b) Explain how the law works for the salvation of man.
- 3. (a) Why are Paul's letters sometimes misunderstood?
 - (b) How should they be read?
- 4. How will one live who abides in the love of Christ?
- 5. By what means did Christ eternally secure the salvation of the faithful?
- 6. What law is referred to in Romans 3:20 and 1 John 3:4?
- Prove that Jesus taught the law of the ten commandments when He lived on the earth,
- 8. How did the following writers of the Bible

regard the law?

- (a) Isaiah
- (d) James
- (b) Paul (c) David
- (e) John, the Revelator
- 9. What did Jesus mean when He said, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"?
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- 11. In regard to purported Truth, how must each one come to a decision?
- 12. Why are ministers led to devise heresies?
- 13. Can we expect them to arouse the laity to see and accept freshly revealed Truth? Why not?
- 14. What is the really important thing to know about the Sabbath?
- 15. Why did God say "Remember the Sabbath day"?
- 16. How were the Children of Israel instructed to keep the Sabbath?
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- (b) When does he come?
- (c) What is his message?
- 18. Compare 1 Peter 4:17 with Malachi 3 and Revelation 3:14-16.
- 19. When does the Judgment of the Living begin?
- 20. What will be the character and work of the eleventh-hour laborers?
- 21. What is the real object of the radio broadcasts?

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THE WARNING PARADOX

Text Material: "The Eleventh-Hour Call" Radio Message No. 2.

- How may the prophecies, clothed in symbols, be opened to the understanding?
- What was the object of the whole system of types and symbols?
- Give a brief account of the prophecy of Zechariah 6:1-8.
- Name the several symbols mentioned.
- Why are we primarily concerned with the last of the four chariots?
- Give several Bible references showing

what a mountain as a symbol represents?

- 7. What type of people would make up a church represented as a mountain of brass?
- 8. (a) Why did Zechariah see two brass mour tains ?
 - (b) Describe the pure church in the days of the Apostles.
 - (c) When will another pure church become a reality?
- 9. Establish the fact that the four chariots represent God's church at work in four different periods of time.
- 10. Who were represented by the red horses?
- 11. Through what period of time did the black horses pull their chariot?
- 12. What significance is attached to the white horses pulling the third chariot?
- 13. How is the controversy going on in the church pictured in this prophecy?
- 14. Why were the grisled horses represented as going toward the south country?
- 15. What are the bay horses seeking to do?
- 16. When the grisled horses are cut off what period of time does the church enter?
- 17. What event separates the two classes of

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THE PARABLE OF THE HOUSEHOLDER OF MATTHEW 20

Text Material: "The Eleventh-Hour Call" Radio Message No. 1.

- What is the scriptural basis for the name of our radio program?
- (a) Give two reasons why Christ taught in parables.
 - (b) Were they given only for those who lived 2,000 years ago?
- 3. Relate the parable found in Matthew 20:1-9.
- 4. In the parable, identify the
 - (a) Householder
 - (b) Kingdom of Heaven
 - (c) Vineyard
 - (d) Laborers
- 5. (a) How were the laborers paid?
 - (b) What does the penny represent?
- 6. In Matthew 20, how many calls were made by the householder?
- 7. Explain the Jewish method of designating time.

- 8. When did the day begin in the parable? Give a reason for your answer.
- 9. (a) Who were the first laborers called to the vineyard?
 - (b) In what way did they fail in fulfilling their mission?
- 10. (a) At the third hour, whom did Christ call?
 - (b) What is the meaning of the phrase, "standing idle in the market place"?
 - (c) How were the third-hour laborers hindered in their work?
- 11.. What are the qualifications of each separate call?
- 12. Why would you say that Miller's message answered the sixth-hour call rather than the messages of Luther, Wesley, or Campbell?
- Identify the laborers called at the ninth hour.
- 14. Prove that this is the last movement and corresponds with the last church at the end of the day.
- 15. Then why did the Lord make another call for laborers at the eleventh hour?
- 16. At the time of each call, how did God make known His message to the people?
- 17. (a) Who is the last prophet to come to the church?

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The Lord has blessed me wonderfully since I found this present Truth up to this day. I will close now. God bless you and pray for me.

New Jersey

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Dear Friends:

I want to write and thank you for the literature you are sending me, for the Davidian Bible studies, for all your kindness.

First, I want to tell you I am not worthy of any of it, and I don't even know if I'll ever be able to pass it on to others.

I was baptized December 10, 1955, and became a member of the _____ church.

A friend told me of the Davidians. It's so real! So inspiring! You see, I can't afford the Testimonies, or many of Sister White's books, but there are so many quotations from these writings. Then your Bible Course is doing a three-fold work--it's giving me the much needed Spiritual food. It's shedding great light across my pathway, and it is giving me access in a limited way, to the Testimonies.

Some day, when God releases me from my duties here I hope to get out and work for others—to show others just what great light shines through the printed pages you have sent me.

How I wish every body knew, and understood just what God expects of them.

May God bless you, dear Friends, and bless every ray of Divine Light that shines forth.

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Dear Friends:

Each Sunday from 12:30 to 1:00 o'clock I listen to the program "The Eleventh-Hour Call" on Station KWJJ.

I look forward each week to this program, and enjoy every minute of it. I only wish it could be an hour long instead of the half hour. Would you send me these Bible studies, beginning with No. 1 of the series? Also one of my neighbors is interested and would like the series too.

Oregon

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Dear Friends:

Inclosed is my tithe--so you can see I believe. I want my Certificate of Fellowship as soon as possible. I'll be sending in more lessons soon.

I thrill to this blessed Truth.

Washington

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Dear Sister Houteff:

We have finished the Advanced Bible Course and have enjoyed it so very much. We have learned more Bible truths in the last year than we ever did before

Washington

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Dear Brethren:

I am a listener to the "Eleventh-Hour Call" since August about 3 weeks now, and have written you a letter (which came back because I wrote to Vegas, Texas), If you would spell out the city it would be a big help to many. Now I try Waco, Texas and hope it will reach

I want to let you know I am impressed by your message and firmly believe as you do. Would you please send me today's message the "Latter Rain," and if you have others I would be very glad to read them. I will send a love offering as soon as I have the right address. God bless you and keep you on the air until the cleansing, gleaming, and the Restoration of all things is restored. I want to be among the wise virgins and keep awake.

Oregon

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce that the combined Volumes 12 and 13 of the Symbolic Code may now be purchased in bound form. The price is \$1.45, postage paid. Volumes 10 and 11 of the Code is also priced now at \$1,45.

Our supply of girl's and children's clothing, sizes 3 to 13 is exhausted. If you have extra clothing in these sizes please send them to us.

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