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"THE DESCENDANTS OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN JEWS WHO ARE PURPORTING TO BE THE FIRST OF THE FIRST FRUITS"

This little paper is dedicated to the mission of conveying news items and reformatory activities to Present Truth believers, answering questions in connection with Elijah's Message, and pulling Elijah's Message out from under the rubbish of false doctrines, so that Christ can be lifted up and be seen in His Message.

This periodical visitor promises to answer questions on such passages of the Scriptures pertaining to the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Also, to call the first of the first fruits of God's Kingdom out of Davidia and Laodicea.

This periodical trumpeter is to wake up the heirs of God's Kingdom from their slumber and sleep, instructing them on how to get ready and remain ready for the Bridegroom's coming. It is the answer to the Lord's instructions: *"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations."* (Joel 2:1, 2.)

2SC12: 12.3 - Its main object is to reveal the fact that the time has come for the Lord to manifest His power and unify, and purify the church of God -- calling her to rise up from her dusty bed and put on her strength and her gift of beautiful garments, because "from henceforth" the unclean shall not come unto her. (Isa. 52:1.) Therefore, it positively demands that the messengers of "the great and dreadful day of the Lord," under its supervision, must strictly comply with all its requirements, instructions and advice which it bears to them from time to time. It will not countenance those who ignore its divine authority -- the church is to be a light to the whole world -- fair as the moon, -- clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. Isa. 62:1-7; Prophets and Kings, p. 725.

This periodical comforter gladly calls on all S.D.A.'s who open their doors and welcome its visit. It freely gives its time to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation and neither collects fees nor makes charges for its unselfish service. It lives on voluntary gifts and free will offerings -- it burdens no one and comforts all. Its constant prayer is that all its clients should prosper and be in health even as their souls prospereth. (III John 2.)

Make your questions plain and distinct, giving the references, and they shall be taken care of as soon as their turn on the waiting list permits.

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April 26, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

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The School of the Prophets



***Christ**



Miller



White



Houtteff

"... You alone in the closet of prayer and with the aid of the Spirit can determine whether the Elijah has come, or whether he is yet to come."

GCS: 8.1



***Samuel**



***Moses**

Undersheperd: Bro. Lennox Sam
God's Ordained Minister

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Antitypical Elijah



The Holy Convocation



10 Days of Prayer

The First Ten Days of
The First Sacred Month

Date and Time

March 29th to April 7th 2025

6:00 pm PDT	2:00 am WAT
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8:00 pm CDT	4:00 am EAT
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"...The Lord gave to Moses the sacred yearly calendar, which cannot be lost or miscalculated so long as the earth remains... Beginning its first month of the year with the first new moon, at, or after, the vernal equinox, March 20-21..."

ABN3: 10, 11

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THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY IS FOR THE ANTITYPICAL SHOWDOWN

MEDITATION THOUGHT:

ABN5: 29.4 - And now the only safe and sane procedure is to read closely every page of the solemn message contained in The Shepherd's Rod publications. Let not a line escape your attention. Study every word carefully and prayerfully. Be earnest and diligent in your perusal of Truth, and "prove all things; hold fast that which is good." **1 Thess. 5:21.**

ABN3: 41.3 - Let us remember always to observe the inviolable rule that an interpretation of one inspired statement must harmonize with all other related statements.

2TG41: 6.5 - Does not the Denomination's perverted trend in finding Heaven-revealed Truth prove to you that God is left out of consideration, that in His place are put those who are supposed to be His servants? What else can it be if man is consulted when the Spirit of God should be? Are we not told by the Scriptures that the Spirit Himself is to lead us individually into all Truth? that we are not to make flesh our arm by having someone else decide for us what is Truth and what is error? Are we not denying the Spirit and our connection with Heaven when we take a substitute? And still worse is it to go for advice to one who is already against that which you expect him to approve or disapprove. If God can teach the cattle individually to seek water in the lower lands, not on the top of the mountains and hills, and to search for a place of warmth where the wind does not strike, then why can He not personally show us what is Truth and what is error?

2TG41: 7.1 - Were the founders of the church directed into Truth by the counsel of the priests and rabbis, or by the Spirit of God in their hearts? Are we not individually told:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every Spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." **1 John 4:1, 2.** "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." **1 Thess. 5:19-21.**

2TG41: 8.2 - "Those who allow prejudice to bar the mind against the reception of truth can not receive the divine enlightenment. Yet, when a view of Scripture is presented, many do not ask, Is it true, -- in harmony with God's word? but, By whom is it advocated? and unless it comes through the very channel that pleases them, they do not accept it. So thoroughly satisfied are they with their own ideas, that they will not examine the Scripture evidence, with a desire to learn, but refuse to be interested, merely because of their prejudices.

2TG41: 8.3 - "The Lord often works where we least expect Him; He surprises us by revealing His power through instruments of His own choice, while He passes by the men to whom we have looked as those through whom light should come. God desires us to receive the truth upon its own merits, -- because it is truth." -- **Testimonies To Ministers, pp. 105, 106.**

2TG41: 8.4 - The world has never seen a more religious group, nor a more praying and pious people than were the priests, scribes, and Pharisees in Christ's day. Yet they were the very ones who protested against Christ's teachings, who spread prejudice and confusion among the people and who kept them in darkness! Yes, they deceived a whole nation. Finally, if the Jewish Sanhedrin was not to be

trusted at Christ's first advent, then how do we know that the Christian's Sanhedrin at Christ's second advent is to be unquestionably correct? It was the Sanhedrins of the middle ages and down to this day that have fought against any Divinely led Reformation...

THE PREDICTION OF THE UPCOMING SHOWDOWN

2TG41: 7.2 - Moreover, Amos by the eye of Inspiration looked down through the centuries, deep into the Christian era, and declared:

Amos 1:2-- The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

2TG41: 7.3 - This scripture, you see, reflects the tragedy which took place on the top of Carmel in the days of Elijah. Here we are given the hint that there is to be another show-down between the prophet of God and the prophets of Baal. ...

For there to be a **show-down**, emphasis on the word show, which means to be seen, the people must assemble to see the **show-down**, and it will be

A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY.

Why solemn? Let us consider the meanings of the word solemn--

- » Religiously serious; piously grave; devout; marked by reverence to God; as solemn prayer; the solemn duties of the sanctuary.
- » Affectioning with seriousness; impressing or adapted to impress seriousness, gravity or reverence; sober; serious. There reigned a solemn silence over all. To 'swage with solemn touches troubled thoughts.
- » Grave; serious; or affectedly grave; as a solemn face.
- » Sacred; enjoined by religion; or attended with a serious appeal to God; as a solemn oath.

Let us now hear the meanings of the word assembly--

- » A congregation or religious society convened.
- » A convocation, convention or council of ministers and ruling elders delegated from each presbytery; as the General Assembly of Scotland or of the United States.
- » A company or collection of individuals, in the same place; usually for the same purpose.

Let us confirm through the lens of the first **showdown** that a solemn assembly is required--

1 Kings 18:17-20-- And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, [Art] thou he that troubleth Israel? ¹⁸And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. ¹⁹Now therefore send, [and] gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. ²⁰So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

These Scriptures show that an assembly preceded the first **showdown**. Note carefully that Elijah commanded King Ahab to call the assembly as though he were the monarch and Ahab the subject. Thus it will be for the soon coming solemn assembly, antitypical Elijah will command the leaders of the various Davidian habitations to assemble their inhabitants. Let us hear what the first pipe in the Golden Bowl has to say on the assembly on ancient Mt. Carmel--

Standing before Ahab, Elijah demanded that all Israel be assembled to meet him and the prophets of Baal and Ashtoreth on Mount Carmel. "Send," he commanded, "and gather to me all Israel unto Mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table." - **PK 143.1**

The command was issued by one who seemed to stand in the very presence of J H V H [blessed be the name of the Lord]; and Ahab obeyed at once, as if the prophet were monarch, and the king a subject. Swift messengers were sent throughout the kingdom with the summons

to meet Elijah and the prophets of Baal and Ashtoreth. In every town and village the people prepared to assemble at the appointed time. As they journeyed toward the place, the hearts of many were filled with strange forebodings. Something unusual was about to happen; else why this summons to gather at Carmel? What new calamity was about to fall upon the people and the land? - PK 143.2

Before the drought, Mount Carmel had been a place of beauty, its streams fed from never-failing springs, and its fertile slopes covered with fair flowers and flourishing groves. But now its beauty languished under a withering curse. The altars erected to the worship of Baal and Ashtoreth stood now in leafless groves. On the summit of one of the highest ridges, in sharp contrast with these was the broken-down altar of J_H_V_H [blessed be the name of the Lord]. - PK 144.1

Carmel overlooked a wide expanse of country; its heights were visible from many parts of the kingdom of Israel. At the foot of the mount there were vantage points from which could be seen much of what took place above. God had been signally dishonored by the idolatrous worship carried on under cover of its wooded slopes; and Elijah chose this elevation as the most conspicuous place for the display of God's power and for the vindication of the honor of His name. - PK 144.2

Early on the morning of the day appointed, the hosts of apostate Israel, in eager expectancy, gather near the top of the mountain. Jezebel's prophets march up in imposing array. In regal pomp the king appears and takes his position at the head of the priests, and the idolaters shout his welcome. But there is apprehension in the hearts of the priests as they remember that at the word of the prophet the land of Israel for three years and a half has been destitute of dew and rain. Some fearful crisis is at hand, they feel sure. The gods in whom they have trusted have been unable to prove Elijah a false prophet. To their frantic cries, their prayers, their tears, their humiliation, their revolting ceremonies, their costly and ceaseless sacrifices, the objects of their

worship have been strangely indifferent. - PK 144.3

Facing King Ahab and the false prophets, and surrounded by the assembled hosts of Israel, Elijah stands, the only one who has appeared to vindicate the honor of J_H_V_H [blessed be the name of the Lord]. He whom the whole kingdom has charged with its weight of woe is now before them, apparently defenseless in the presence of the monarch of Israel, the prophets of Baal, the men of war, and the surrounding thousands. But Elijah is not alone. Above and around him are the protecting hosts of heaven, angels that excel in strength. - PK 147.1

THE PREDICTED SHOWDOWN

Let us read the Scripture and the entire paragraph of the prediction of the other showdown--

Amos 1:2-- The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

2TG41: 7.3 - This scripture, you see, reflects the tragedy which took place on the top of Carmel in the days of Elijah. Here we are given the hint that there is to be another show-down between the prophet of God and the prophets of Baal. The prophets of Baal in our day even boast that they are not inspired, that what they teach and preach is what they themselves discovered by deep study and research! They even sneer at those who claim to be inspired of the Lord! They seem to think that God has forsaken the earth; that He cares not to send His Spirit as in former time; that men are now so wise that what the Spirit can do for them, they themselves can do even better! The truth is, though, that if there ever was a need for inspired interpreters of the Scriptures, it is today while many winds of doctrines are blowing from all directions, bringing in confusion, dissension, and disaster everywhere. No one sees eye to eye!

In **Amos 1:2**, the Lord is on earth when the showdown occurs; how else could He "roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem"? Note that the prophet of God must be at the **showdown**, and the place for the

showdown, antitypical Mount Carmel, must be in existence. Therefore, the prophet of God must be in the Church before the **showdown** to call the solemn assembly. Since the **showdown** is between God's prophet and the prophets of Baal, it proves that the **showdown** is before the purification of the church while the false teachers are still in the Church. Let us hear the **Rod** concerning the prophet of God in the church before the dreadful purification--

A PROPHET IN THE CHURCH BEFORE THE PURIFICATION

2TG24: 23.1 - 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 is yet future, it shows that there is to be a prophet in the Church, 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 "fellow servant," and that those who receive him feel like worshiping him, but he directs them to worship God, not a man.

2TG24: 23.2 - The remnant that are left, the saints who were not swallowed by the Dragon's flood as the earth opened her mouth, you note have the "testimony of Jesus Christ," the living Spirit of Prophecy active in their midst. The Church therefore will not sleep forever, the true people of God will awake to their poverty, they will profit at this rousing call, but the Dragon's flood will fill the bowels of the earth.

2TG24: 23.3 - Let now no one deceive himself by thinking that the Bible Itself is the active Spirit of Prophecy. Let us be God's real people, logical thinkers, not bait hunters. The Bible, you know, without the human channel, is as inactive as though It were but ink and paper. Moreover, the Spirit, too, apart from man, is also inactive:

2TG24: 24.1 - He, too, works through the human agent. Hence, without an inspired interpreter the concealed prophecies and the Spirit that unfolds them are inactive. Moreover, how could it be said of one particular group

having the Spirit of Prophecy, when all the sects in Christendom have the Bible?

These four contiguous statements confirm that there is to be a prophet in the Church when the purification of the church takes place, and since Brother V. T. Houteff is in the grave and will not be resurrected until after the purification of the church, during the "**time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation**" (**Dan. 12:1**), as we will read in a few paragraphs ahead, he cannot be the last prophet to the church. Sadly, these statements are twisted by the enemies of the Present Truth, who say that the Message is now the active Spirit of Prophecy. If the Bible "**without the human channel is inactive as though It were but ink and paper,**" pray tell me how the active living Spirit of Prophecy could be the **Rod Message** by itself. In speaking of the restoration of all things, which begins with the purification of the Church, the **Rod** says both the Message and the prophet will restore all things: let us read--

THE PROPHET AND THE MESSAGE RESTORE ALL THINGS

JL9: 1.4 - "Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: 'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.' Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say: 'You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.'" -- "**Testimonies to Ministers,**" pp. 475, 476.

JL9: 1.5 - There are two main points to note in these quotations: (1) that the message and messenger here mentioned are the very last; (2) that they are to restore all things, (3) that there is danger for some to make fools of themselves by daring to tell him how to teach his message -- assuming to take God's place!

Note carefully that **TM 475, 476** also applies to the last prophet, Elijah, of "**the great and dreadful day of the Lord,**" and more so than the first application, for in the first application, the General Conference ministers never tried to tell Elijah the author of the **SRod Message** how to teach his Message: they simply rejected it. However, the Davidian opposers claim to know Elijah's message better than he does since they are the ones saying, "**Let me tell you how to teach your message.**" This proves that the Message was available to the opposers before antitypical

Elijah of "*the great and dreadful day of the Lord*" began teaching it. We know this to be true because the **SROD Message** has been available in its entirety since 1954.

In addition, **JL9: 1.5** says, "*They are to restore all things*," the prophet and the Message. Do not allow the crafty agents of the enemy disguised as teachers to beguile you into believing that the Message alone will "*restore all things*;" ask them if it is so, why are they teaching. The only reason for claiming the Message alone without the prophet will "*restore all things*" is to reject the prophet before his announcement.

Let us hear the Truth on the time of Brother Houteff and Sister White's resurrection--

THE TIME OF THE SPECIAL RESURRECTION

Dan. 12:1-3-- And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. ²And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

2TG7: 14.1 - In these three verses several things clearly stand out: (1) Only those whose names are written in the books are delivered; there are therefore no "foolish" ones among them; (2) Those who are resurrected, however, are mixed, both foolish and wise come up; (3) The statement, "and they that be wise [implying that some be foolish] shall shine as the brightness of the firmament" indicates that these "wise" ones are from among the raised; (4) That if the wise are from among the resurrected and turn many to righteousness, then they must be resurrected in probationary time, in time of salvation.

2TG7: 14.2 - "Your work, my work, will not cease with this life. For a little while we may rest in the grave, but, when the call comes, we shall, in the kingdom of God, take up our work

once more." -- **Testimonies, Vol. 7, pg. 17.**

SR2: 235.2 - Why were the first paid last, and the last first? Answer. -- The pay God's servants receive is eternal life, and is characterized by the penny. Therefore, those who are granted the assurance of a never ending life first, are those who were hired last, and according to the parable, it was the company called at the eleventh hour. They are those who are marked or sealed by the man with the writer's inkhorn of **Ezekiel 9**, or as John calls him, the angel with the seal of God; and he sealed, or marked, 144,000. (See **Rev. 7.**) This glorious company is the first who are granted the assurance of never tasting death. (See "**The Shepherd's Rod**," **Vol. 1, pp. 22-24.**) Thus they are paid first but those who were called early in the morning (Israel after the flesh) are to be resurrected (the righteous) when Christ comes in the clouds, at which time they shall be given immortality. "So that the last shall be first, and the first, last." For this reason, those who were sealed and saved by the Third Angel's Message since 1844, are resurrected in the special resurrection before Christ comes. (See **Dan. 12:2**; "**Early Writings**," p. 285.)

2TG7: 11.2 - Do you now realize that not only the time of trouble is at the door, but even this special resurrection? Do you actually see that in the time of trouble, while the living saints are being delivered these dead who rise "to everlasting life," are also delivered from their graves? Do you realize that this time of trouble is in "the great and dreadful day of the Lord," the day which the promised prophet Elijah announces? Do you actually know that he is to turn the hearts of the fathers and of the children toward each other? lest the Lord smite "the earth with a curse." **Mal. 4:5, 6.** Do you see that the prophet appears in a day he can restore all things, everything that was lost through sin, even the Kingdom? Do you know that the resurrection of **Daniel 12** is not the same as the resurrection of **1 Thessalonians** and of **Revelation 20:5**?

Since Brother Houteff resurrects after the purification of the Church, in the "time of trouble, such as never was

since there was a nation" (**Dan. 12:1**), he cannot be the prophet who is to be in the church when the earth opens her mouth and swallows up the flood, who announces when "*the great and dreadful day of the Lord*" will begin, who "*turns the hearts of the fathers to their children*," who calls the solemn assembly for the coming **showdown** on Mt. Carmel and conducts the **showdown**. Therefore, the prophet who will be in the Church at the time of its purification and will call the solemn assembly must be "*the Elijah of the great and dreadful day of the Lord*" (**GCS: 31.4**), not Elijah of 1930 to 1955. We must now rightly divide the Word of Truth for the complete typology of the mission of Elijah, and to do this we will begin with the first and last parts of the mission in the typology--

THE MISSION OF ELIJAH IN ANTITYPE

Mal. 3:1-3-- Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. ²But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: ³And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Mal. 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.

We have heard the prophecy. Now let us hear the fulfillment, the same being the antitype--

Matt. 3:1-4-- In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ²And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. ³For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁴And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his

meat was locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:6,7-- And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; ⁷And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Matt. 3:5,6,11,12-- Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, ⁶And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. ¹¹I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and [with] fire: ¹²Whose fan [is] in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Mark 1:4,8-- John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁸I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

As John prepared the people to meet their Messiah, Christ showed up to be baptized of him--

Mark 1:9-- And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Matt. 3:13-17-- Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. ¹⁴But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? ¹⁵And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer [it to be so] now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. ¹⁶And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: ¹⁷And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mark 6:16-29-- But when Herod heard [thereof], he said, It is John, whom I behead--

ed: he is risen from the dead. ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. ¹⁸For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. ¹⁹Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: ²⁰For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. ²¹And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief [estates] of Galilee; ²²And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give [it] thee. ²³And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give [it] thee, unto the half of my kingdom. ²⁴And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. ²⁵And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. ²⁶And the king was exceeding sorry; [yet] for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. ²⁹And when his disciples heard [of it], they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

John 1:19-21-- And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from

Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? ²⁰And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. ²¹And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

Matt. 17:10-13-- And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? ¹¹And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. ¹²But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. ¹³Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

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...As the Elijah of Christ's first advent was one person, and also as the Elijah of Mt. Carmel of old was one person, not a multitude of priests, then by parity of reasoning the Elijah of today must also be one person, not a multitude of ministers.

GCS: 31.3-32.2 - John the Baptist's statement that he himself was not the Elijah, and Jesus' statement that John was the Elijah of that day, not of our day, clear three points: ⁴(1) That John was not in any sense of the word fulfilling the mission of the Elijah who is to come be-

fore the great and dreadful day of the Lord, but that he, the last prophet to the church of his day, simply came in the spirit and power of Elijah, to prepare the way for the Lord's first advent. So it is that the Elijah of the great and dreadful day of the Lord, the last prophet to the church of this day, comes in the same spirit and power, to prepare the way for the Lord's second advent. ¹(2) That as John was the Elijah of his day, yet not Elijah the Tishbite himself, then the promise of the prophet Elijah is not necessarily to be fulfilled in person by the ancient prophet himself. ²(3) That as the Elijah of Christ's first advent was one person, and also as the Elijah of Mt. Carmel of old was one person, not a multitude of priests, then by parity of reasoning the Elijah of today must also be one person, not a multitude of ministers.

Let us illustrate what we have just read--

MISSION OF ELIJAH (Mal. 3:1-3; 4:5)

1st Preparatory Part

John the Baptist

Prepared the way for the 1st Advent

Last Prophet to the Jewish Church

Preached until Imprisonment

Appeared about 2,000 years ago

MALACHI

3:1

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

3:2

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3:3

And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4:5

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Final Part

The Last prophet to the Church of this day

Will prepare the way for the 2nd Advent of Christ

Will restore all things

Appears before the GADDOTL

Thus far, we see that John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ's first advent. He was the last prophet to the Jewish Church, and he preached until he was imprisoned and later beheaded. We also see that John the Baptist appeared almost two thousand years ago, and as he was preparing the way for Christ's first advent, Christ came to His temple, but not to purify the sons of Levi. Note that "the Elijah of the great and dreadful day of the Lord," is the last prophet to the Church of this day, he will prepare the way for Christ's second advent, and he appears just before "the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

Let us now read about the second mission in Elijah's typology, the mission immediately after John's. We will begin with the type, the establishment, of this part of the mission--

Lev. 16:29-34-- And [this] shall be a statute for ever unto you: [that] in the seventh month, on the tenth [day] of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, [whether it be] one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: ³⁰**For on that day shall [the priest] make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, [that] ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.** ³¹It [shall be] a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever. ³²And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, [even] the holy garments: ³³And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he

shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. ³⁴And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

These Scriptures reveal the typical day of atonement. Let us now hear of the antitype--

In like manner, the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service. Under the Mosaic system, the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the great day of atonement, occurred on the tenth day of the seventh Jewish month, [Leviticus 16:29-34.] when the high priest, having made an atonement for all Israel, and thus removed their sins from the sanctuary, came forth and blessed the people. So it was

believed that Christ, our great High Priest, would appear to purify the earth by the destruction of sin and sinners, and to bless his waiting people with immortality. The tenth day of the seventh month, the great day of atonement, the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary, which in the year 1844 fell upon the 22nd of October, was regarded as the time of the Lord's coming. This was in harmony with the proofs already presented that the 2300 days would terminate in the autumn, and the conclusion seemed irresistible. - GC 399.4

Once a year, on the great Day of Atonement, the priest entered the most holy place for the cleansing of the sanctuary. The work there performed completed the yearly round of ministration. On the Day of Atonement two kids of the goats were brought to the door of the tabernacle, and lots were cast upon them, "one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat." **Verse 8.** The goat upon which fell the lot for the Lord was to be slain as a sin offering for the people. And the priest was to bring his blood within the veil and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. The blood was also to be upon the altar of incense that was before the veil. - GC 419.1

"And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited." **Verses 21, 22.** The scapegoat came no more into the camp of Israel, and the man who led him away was required to wash himself and his clothing with water before returning to the camp. - GC 419.2

The whole ceremony was designed to impress the Israelites with the holiness of God and His abhorrence of sin; and, further, to show them that they could not come in contact with sin without becoming polluted. Every man was required to afflict his soul while this work of atonement was going forward.

All business was to be laid aside, and the whole congregation of Israel were to spend the day in solemn humiliation before God, with prayer, fasting, and deep searching of heart. - GC 419.3

Important truths concerning the atonement are taught by the typical service. A substitute was accepted in the sinner's stead; but the sin was not canceled by the blood of the victim. A means was thus provided by which it was transferred to the sanctuary. By the offering of blood the sinner acknowledged the authority of the law, confessed his guilt in transgression, and expressed his desire for pardon through faith in a Redeemer to come; but he was not yet entirely released from the condemnation of the law. On the Day of Atonement the high priest, having taken an offering from the congregation, went into the most holy place with the blood of this offering, and sprinkled it upon the mercy seat, directly over the law, to make satisfaction for its claims. Then, in his character of mediator, he took the sins upon himself and bore them from the sanctuary. Placing his hands upon the head of the scapegoat, he confessed over him all these sins, thus in figure transferring them from himself to the goat. The goat then bore them away, and they were regarded as forever separated from the people. - GC 420.1

The subject of the sanctuary was the key which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844. It opened to view a complete system of truth, connected and harmonious, showing that God's hand had directed the great advent movement and revealing present duty as it brought to light the position and work of His people. As the disciples of Jesus after the terrible night of their anguish and disappointment were "glad when they saw the Lord," so did those now rejoice who had looked in faith for His second coming. They had expected Him to appear in glory to give reward to His servants. As their hopes were disappointed, they had lost sight of Jesus, and with Mary at the sepulcher they cried: "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." **Now**

in the holy of holies they again beheld Him, their compassionate High Priest, soon to appear as their king and deliverer. Light from the sanctuary illumined the past, the present, and the future. They knew that God had led them by His unerring providence. Though, like the first disciples, they themselves had failed to understand the message which they bore, yet it had been in every respect correct. In proclaiming it they had fulfilled the purpose of God, and their labor had not been in vain in the Lord. Begotten "again unto a lively hope," they rejoiced "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." - GC 423.1

Both the prophecy of **Daniel 8:14**, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed," and the first angel's message, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come," pointed to Christ's ministration in the most holy place, to the investigative judgment, and not to the coming of Christ for the redemption of His people and the destruction of the wicked. The mistake had not been in the reckoning of the prophetic periods, but in the event to take place at the end of the 2300 days. Through this error the believers had suffered disappointment, yet all that was foretold by the prophecy, and all that they had any Scripture warrant to expect, had been accomplished. At the very time when they were lamenting the failure of their hopes, the event had taken place which was foretold by the message, and which must be fulfilled before the Lord could appear to give reward to His servants. - GC 424.1

Christ had come, not to the earth, as they expected, but, as foreshadowed in the type, to the most holy place of the temple of God in heaven. He is represented by the prophet Daniel as coming at this time to the Ancient of Days: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven,

and came"--not to the earth, but--"to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him." **Daniel 7:13.** - GC 424.2

Parents felt the deepest solicitude for their children. Those who received the message, labored with their unconverted friends and relatives, and with their souls bowed with the weight of the solemn message, warned and entreated them to prepare for the coming of the Son of man. Those cases were the most hardened that would not yield to such a weight of evidence set home by heart-felt warnings. This soul-purifying work led the affections away from worldly things, to a consecration never before experienced. Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by Wm. Miller, and servants of God were raised up in the spirit and power of Elijah to proclaim the message. Those who preached this solemn message, like John the forerunner of Jesus, felt compelled to lay the axe at the root of the tree, and call upon men to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Their testimony was calculated

to arouse and powerfully affect the churches, and manifest their real character. And as they raised the solemn warning to flee from the wrath to come, many who were united with the churches received the healing message; they saw their backslidings, and, with bitter tears of repentance, and deep agony of soul, humbled themselves before God. And as the Spirit of God rested upon them, they helped to sound the cry, Fear God, and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come. - **1SG 133.2**

On October 22, 1844, the first day of the antitypical day of atonement, the people of God were indeed prepared for Jesus to move to the Holiest apartment of the Heavenly sanctuary, even though they did not understand their mission as to the event to begin the day. Inspiration typified William Miller as being raised up in the spirit and power of Elijah. Let us add Brother William's part in the mission of Elijah's typology to the illustration--

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At this juncture, we see that Brother William Miller began his call in 1831 and ended it in 1844 after the disappointment. He prepared the people for the antitypical day of atonement, which began on October 22, 1844. Let us now move to the third part to the mission of Elijah--

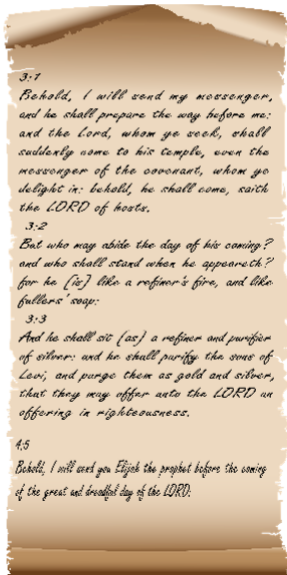
GCS: 37.2 - "We say, then, that we believe that the third angel's message is now completing the fulfillment of Malachi 4:5, 6. Hence, let none be beguiled with the fancy that Elijah is yet personally to appear, but give heed to the work already going on before their eyes." -- "**Review and Herald,**" February 23, 1864.

GCS: 41.3 - "Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: 'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.' Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say: 'You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.' -- "**Testimonies to Ministers,**" pp. 475, 476. (Quoted from "**The Review and Herald,**" February 18, 1890.)

Note that in 1864, the Spirit of Prophecy revealed that the work that was going on then was "completing the fulfillment of **Malachi 4:5,6.**" Then, in 1890, the Spirit of Prophecy further revealed that someone else was

to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, giving us the next phase of the typology. Then, in 1954, the **SROD** tells us that Sister White's work was only a preparatory part of Elijah's mission. Let us read it--

GCS: 39.1 - *The Judgment for the Dead, furthermore, is not the message of "the great and dreadful day." It does not even touch on the prophecies of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And since the one by whom the message on the Judgment for the Dead was unfolded has already been dead these many years, and since nothing, not to mention "all things," has as yet been restored, and, too, since that one never claimed to be the Elijah, nor to unfold the prophecies of the Judgment for the Living, no one, therefore, can honestly and innocently say Elijah has already come and gone. In view of these facts, it would be stupidity of the lowest form, if not blasphemy, for any one to lay such charges to her, or to imagine that her prophetic office fulfilled anything more than a preparatory part of the mission of Elijah.*

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Here we see that Sister Ellen G. White also had a part in the mission of Elijah. Let us illustrate this part of the typology-- Sister E. G. White started her work 179 years ago, and her part of the mission was to be a founder of the SDA Church and give it the judgment of the dead Message. We now move to the next preparatory part of the mission of Elijah--

TN13: 44.1 - 1929 First Present Truth study given (Isa. 54) January 6.

TN13: 44.2 - 1930 The truth of the 144,000 revealed February 1.

SR1: 47.1 - It is at this time the 144,000 are marked, or sealed. Ezekiel 9 fits Elijah's experience for this reason: The prophet, or the message is called, Elijah, "with the spirit and the power of Elijah." The prophet Elijah thought all Israel had apostatized, and that he alone was left, but the Lord said He had 7,000 men that had not bowed a knee to Baal. "Seven" signifies a complete or perfect number, which stands as a symbol, in this instance meaning a complete number of thousands. The complete number of the very elect is 144,000. So we, too, like Elijah, think the whole church is drifted into the world (bowed a knee to Baal). Thus Elijah stands as a type of the 144,000 living, translated saints.

Let us first address the erroneous teaching that "antitypical Elijah is the 144,000," pursuant to this state-

ment. This statement points out that Elijah thought he was the only one serving God then, but he was wrong. God had 7,000 men who had not bowed a knee to Baal. We, the future translated saints, likewise, will think as he did; thus, he typifies the 144,000. The Elijah on Mt. Carmel with King Ahab was one man, so it must be with the antitype.

Note carefully that the prophet or the Message is called Elijah, which means that when a statement mentions only the name, we must let the context identify if it is speaking of the prophet or the Message. But, under no circumstances can we, in our comprehension, replace or substitute one for the other when one is given in the sentence. If we do, we are violating the Lord's instructions and replacing them with human wisdom. In other words, Davidia's replacement theology, the teaching which instructs that because Brother Houteff is dead Elijah the prophet is replaced with Elijah the Message. Let us hear God's warning against this theology--

SR1: 143.2 - Suppose you would add an element to the milk, would it not be a strange one? And if it be a strange one to the milk, would it be foreign to the human system? If

this be true, we must conclude it would be poison to the human body. "But," you say, "suppose I add the element of iron, it would not then be poison." By adding another element, it would put the milk out of balance, and it would be milk no longer. It is impossible for human wisdom to improve on God's work. Just so, it is impossible for us to neglect one of God's words and yet maintain spiritual life, neither can we add, though the thing may be good, as we may see it. It would throw the Word out of balance, and it would be God's Word no longer, just as the milk would be milk no longer. God's Word must be kept in the human heart, pure and unadulterated, if we must live by it. "This robe, woven in the loom of heaven has in it not one thread of human devising." -- **Christ's Object Lessons, page 311.**

SR2: 137.4 - While Sunday was growing more and more sacred, the Seventh-day Sabbath was on the decline, and becoming less and less holy. Here we see an example that should be marked carefully by all Christians. To add anything to the religion of Christ, though it may seem good on the surface, results in a deadly sting from beneath. Our God has devised a religion sufficient to save the church, if carefully followed. He needs no man's help, neither can He accept man-made devices.

SR2: 138.1 - "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (**Rev. 22:18,19.**)

SR2: 138.2 - The Roman church displaced the simplicity of the truth with human wisdom and traditions of man. Or, as Daniel puts it: "An host [Pagan flood] was given him against the daily by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered." (**Dan. 8:12.**) The "host" against the "daily" were the

unconverted Pagans brought into the church; therefore, "by reason of transgression." How different from the method employed by John the Baptist! "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Saducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." (**Matt. 3:7, 8.**)

1SC4: 1.2 - Teach the message as it is -- add nothing to it, neither take anything from it. Do not feel that it is your duty to answer everybody's questions, or to explain the whole Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Only a silly person attempts such a thing. The scroll is not yet unrolled that far. Do not go beyond what the SRod has explained. Ask your opponents if they can give an answer to everything that has been written. Only simpletons feel capable of so doing. Their supposed correct answers in the past now, in the unrolling of the scroll, prove to be no answers at all. There was never a prophet who claimed to explain everything to his opponents even though the questions to be answered were concerning his own message. All those who demanded an explanation on every detail before taking their stand, fell into the "bottomless pit."

What have we learnt from these statements? Just this: when the statement says Elijah the Message, it must remain as is and be understood as it is written, likewise when the statement says Elijah the prophet. The same must apply when the statement says "they," referring to the prophet and the Message. Elijah's Message cannot be understood when you employ Davidia's replacement theology.

Let us continue with the fourth part, and to do so, we must first read the methodology of the Elijah typology that Christ our Lord put in place--

Matt. 17:11-13-- And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Note that our Lord Jesus first spoke of Elijah, who shall come and "restore all things". Then He starts His next sentence with the word "but," indicating that the words following the "but" could be deemed contradictory or, better yet, a paradox. Jesus' words following the "but" spoke of the present mission of Elijah being fulfilled by John the Baptist. He thus paved the way for multiple parts of Elijah's mission, as we have already seen thus far in this presentation. In our next statement to continue with the fourth part of the mission, the *Rod* employs the same mode of revelation as our Lord Jesus did **Matthew 17:11-13**--

GCS: 34.2 - Since God is not experimenting, and since He means just what He says, there should be no doubt in your minds that the Scriptures concerning antitypical Elijah (he who is to awaken the church and to warn the Laodiceans of "the great and the dreadful day of the Lord") make sure that he is one person. Of a surety, he is to have faithful helpers, but according to the prophet Nahum he will greatly make use of the printing press and will scatter his message by the postage stamp everywhere, as the leaves of autumn. He will not care what is done with his publications, but will make sure they find their way into all hands, laps, pockets, yards or waste baskets throughout Laodicea. Here is what Inspiration Itself has to say concerning the prophet's means of taking his message to the church:

GCS: 34.3 - "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that published peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee, he is utterly cut off." **Nah. 1:15.**

GCS: 35.1 - Thus you have it from the Lord, through His prophet Nahum, that the one who announces that the time has come for the wicked to be cut off from among God's people, and that the Judgment for the Living (which, as we have already seen, is "the great and

dreadful day of the Lord") is about to take place, is to make the announcement of these events by his publications. Further concerning this timely truth this "meat in due season," Isaiah declares that it will be dispensed to all without their having to pay for it -- "without money and without price." He urges them, moreover, to stop wasting their money in purchasing "that which is not bread" (**Isa. 55:1, 2**) -- that which is not inspired of God.

GCS: 35.2 - What is the Lord's counsel concerning the Voice of Elijah's publications? and what is the title of them?

GCS: 35.3 - The answer comes through Micah the prophet:

GCS: 35.4 - "The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the Rod, and Who hath appointed it." **Mic. 6:9.**

GCS: 35.5 - 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. Some may call the publications "offshoot," others may call them "rubbish" ("**Counsels on Sabbath School Work**," p. 29), but the Lord titles them the "Rod," and His counsel is that we hear Its voice. In truth, since the Rod is a symbol of authority, correction, and deliverance, then what other title could more fittingly signify that It is to deliver the penitent and do away with the impenitent? It was the Shepherd's Rod that freed ancient Israel, and the Lord has chosen "The Shepherd's Rod" to deliver modern Israel. It was a Rod that led the first Exodus, and it is now seen that a Rod is making ready to lead the second Exodus (**Isa. 11:11; Mic. 7:14, 15; Ezek. 20:36, 37**).

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Note that in **paragraph two** on **page 34**, that the **Rod** first spoke of Elijah, who is to warn the Laodiceans of "*the great and the dreadful day of the Lord.*" He is to be one person and is to have faithful helpers. Then, the word "*but*" is used to switch to the present Elijah, as our Lord Jesus did in **Matthew 17:12**. The present Elijah when the statement was written, is none other than the author of Elijah's Message, Brother V. T. Houteff, who is now dead and cannot fulfill the mission of Elijah of "*the great and dreadful day of the Lord,*" the one mentioned before the word "*but*" in the sentence. These references will suffice, let us follow the illustration--

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John the Baptist Prepared the way for the 1 st Advent Last Prophet to the Jewish Church Preached until Imprisonment Appeared about 2,000 years ago	William Miller 1831 – 1844 Prepared God's people for the antitypical day of atonement Appeared 193 years ago	Sis. Ellen G. White 1845 – 1915 Judg. of the Dead Message Founder of the SDA Church Appeared 179 years ago	Bro. V. T. Houteff 1929 – 1955 Judg. of the Living Message Founder of the DSDA Church Appeared 95 years ago	The Last prophet to the Church of this day Prepares the way for the 2 nd Advent Restores all things Appears before the GADDOTL

Thus far, we see that Brother V. T. Houteff started his mission 95 years ago, which ended in 1955 at his death. He gave us the judgment of the living Message, also called the Elijah Message, and founded the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Church. We have presented enough evidence to show the last prophet in the Church will be the antitypical Elijah, Elijah of "*the great and dreadful day of the Lord.*" The type demands translation. Therefore, the last prophet to the Church, the Church which will be translated, must also be a translated saint. To help those who believe and teach that Bro. V. T. Houteff is the last prophet to the Church and will be resurrected to fulfill the final part of the mission of Elijah's typology; we present the following evidence to correct their doctrine--

THE LAST PROPHET MUST RESTORE ALL THINGS

3SC2: 6.1.4 - And Jesus says: "Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things." (**Mk. 9:12.**) Therefore, Elijah's coming must precede both the great and dreadful day of the Lord and His second coming; and when he comes, he must restore all things.

3SC2: 6.2.5 - Moreover, how could the Word say that Elijah must restore all things if he were not also going to restore the marriage institution? Furthermore, if God saw that it was not good for man to be alone originally in the Garden of Eden, then why should it be

good for him when he returns to Eden? Or shall we all now, in this time of gathering, and of receiving the inheritance of the first dominion, divorce our wives?

GCS: 39.1 - ...since nothing, not to mention "all things," has as yet been restored, ...

Note carefully that in 1954, in the revised 1950 General Conference Special, the **Rod** says nothing has been restored. We have already shown that Brother Houteff is resurrecting in the time of "*the great and the dreadful day of the Lord,*" whereas the restoring of all things begins at the beginning of "*the great and the dreadful day of the Lord*" for the Church. We have also read that the last prophet comes before "*the great and the dreadful day of the Lord.*" Let's hear the **Rod**—

2TG31: 4.2 - At this coming He is not to take His saints to the mansions above, but He is to purify the sons of Levi -- the ministry; He is to destroy the leaders of idolatry. Since the purity of His servants is first to be restored, the restoration, therefore, commences in the Church. Thus is the Edenic state of peace and security to be restored, ...

TN8: 60.1 - Proclaiming "the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (**Mal. 4:5**), "a day of slaughter" (**Isa. 30:25**), and "a day of darkness" (**Joel 2:2**), this last message is to be sounded at the eleventh hour -- just before the time in which, as John foresaw, "the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand" (**Rev. 6:15-17**)? -- none but the righteous, the future leaders of the church, as David's reign typifies.

1TG32: 21.1- Obviously, when God's waters of salvation cover the earth -- even to the tops of the mountains, so to speak -- then the watch towers (the pulpits), which the people have on their own initiative built, will fall. Doubtless the day of slaughter is the great and dreadful day of the Lord. So again we are brought face to face with the reality that Truth does one of two things -- if It cannot save, It destroys.

Doubtless, the slaughter marks the beginning of "the great and the dreadful day of the Lord" in the Church. In addition, the Rod says--

2TG30: 12.1 - This messenger of the covenant (of the promise), antitypical Elijah the prophet shall prepare the way; he shall restore all things. As he prepares the way, the Lord will suddenly come to His temple, to His church. And what is His work to be? To purify or cleanse His people by weeding the unrepent-ed sinners from among them. The question:

"But who may abide the day of His coming?" solemnly declares that we had better now get busy and do what it takes to make us stand before the cleansing begins.

Note carefully, as Elijah "prepares the way, the Lord will suddenly come to His temple, to His Church." It is clear as crystal that the Lord did not suddenly come to His temple to purify it during Brother Houteff's mission. Let us continue with the help--

2TG30: 12.2 - Whom in particular will He purify? -- Let us read--

Mal. 3:3-- And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

2TG30: 12.3 - The Levites, you know, comprised the tribe from which came the priesthood, the ministers of the Lord. And since this prophecy is to meet its complete fulfillment in our day, the figure is clear: The Levites, the ministers of the Lord in our day, are to be purified. What then?

Mal. 3:4-- Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

Who are the ministers of today who need to be purified? The General Conference ministers or the Davidian servants, those who are entrusted with the Present Truth, the **judgment of the living Message**, and are now giving the trumpet over twenty-five uncertain sounds, no two the same? Here is the answer--

2TG43: 12.1 - I say that if left in such an unhappy and unholy state the very elect would forever remain unclean and unsanctified -- deceived! And since the eleventh-hour servants, the Davidians, are the ones unto whom the message of this cleansing, "the Judgment of the Living," is committed, then those who on account of it are our enemies, those who are doing everything they can to keep the common people ignorant of the Truth and from coming in contact with It, are the very ones who are endeavoring to de-

ceive "the very elect," if possible. Thank God that it is impossible.

TN8: 49.2 - This revelatory statement conclusively proves that after the historical Minneapolis meeting in 1888, when the leaders rejected both the message and the counsel which was given them (Testimonies To Ministers, p. 468) the Lord did not any longer regard the General Conference as His servants, just as He did not any longer regard Saul as king over Israel after he turned from the Lord's commands to him. And now, having long since granted the popular demand to organize the General Conference, in fulfillment of the type, God warns that His forbearance is come to an end today just as it did then. ...

If this collection of references did not help the teacher with the false doctrine that Brother Houteff is the last prophet to the Church, nothing would. Let us leave them alone.

Without a doubt, we know that Elijah of "the great and the dreadful day of the Lord" will be the one to call the solemn assembly. As we said earlier, for there to be a **showdown**, there must be an assembly, and the Rod adds-- "from which not one is to be excluded." There are to be two trumpets sounding at different times: the first to announce the day, and the second to call the solemn assembly. Let us listen to this sound--

BLOW THE TRUMPET AND CALL THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Joel 2:1-- Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand;

Joel 2:15, 16-- Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: ¹⁶gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

2TG8: 21.3 - In these verses, as in **Joel 2:1**, the command is given to blow the trumpet in Zion. This second trumpet, however, is not to announce the day of God, but to sanctify both a fast and the people, to call a solemn assembly.

from which not one is to be excluded from the assembly.

Note that a fast, not a feast, precedes this solemn assembly. Therefore, this solemn assembly cannot be the Passover nor the Feast of Tabernacles, as some teach pursuant to the following Scriptures--

Deu. 16:8-- Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day [shall be] a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work [therein].

Lev. 23:36-- Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it [is] a solemn assembly; [and] ye shall do no servile work [therein].

These two solemn assemblies are not associated with a fast but rather a feast; this should help those who promulgate the solemn assembly of **Joel 2:15** to be the Passover or the Feast of Tabernacles. Let us continue with the solemn assembly--

2SC9: 2.1.1 - "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breast: let the bridegroom go forth of His chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" (**Joel 2:15-17**.)

2SC9: 2.1.2 - Joel's prophecy above quoted must meet its fulfillment in the time when probation's hours are fast closing, for the Word says, "Let the bridegroom go forth of His chamber, and the bride out of her closet." The term, "let", means to allow it to be so; and as the bridegroom is Christ at the time when He is to be crowned or married to the New Jerusalem -- His bride -- (**Rev. 21:9**), this scripture can not meet its fulfillment at any time other than when this event, to which all heaven and earth have been looking forward,

is about to take place. Therefore, the Lord is urging us to "blow the trumpet in Zion" (the church), and to hasten the time of crowning Him King of kings and Lord of lords -- the time in which He closes His mediatorial work, -- "goes forth of His chamber" -- the Most Holy place.

2SC9: 2.1.3 - The command, "Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts," signifies a complete separation from the world of "old and young, both maids and little children, and women" "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof" (**Ezek. 9:4,6**): and being prophetically made to the church (Zion), this command evidences the fact that when the trumpet shall blow in fulfillment of this scripture, it will find Zion, His church, unsanctified and commingled with the world. Therefore, comes the call for sanctification.

2SC9: 2.1.4 - The conditions further prove that this scripture meets its fulfillment now, because the church at the present time has, by her institutions, entangled herself with the institutions of the world, but we thank the Lord that years ago the "Spirit of Prophecy" predicted that "somebody was to come in the spirit and power of Elijah" ("**Testimonies to Ministers**," p. 475), and that "God will have men who are true to duty. At the right time He sends His faithful messengers to do a work similar to that of Elijah." ("**Testimonies for the Church**," Vol. 5, p. 254.)

Here, we see that the *Rod* connects Joel's call for an assembly with the purification of the Church and, therefore, also with antitypical Elijah. The Scripture met only a partial fulfillment in the mission of Brother V. T. Houteff and will meet its complete fulfillment when the Bridegroom goes forth of His chambers, which suggests the Bridegroom coming for the judgment of the living. Let us continue--

3SC5,6: 12.2.2 - Daniel's prophecies are to be revealed "in the time of the end" (**Dan. 12:4**). Yet it would be unreasonable for one to conclude that these prophecies are to be revealed

after the end of the world. Rather, they are to be revealed "at the end of the world," when "His angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just." (**Matt. 13:49**.) God has not commissioned the church to preach the gospel of an impure church, but to "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet." (**Joel 2:15-17**.) For, "All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us." (**Amos 9:10**.) "And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in 'Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem." (**Isa. 4:3**.)

From these statements, we can easily see that the solemn assembly is connected to the purification of the Church. Let's hear some more--

Joel 2:1-3-- "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them."

2TG8: 19.2 - Here you see that a message is to be proclaimed to the church, to Zion, declaring that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is at hand; that it is to be devastating behind His people, and glorious ahead of them, -- that the Lord is thoroughly to comb the field, that He is to gather every grain of "wheat," and then burn the tares.

WHO SHALL ANTITYPICAL ELIJAH CALL TO THE ASSEMBLY?

ABN3: 64.3 - When it has accomplished this "closing work for the church" (**Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 266**), then those who have overcome every "temptation in the strength of the Might One," who have sighed and cried and escaped the destruction will "be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them." **Zech. 12:8.** Davidians indeed!--"a great people and a strong" (Joel 2:2), "clad in the armor of Christ's righteousness,...'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners,'...to go forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer." -- **Prophets and Kings, p. 725.**

1TG7: 13.4 - Should we not be glad that while we are being invited to the Kingdom, we are also being told how to get there? Seeing all these, we must never let our confidence in God wane. We ought to be stable, firm in everything, lacking nothing. God's eleventh-hour servants, says Inspiration, are to be "a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it." **Joel 2:2.** They know what they believe, and believe what they know. Most important of all, they know that they are led by God, not by man.

The Davidians, the "eleventh-hour servants", are the ones called to this solemn assembly. What are they assembled for? To answer this question, we must begin with the type--

THE REASON FOR THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

1 Kings 18:19-21-- Now therefore send, [and] gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. ²⁰So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. ²¹And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD [be] God, follow him: but if Baal, [then] follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

...Not one in that vast assembly dare reveal loyalty to J_H_V_H [blessed be the name of the Lord]. Like a dark cloud, deception and blindness had overspread Israel. Not all at once had this fatal apostasy closed about them, but gradually, as from time to time they had failed to heed the words of warning and reproof that the Lord sent them. Each departure from rightdoing, each refusal to repent, had deepened their guilt and driven them farther from Heaven. And now, in this crisis, they persisted in refusing to take their stand for God. - **PK 147.3**

The Lord abhors indifference and disloyalty in a time of crisis in His work. The whole universe is watching with inexpressible interest the closing scenes of the great controversy between good and evil. The people of God are nearing the borders of the eternal world; what can be of more importance to them than that they be loyal to the God of heaven? All through the ages, God has had moral heroes, and He has them now--those who, like Joseph and Elijah and Daniel, are not ashamed to acknowledge themselves His peculiar people. His special blessing accompanies the labors of men of action, men who will not be swerved from the straight line of duty, but who with divine energy will inquire, "Who is on the Lord's side?" (**Exodus 32:26**), men who will not stop merely with the inquiry, but who will demand that those who choose to identify themselves with the people of God shall step forward and reveal unmistakably their allegiance to the King of kings and Lord of lords. Such men make their wills and plans subordinate to the law of God. For love of Him they count not their lives dear unto themselves. Their work is to catch the light from the Word and let it shine forth to the world in clear, steady rays. Fidelity to God is their motto. - **PK 148.1**

1 Kings 18:22-26-- Then said Elijah unto the people, I, [even] I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets [are] four hundred and fifty men. ²³Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay [it] on wood, and put no fire [under]: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay [it] on wood, and put no fire [under]: ²⁴And call ye on

the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. ²⁵And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress [it] first; for ye [are] many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire [under]. ²⁶And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed [it], and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But [there was] no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

Outwardly bold and defiant, but with terror in their guilty hearts, the false priests prepare their altar, laying on the wood and the victim; and then they begin their incantations. Their shrill cries echo and re-echo through the forests and the surrounding heights, as they call on the name of their god, saying, "O Baal, hear us." The priests gather about their altar, and with leaping and writhing and screaming, with tearing of hair and cutting of flesh, they beseech their god to help them. - PK 149.2

The morning passes, noon comes, and yet there is no evidence that Baal hears the cries of his deluded followers. There is no voice, no reply to their frantic prayers. The sacrifice remains unconsumed. - PK 149.3

As they continue their frenzied devotions, the crafty priests are continually trying to devise some means by which they may kindle a fire upon the altar and lead the people to believe that the fire has come direct from Baal. But Elijah watches every movement; and the priests, hoping against hope for some opportunity to deceive, continue to carry on their senseless ceremonies. - PK 149.4

1 Kings 18:27-29-- And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry

aloud: for he [is] a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, [or] peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. ²⁸And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. ²⁹And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the [time] of the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that [there was] neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

Gladly would Satan have come to the help of those whom he had deceived, and who were devoted to his service. Gladly would he have sent the lightning to kindle their sacrifice. But J_H_V_H [blessed be the name of the Lord] has set Satan's bounds, restrained his power, and not

all the enemy's devices can convey one spark to Baal's altar. - PK 150.1

At last, their voices hoarse with shouting, their garments stained with blood from self-inflicted wounds, the priests become desperate. With unabated frenzy they now mingle with their pleading terrible cursings of their sun-god, and Elijah continues to watch intently; for he knows that if by any device the priests should succeed in kindling their altar fire, he would instantly be torn in pieces. - PK 150.2

Evening draws on. The prophets of Baal are weary, faint, confused. One suggests one thing, and another something else, until finally they cease their efforts. Their shrieks and curses no longer resound over Carmel. In despair they retire from the contest. - PK 150.3

All day long the people have witnessed the demonstrations of the baffled priests. They have beheld their wild leaping round the

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altar, as if they would grasp the burning rays of the sun to serve their purpose. They have looked with horror on the frightful, self-inflicted mutilations of the priests, and have had opportunity to reflect on the follies of idol worship. Many in the throng are weary of the exhibitions of demonism, and they now await with deepest interest the movements of Elijah. - PK 150.4

1 Kings 18:30-39-- And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD [that was] broken down.

³¹And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: ³²And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

³³And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid [him] on the wood, and said, Fill four barrells with water, and pour [it] on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. ³⁴And he said, Do [it] the second time. And they did [it] the second time. And he said, Do [it] the third time. And they did [it] the third time.

³⁵And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. ³⁶And it came to pass at [the time of] the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou [art] God in Israel, and [that] I [am] thy servant, and [that] I have done all these things at thy word. ³⁷Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know

that thou [art] the LORD God, and [that] thou hast turned their heart back again. ³⁸Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that [was] in the trench. ³⁹And when all the people saw [it], they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he [is] the God; the LORD, he [is] the God.

In the reconstruction of this ancient altar, Elijah revealed his respect for the covenant that the Lord made with Israel when they crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land. Choosing "twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, . . . he built an altar in the name of the Lord." - PK 151.2

The disappointed priests of Baal, exhausted by their vain efforts, wait to see what Elijah will do. They hate the prophet for proposing a test that has exposed the weakness and inefficiency of their gods; yet they fear his power. The people, fearful also, and almost breathless with expectancy, watch while Elijah continues his preparations. The calm demeanor of the prophet stands out in sharp contrast with the fanatical, senseless frenzy of the followers of Baal. - PK 151.3

The people on the mount prostrate themselves in awe before the unseen God. They dare not continue to look upon the Heaven-sent fire. They fear that they themselves will be consumed; and, convicted of their duty to acknowledge the God of Elijah as the God of their fathers, to whom they owe allegiance,

At the showdown prophesied, the habitations, the membership of Davidia, are the ones to mourn when the Lord's **ROD** swallows up the rods of their teachers who are twisting the Truth. The members will see clearly that they have been fed with dung that came forth from men. They will finally learn that the war and the confederacy they are looking for are a mirage. They will cry out that the New Codes are not the **Rod**, and that there is a prophet in the Church, who had turned the hearts of the parents to their children and the hearts of the children to their parents.

they cry out together as with one voice, "The Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God." With startling distinctness the cry resounds over the mountain and echoes in the plain below. At last Israel is aroused, undeceived, penitent. At last the people see how greatly they have dishonored God. The character of Baal worship, in contrast with the reasonable service required by the true God, stands fully revealed. The people recognize God's justice and mercy in withholding the dew and the rain until they have been brought to confess His name. They are ready now to admit that the God of Elijah is above every idol. - PK 153.1

The priests of Baal witness with consternation the wonderful revelation of J_H_V_H's [blessed be the name of the Lord] power. Yet even in their discomfiture and in the presence of divine glory, they refuse to repent of their evil-doing. They would still remain the prophets of Baal. Thus they showed themselves ripe for destruction. That repentant Israel may be protected from the allurements of those who have taught them to worship Baal, Elijah is directed by the Lord to destroy these false teachers. The anger of the people has already been aroused against the leaders in transgression; and when Elijah gives the command, "Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape," they are ready to obey. They seize the priests, and take them to the brook Kishon, and there, before the close of the day that marked the beginning of decided reform, the ministers of Baal are slain. Not one is permitted to live. - PK 153.2

Here, we see a **showdown** between Elijah, the prophet of God, and the prophets of Baal, Truth versus error. Elijah eventually mocked the prophets of Baal for their inability to prove Baal was a god. This gives us a perfect picture of what could be expected in the other **showdown**. The **ROD** of God in the hands of the Elijah of "the great and dreadful day of the Lord" versus the rods of Davidia. This is the other **showdown** from which none would be absent. Let us hear some more of what is to be expected--

1SC14: 6.2 [8/15/1935] - As Amos says, "The

habitations of the shepherds shall mourn," it is obvious that Amos' prophecy is yet future, for the word "habitations" (places) is in the plural form which; cannot be applied to one shepherd's habitation (denomination) but to all that be in existence at that time. The term "shepherds" means, as understood, the same as "the ancient men which were before the house" -- the ministers. -- "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5, p. 211. Note that the shepherds are not themselves to mourn but their "habitations (their houses); that is, the membership of their churches, which fact reveals that it will be thus at the time when the sleeping multitudes in the churches awake from their spiritual insensibility and find that the shepherds whom they have implicitly trusted for their salvation had deceived all those who followed them.

In this 1935 statement, in interpreting the plurality of the word "habitations", the **Rod** applied it to other denominations since it was understood at that time that Mt. Carmel might be the place for gathering the great multitude (See **1SC16: 15.1** and **3SC11-12: 2.1.6**). Later, in 1937, when the light of the Kingdom was revealed, it was understood from then on that the Kingdom, in Palestine, is where the great multitude would be gathered into. Then, at the end of 1948, in **2TG41**, the **ROD** applied Amos' prophecy to a **showdown** on antitypical Mt. Carmel, which would have nothing to do with the great multitude, for the **showdown** is before the purification of the Church, as previously pointed out. When we unite these paragraphs in the order of their progressive revelation, we can better understand the correct application of the paragraphs on **page 6** of **1SC14** in light of the up-to-date truth. A plurality of habitation emerged in the Davidian movement, beginning in 1955; now, in 2024, there are over twenty-five groups in Davidia, and that number is still increasing. At the **showdown** prophesied, the habitations, the membership of Davidia, are the ones to mourn when the Lord's **ROD** swallows up the rods of their teachers who are twisting the Truth. The members will see clearly that they have been fed with dung that came forth from men. They will finally learn that the war and the confederacy they are looking for are a mirage. They will cry out that the New Codes are not the **Rod**, and that there is a prophet in the Church, who had turned the hearts of the parents to their children and the hearts of the children to their

parents. Sadly, it will be too late. Before the **showdown**, as Davidia awaits to go and "*say, ye, not a confederacy*", a call is made by antitypical Elijah for all to go out and meet the Bridegroom, but 24,000 foolish Davidians will not see the Bridegroom. Instead, they will see the sudden war over Jerusalem after months of what appeared to be peace.

What is the sign for the meek of the earth just before the Lord returns for the judgment of the living?--

2TG41: 13.1 - *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.*

1TG22: 24.3 - *When this Judgment-bound nation begins to gather together then it is, if never before, that the meek of the earth need to seek meekness.*

Let us note that the gathering of the Jews since 1948 and before will be as nothing when compared to the gathering just ahead. The hatred of the identifiable Jews of today will intensify around the world, and their only hope of life preservation, as they see it, is the land of Israel. Thus, in advance, the acquisitions of Gaza, Golan Heights, and the West Bank are absolutely necessary to make room for the expected migration. Now!!! Let the meek of the earth seek meekness so they can still seek it when the migration explodes.

1SC14: 6.3 [8/15/1935] - *The prophet Jeremiah in the following words explains that this wailing by those who are thus deceived will be at the close of probation. For they shall say "the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jer. 8:20.) That is, af-*

ter the harvest, the time in which they could have been saved, they will realize that probationary time has closed. Then "the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither." Hence, before that time the top of Carmel must have been green with much pasture, otherwise there would be nothing to wither; that is, though Carmel has now plenty of pasture (present truth), when probation closes it shall be deserted ("wither"), for says the Spirit of Prophecy: "In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages." -- "Early Writings," p. 34.

How sad it will be that day as the laity of Davidia mourns the shame of their false teachers. The arrival of the Eleventh-hour Church, formerly Wave-sheaf Ministries, on the top of antitypical Mt. Carmel in 2009 caused it to be "*green with much pasture*," but

Davidia refuses to hear the pure ROD. Some see the truth but are afraid to leave their beloved friends, while others refuse to investigate because the leaders said not to. Let us hear two other statements pertaining to **Jer. 8:20**--

TN3: 70.3 [1942] - *The second section of the separation thus being completed, Probationary*

time is closed. Whereupon from the wicked will be heard the horrible wail of doom: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20.

TN3: 71.1 - *This being the dreadful experience of the tares in Babylon, in the second section of the harvest, there must, as a type, be a similar and precedent experience for the tares in the Laodicean church, in the first section of the harvest, a parallel which shows conclusively that The Church Is Not Babylon.*

These two statements show that there is a double application to the interpretation of **Jer. 8:20**, so it is with the other contiguous statements. Let us read the other--

1SC14: 6.4 [8/15/1935] - *Thus shall the top*

of Carmel wither, and those who do not take heed to the word, "To day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart," at length will be alarmed that their opportunity for accepting the truth has slipped away. Then in their hasty, frenzied effort to acquaint themselves with present truth which went forth from the top of Carmel, to their surprise they shall find that Carmel has finished its work, its inhabitants removed, and probation closed, at which time the inhabitants of "Carmel" can but repeat, "the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we have nothing for thee."

Note carefully that it is the "habitations of Carmel," referring to Davidians, for the Davidians are the inhabitants of Mt. Carmel, not the Laodiceans, and habitation is in its plural. Here we see that the all-knowing God of the Rod addressed the plurality of the "habitations of Carmel." For more understanding of the statement just read, we must couple it with this one--

SR2: 185.3 - The knowledge of present truth, which the five foolish virgins possessed since 1844 is the judgment of the dead, and was the only oil in their lamps. When the judgment of the living commenced, and the "cry was made," they were found without this extra oil in their vessels; they had neglected their Lord's command: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Thus when the wise ones started out to meet the bridegroom the lamps of the foolish went out, for, the judgment of the dead had passed. Therefore, it was present truth no more, and thus they were left in darkness. At the beginning of the judgments of God they saw their mistake and rushed for the ark of safety, but it was beyond their reach for they knew nothing of the message, and by the time they acquired it (filled their lamps with oil), there had been a delay, the angel had passed "through the city, through Jerusalem," the church -- the sealing was finished, and probation for the church had closed -- the door was shut. Thus they were left out. Then they came with these words: "Lord, Lord, open unto us, But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you,

I know you not." "Appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." What a disappointment that will be!

Here, we see the foolish virgins acquired the extra oil even though the wise virgins refused to give it to them, the same as the statement in **ISC14: 6.4**, which said Carmel had finished its work and had nothing for them. It shows that the Truth must be available online for the foolish virgins to consume.

Then finally, we must couple them all with this statement--

LDSDA: 3.2 - ...Second, it purports itself to be the first of the first fruits of the living, the vanguard from among the present-day descendants of those Jews who composed the Early Christian Church. With the emergence of this vanguard and its army, the first fruits, from which are elected the 12,000 out of each of the twelve tribes of Jacob, "the 144,000" (Rev. 14:1; 7:2-8) who stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb (Rev. 14:1; 7:2-8), the reign of antitypical David begins.

Here, we see the first fruits harvest is in two sections, which helps to understand that these statements are more applicable to the first of the first fruits section of the first harvest. We will spend more time on this in our next issue of the Symbolic Code.

IN SUMMARY

- ♦ The solemn assembly will be for the antitypical **showdown** on Mt. Carmel, Waco, Texas.
- ♦ The solemn assembly will be called by "**the Elijah of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.**"
- ♦ Brother V. T. Houteff was not the last prophet to the church; neither was he "**the Elijah of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.**"
- ♦ The antitypical **showdown** will be between "**the Elijah of the great and dreadful day of the Lord**" and the false prophets of Davidia.
- ♦ The antitypical **showdown** will, in essence, be the **Rod** of God versus the rods of Davidia, Truth versus error.

Heaven's APPEAL

**WORK FOR GOD AND
HE
WILL WORK FOR YOU**

Why not make your chief interest His business? Why not the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, so that “all these things be added unto you”? Why work to feed yourself? Why not work for God and let Him feed and clothe you? He is far more capable of providing for you than you will ever be. Why not let Him take charge of your work, of your home, of your body?

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The Law of God

I

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;
for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land
which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI

Thou shalt not kill.

VII

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII

Thou shalt not steal.

IX

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife,
nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.

Prayer Meeting

What better time to meet with God's people
than in the middle of the week?

TUESDAY EVENINGS @ 8:00 PM CENTRAL TIME [USA]

Come Early and Enjoy the Song Service @ 7:45 PM

Join us on  **YouTube** "youtube.com/@Gadsda" or "youtube.com/@Eleventh-Hour-Church"

 **zoom 989 2478 5827**

Friday Evening / Sabbath Night Prayer

Western Hemisphere: 5:00 PM PT | 6:00 PM MT | 7:00 PM CT | 8:00 PM ET

Eastern Hemisphere: 1900 hrs CET | 1800 hrs WAT | 1900 hrs CAT | 2000 hrs EAT

This time is for the express purpose of praying for the work nationally, internationally and "in behalf of our brethren who are in darkness regarding Present Truth." This prayer "should be faithfully observed by all concerned."

Friday Evening / Sabbath Night Prayer Meetings

Western Hemisphere:

4:30 PM PT | 5:30 PM MT | 6:30 PM CT |
7:30 PM ET

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Eastern Hemisphere:

1600 hrs WAT | 1700 hrs CET | 1700 hrs
CAT | 1800 hrs EAT

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EASTERN HEMISPHERE REPORT

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The Eastern Hemisphere consists of five or-

ganized divisions:


- ♦ Kenya
- ♦ Uganda
- ♦ Zambia
- ♦ Sri Lanka
- ♦ Rwanda

Additionally, there are two upcoming divisions:

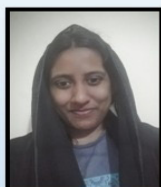
- ♦ Tanzania
- ♦ DR Congo

Following is a brief report of the Hemisphere for the FY2023/2024.


THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE FSO




The Eastern Hemisphere FSO




Sis. Elaine Vandort
Assistant Field Secretary




Bro. Bildad Omondi
Kenya Div.
Chairman




Bro. Ibrahim Mpanga
Uganda Div.
Chairman




Bro. Thomas Mong'are
Field Secretary
(June '24 – Present)



Bro. Moses Chalwe
Zambia Div.
Chairman



Bro. Reginold Fernando
Sri Lanka Div.
Chairman



Bro. Anicet Ndayishimiye
Rwanda Div.
Chairman

KENYA DIVISION

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Division Board

- ♦ Division Chairman - Bro. Bildad Omondi
- ♦ Division Secretary - Bro. Vincent Nzioki
- ♦ Division Treasurer - Sis. Harriet Waituha
- ♦ Masii Area Leader - Bro. Shedrack Muela
- ♦ Lumakanda Area Leader - Bro. Michael Chivolo

- ♦ Kisii/Kisumu Area Leader - Bro. James Magara
- ♦ Shaurimoyo Area Leader - Bro. Kennedy Olima
- ♦ VTC Camp Area Leader - Bro. Dennis Mutiso
- ♦ Rongai Area Leader - Sis. Sarah Bor
- ♦ Kayole Area Leader - Bro. Clement Aboge
- ♦ Tebere Area Leader - Bro. Antony Murimi
- ♦ Utawala Area Leader - Sis. Mary Obae

Division Members

- ♦ Adults - 209
- ♦ Young Adults - 44
- ♦ Youths - 100
- ♦ Children - 126
- ♦ Prospectives - 27
- ♦ Total - 481

AREA VISITS

Bro. Thomas (the then Division chairman) in company with his queen visited the areas in the Western region of Kenya to get well acquainted with the members and their needs. Some members from the Reformed Movement joined them as well. The visit lasted from 14th to 20th of March and was facilitated by the Executive Council. The visit started at Kisii area.

They next proceeded to Homabay and it was noticed that the brethren there were in need of a laptop, a projector and some chairs. This was reported, they were supplied with the items. We thank God for the provision.

Afterwards, they travelled to Kisumu area and it became evident that they were in need of a place for worship. The Division will be looking into this matter.



The visit continued further to Lumakanda area, Misikhu area, Chwele area and the Amatete family at Baraton University.



MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

Several brethren from Shaurimoyo have been taking the Present Truth to Tala, Kitengela, and Baba Dogo, and as a result, many are investigating the Message. Let us keep these missionary efforts in prayer.

Members from Masii area have paid two missionary visits to SDA churches in Kabaa area. One accepted the truth and another is a prospect.



VTC CAMP

Planting activities have beautified the surroundings, and the premises are much cleaner.





The kitchen project was completed.



The farm has been flourishing. We thank God for the harvest.



Two tanks, each with a 10,000 litre capacity, were purchased to help harvest water from the heavy rains.



Electricity will soon be available at the camp.



DAVIDIC-LEVITICAL INSTITUTE

We are immensely thankful to God that the registration of the Davidic-Levitical Institute is in process. The registration certificate has been obtained and we are currently working towards obtaining the operational license. By God's grace, the institute will be in operation in the coming fiscal year. We solicit your fervent prayers for the success of this undertaking.

BUSINESS NO. BN-L35DLL3Z



THE REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS NAMES ACT



(Cap. 499, Section 14)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I hereby CERTIFY that, **THOMAS MONG'ARE NYANUMBA**, carrying on business under the business name of

DAVIDIC-LEVITICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

at **FORT TERNAN-68/85, KERICO- KISUMU HIGHWAY, KISUMU MUHORONI DISTRICT MUHORONI P.O BOX 120, 40104 - KORU**, have/has been duly registered under Number **BN-L35DLL3Z** pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Registration of Business Names Act and Rules thereunder.

Given under my hand at **NAIROBI** on **Fri, 30 August, 2024**


Registrar

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LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Division Board

- ◆ Division Chairman - Bro. Ibrahim Mpanga
- ◆ Division Secretary - Bro. Samuel Kiyingi
- ◆ Division Treasurer - Sis. Teopister Nampijja
- ◆ Busunju Area Leader - Bro. Steven Nsobya
- ◆ Mubende Area Leader - Bro. Gadi Mutabazi
- ◆ Kampala Area Leader - Bro. Jacob Kimunga

DIVISION MEMBERS

- ◆ Adults - 69
- ◆ Young Adults - 41
- ◆ Youths - 51
- ◆ Children - 63
- ◆ Total - 224

VTC CAMP – SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS

The curriculum for the *School of the Prophets* was adopted in the first term of 2024.

- ☑ The Law of God
- ☑ Sacred History
- ☑ Christian Science
- ☑ Spirit of Prophecy
- ☑ Evangelism
- ☑ Physiology
- ☑ Household Economy
- ☑ Mathematics
- ☑ Christian English
- ☑ Computer Skills
- ☑ Sacred Music & Poetry
- ☑ Others: Luganda, sign language, sewing, weaving, agriculture, brick making

Activities at the School of the Prophets

Below is an image of children and other area members doing farm activities.



Weaving and threshing beans by the students at the *School of the Prophets*.



Above, the brothers are busy making bricks.

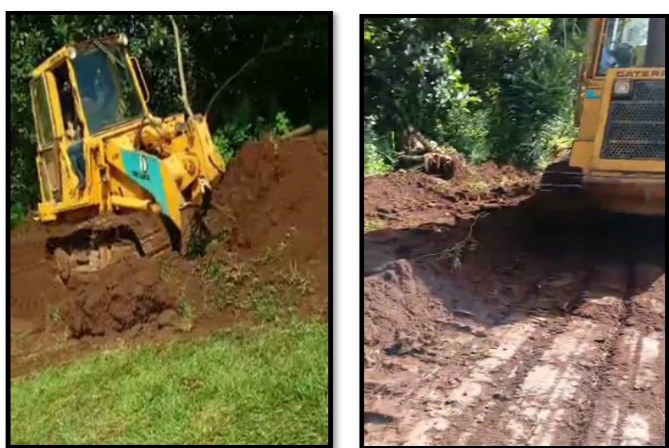


Above, are maize and beans plantations.

We thank God that electricity was finally acquired at VTC.



Excavation of the road to VTC was accomplished.



VTC TOUR

God blessed the children with the opportunity to go on a tour to NYTIL and the source of the River Nile.

The pictures to the left show the lambs in one of the textile factories, where they visited. And those to the right show them enjoying a boat ride as they savor the breathtaking scenery surrounding the source of the River Nile.



DONATION OF LAND

Bro. Steven Nsoby and his queen Sis. Martha Nsoby donated two blocks of land to VTC.



MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

After missionary efforts in Bugema, there are two new members and five prospects, all of whom are students of Bugema university.

In addition, more members have joined from two other districts.

Seven more members were added from Buwenge area and one from Gulu.



DYAYA SEMINAR

There was a DYAYA seminar held from December 27th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024.



KAMPALA AREA FELLOWSHIP



Kampala area was blessed with a place to fellowship and gather for Church meetings that now has electricity as well.



Bro. and Sis. Mong'are, Bro. Brian Gisore and Sis. Harriet Waituha from Kenya Division.

VISITATIONS

Sis. Desiree Ford, Sis. Patricia Verpret and Sis. Phili Kortram from the Western Hemisphere.



ZAMBIA DIVISION

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Division Board Members

- ♦ Division Chairman - Bro. Moses Chalwe
- ♦ Division Secretary - Bro. Muyambango Susiku
- ♦ Division Treasurer - Bro. Pathias Munyumbwe
- ♦ Kitwe Area Leader - Bro. Baron Chiwewu
- ♦ Lusaka Area Leader - Sis. Betty Lungu
- ♦ Mazabuka Area Leader - Bro. Kebby Mweene
- ♦ Monze Area Leader - Bro. Todd Mweemba

There has been an increase in membership in the past year. All 10 provinces of the country have been reached with the Present Truth.

DIVISION MEMBERS

- ♦ Adults - 85
- ♦ Young Adults - 65
- ♦ Youths - 68
- ♦ Children - 108
- ♦ Total - 326

MINISTERIAL HOUSE

The Division was blessed with a ministerial house in Monze area. This is where the Executive Secretary and two Heaven's Appeal candidates reside. This house is also conducive for Sabbath worship and other church meetings.



HEALTH SEMINAR

A health seminar was conducted from the 14th to the 24th of August in Monze area. The guest speaker was Bro. Churchil Okaka. The seminar was

extended to Lusaka, Kitwe, Ibenga and Mumbwa. The members were blessed with a wealth of knowledge.



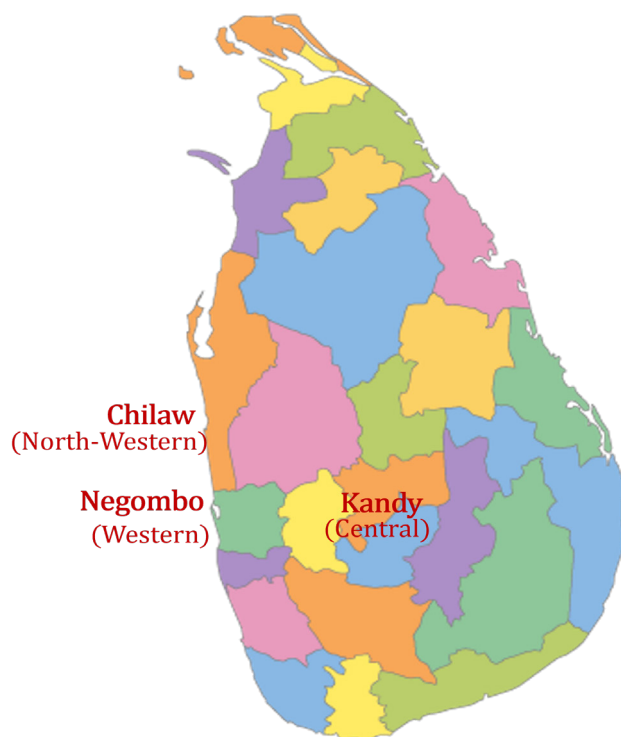
SRI LANKA DIVISION

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Sri Lanka was organized as a division during the last Day of Days (October 25, 2023).

- * **Division Charmain & Treasurer - Bro. Reginold Fernando**
- * **Division Secretary - Bro. Priyantha Warnakulasooriya**
- * **Division Board Member - Sis. Therese Fernando**

There are seven families, three single members and five card-holding members.



PRAYER MEETINGS AND STUDIES

Every night, the brethren meet on call to pray for one another and for the cause of present truth. Following the prayer session, they have discussions on different Bible topics. On Fridays, they hold a Sabbath program in which all members participate in singing, prayers and readings.

Bro. Reginold and Sis. Therese are very involved in teaching the message to the members daily. Bro Reginold is currently doing lessons for

some new SDA church members and some Sunday-keeping Christians as well.

TOGETHER IN LOSS

On August 30th 2024, the members laid to rest Sis. Girla Vandort, mother of Sis. Elaine Vandort and wife of Bro. Jeffrey Vandort. This was the first service performed as a Division.



1 Cor. 15:54, 55-- *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?*

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

In the past year, the Division faced a lot of opposition and hindrances from the mother church. The president of the union was bent on bringing a black mark to the Message and disfellowshipping Present-Truth believers. But God did not allow this to happen, and eventually the president was the one who lost his position.

In the upcoming year they hope to reach more Seventh-day Adventists with the Present Truth and even lay down plans to start our own YouTube channel through which they could reach members with studies. Another prayer of theirs is that they acquire their own place for fellowship and studies.

Let us keep these plans in prayer.

RWANDA DIVISION

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday, December 31st 2023, Rwanda was officially organized as a Division.



Bro. Anicet Ndayishimiye
Division Chairman



Bro. Samuel Iradukunda
Division Secretary



Sis. Ellen Uwizeyimana
Division Treasurer

DIVISION MEMBERS

In the beginning there were members in five districts. Two more districts have now been reached with the Message; Gasabo and Nyanza. In the upcoming fiscal year, they hope to enter Rwamagana and Nyabihu as well.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

They held a one month campaign in Gasabo, Kigali where they met members of an offshoot

movement that sprang up during the COVID-19 pandemic. They were hungry for the truth and at the end of the studies, fourteen individuals fully accepted the Message.



It was also by God's providence that a brother from Burundi made a long journey to come and investigate this timely truth.

By God's grace, he responded very positively and was convicted of the truth. Let us keep him in our prayers.

ONLINE MEETINGS

The members meet every day including the Sabbath and worship via conference call. This method has been very effective since most members are not fluent in English. They have meetings for **Rod** studies, family life and youth. The brothers and sisters have their own separate meetings as well.

NEW GADGETS



TRANSLATION ACTIVITIES

The members are working on translating the **Rod** literature to their local language. In the past year, they completed **SR1 Pocket Edition** and

The Answerer Book Nos. 1 & 2.

In addition, they translate the presentations on YouTube and have also translated 10 Present Truth songs in the past fiscal year.

TANZANIA AND DR CONGO

TANZANIA

Bro. Michael Lochipo visited Tanzania on several occasions to share the Present Truth. The members there have currently received the tracts in their official language (Kiswahili). Six of the brethren travelled to Kenya to attend the DYAYA seminar held in December 2023.

On September 12th, the Vice President Bro. Brian Gisore, the Eastern Hemisphere Field Secretary Bro. Thomas Mong'are and his queen Sis. Beatrice along with the Kenya Division treasurer Sis. Harriet Waituha, and Bro. Michael Lochipo with his family went on a missionary trip to Tanzania. In the course their stay, which lasted till the 26th, they visited the members and gave them basic studies.



DR CONGO

A brother belonging to the SDARM began prayerfully searching for more light after several disappointments with the Reformed Movement. Providentially, he was led to the DSDA website where he came in contact with Bro. Paul Lutakome who gave him **Rod** studies and now he is rejoicing in the truth. Sis. Patricia Verpret is currently doing studies in French with him and some other brethren who have also accepted the truth. They are waiting to get registered so that they may carry out missionary work more freely and share the Present Truth with more people.

In addition, Bro. Anicet from Rwanda has also been doing studies with a brother who used to belong to the IMS movement.

Let us keep these upcoming divisions in prayer.

The work that lies before us is one that will put to the stretch every power of the human being. It will call for the exercise of strong faith and constant vigilance. At times the difficulties that we shall meet will be most disheartening. The very greatness of the task will appall us. And yet, with God's help, His servants will finally triumph. "Wherefore," my brethren, "I desire that ye faint not" because of the trying experiences that are before you. Jesus will be with you; He will go before you by His Holy Spirit, preparing the way; and He will be your helper in every emergency. - CCh 357.3

In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history. - CCh 359.4

May God bless us all!

Submitted by,

Sis. Elaine Vandort,
EH FSO Asst. Secretary.

THE DAVIDIAN YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS (DYAYA)

DYAYA REPORT OCT 25TH, 2024

WHR: 50.3 – “The Lord has appointed the youth to be **His helping hand**.” -- **Testimonies**, Vol. 7, p. 64.

WHR: 50.4 – “We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are **properly directed and encouraged**.” -- **General Conference Bulletin**, Vol. V, No. 2, p. 24. (Jan. 29, 30, 1893).

WHR: 50.5 – “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!” -- **Education**, p. 271.

- ♦ On every first Sunday we meet and read the book “**Messages To Young People**”. We have reached Chapter 109.
- ♦ Every morning daily Devotionals are sent out to strengthen us in the Christian march.
- ♦ Our DYAYA theme songs **Stand like the Brave** and **Dare to be a Daniel** are sung at every DYAYA meeting before we start and before we end each meeting.
- ♦ On the third Sabbath of each month, we have a DYAYA Sabbath under the following meeting ID: 858 9070 3015.

UGANDA DYAYA REPORT

Through God’s grace, we have successfully carried out various activities aimed at strengthening our spiritual lives, building fellowship, and glorifying His Name. It is by His divine guidance that we have come this far, and we give all the glory to Him. “**Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.**” (**Proverbs 16:3**).

This verse has been at the heart of our mission this year, and truly, the Lord has guided us in all our endeavors.

NATURE WALK EXPERIENCE

One of the most remarkable events this year was our nature walk, which took place in Mubende, Kampala, and Busunju. The nature walk was not only an opportunity to enjoy God’s creation but also a time to meditate on His Word and engage in worship. The beauty

of nature reminded us of the greatness of our Creator: “*For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.*” (**Romans 1:20**).

During the walk, we reflected on the lessons of stewardship, caring for God’s creation, and the importance of maintaining a deep connection with Him through prayer and praise. The youth were filled with joy as they sang praises and shared testimonies of God’s goodness. It was a moment to remember that “*The earth [is] the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*” (**Psalms 24:1**).

UGANDA DYAYA NATURE WALK

Below are scenes of the Kampala area DYAYA during their nature walk.



Below are the scenes from Busunju area DYAYA during their nature walk.



Below are the scenes from Mubende area DYAYA during their nature walk.

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIPS

Our weekly fellowships, held every Monday, have been a cornerstone of our spiritual growth. Through these meetings, we have had the opportunity to study God's Word, share testimonies, and encourage each other in the faith. It has truly been a time where we have experienced the promise: ***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).***

These fellowships have kept us grounded and connected to God throughout the week. Many of the youth have testified about the blessings they have received as a result of consistently attending these gatherings. In addition to the Monday fellowships, our meetings on the first two Sundays of each month have also been a great source of blessing. These gatherings have allowed us to draw closer to God and build stronger relationships with each other, all while being filled with His presence.

This year also brought some changes to our leadership. We saw transitions, especially in the position of Division Secretary and other area coordinators. We believe that leadership is ordained by God, and we trust that the new leaders will continue to guide us in His ways: ***“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant” (Matthew 20:26).*** We pray for wisdom and strength for our new leaders as they carry out their responsibilities.

PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

As we look forward to 2024/2025 FY, we have many plans in the basket for the glory of the work of God. We are excited about the opportunities ahead, and we believe that God has great things in store for us. Our vision is to continue serving, growing spiritually, and bringing more souls to Christ because we have many DYAYAS who have actively gone for the missionary trips and due to the love of Christ which is always there to constrain us we are expecting the fruits of our labour. We trust in God's guidance as we move forward, knowing that ***“...The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few” (Matthew 9:37).*** We ask that you all keep us in your prayers as we plan to expand our programs, increase our outreach, and deepen our fellowship.



DYAYA SEMINAR

Our DYAYA seminar was another blessed experience this year. The songs, presenters, and discussions all contributed to a spirit of revival among the youth.

Many of our youths left the event with a renewed sense of purpose, ready to reveal the love of Christ to those around them by representing Him. It was a time of learning and equipping ourselves for the work that lies ahead.

UGANDA DYAYA SEMINAR ATTENDEES



ZAMBIA DYAYA REPORT

Zambia division has five areas, from these areas we have DYAYAS whose number is almost 80 in total. We also have new members who recently accepted the Message.

After observing that many of our DYAYAS are very inactive, we came up with the idea of having meetings at the Division level on a weekly basis, that we may move at the same pace.

We also visited the DYAYAS in their respective areas to encourage them to be active in the Lord's business and in attending meetings.

PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE VISITATIONS



Lusaka Area DYAYAS



Monze Area DYAYAS

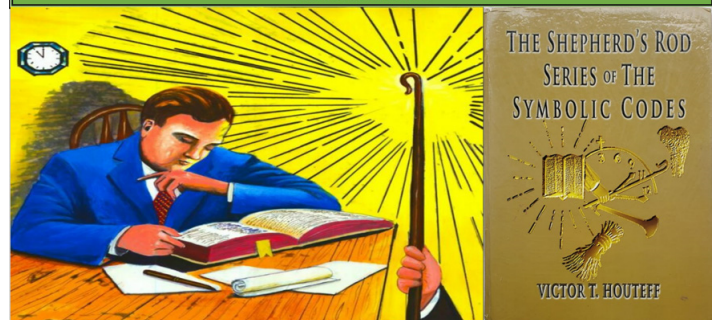


Mumbwa Area DYAYAS

W.H. DYAYA REPORT

The W.H. DYAYA reading sessions are still among the main activities due to the high percentage of DYAYA members who are still reading. These sessions do not take the place of members' personal reading of the *Rod literature*, but are a support to finish reading faster. Each reading group starts with the **Symbolic Code**. The reading groups are divided into 3 classes due to the various languages spoken.

W.H. DYAYA Le Invita a leer la Serie Códigos Simbólicos



- ✓ English Reading Session
- ✓ French Reading Session
- ✓ Spanish Reading Session
- ✓ Most of the members of the 1st reading group have already finished reading the entire *Rod literature*. The 2nd reading season started with a new member in July 2024
- ✓ The class members are regularly present
- ✓ Most members make good progress

DYAYA QUIZ

The Quiz sessions are the most recent activities which started in July 2024 on every 3rd Sabbath.

The meeting duration is 1 hour and 10 minutes.

The Quiz sessions are a good training for answering questions only with references from the Golden Bowl.

Two W.H. DYAYA WhatsApp groups were created for devotion and prayer. The French DYAYA devotional group was created on October 15, 2023 and the Spanish one started November 10, 2023. This is to keep the members active in God's Word and have them contribute to their spiritual development.

W.H. NATURE WALK IN SURINAME



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1. How to study the **Rod** Message
2. Folio training
3. The **Desire of the Ages** reading with 9th-hour church members

KENYA DYAYA REPORT

The Kenya DYAYA held a seminar from November 28, to December 16, 2023 through the support of the Ministerial Department.



KENYA DYAYA NATURE WALK



Kenya DYAYAS at John Michuki Park in Nairobi.

DYAYA PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

- ✓ Continue with our missionary efforts
- ✓ Organize and hold entrepreneurship classes
- ✓ Have more visitations by the coordinators
- ✓ Hold more physical meetings and nature walks
- ✓ Encourage members to finish reading the **Rod** Literature

Bro. Vincent Muela,
DYAYA.



TITLE AND CONTENT

- * Background
- * Committee
- * Achievements
- * Mission
- * Vision
- * An Appeal

BACKGROUND

- * The group was formed because of discontentment among brethren of our financial position with the belief that we can make things better and improve our living standards.
- * It was founded from one of our business meetings in 2023.
- * We thank God for His Spirit who works in diverse ways as the Word tells us: He brings likeminded minds together for the accomplishment of His purpose.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Sis. Phili Kortram - Suriname
2. Sis. Natasha Black - St. Vincent
3. Bro. Tom Kooyman - Belize
4. Bro. Samuel Shaka - Kenya
5. Bro. Felix Ombasa - Kenya

ACHIEVEMENTS

We have managed to advertise 7 businesses:

- * Kenya – 5
- * USA – 1

- * Uganda -1

SENSITIZATION

We have enlightened the brethren on some important business matters through inspirational short videos which incorporate godly principles.

OUR MISSION

- * To provide platforms for business-minded members to meet, transact and network in a religious way with an aim of enhancing self-reliance and alleviating poverty among brethren.
- * To assist to improve living conditions of brethren through sharing knowledge of Inspired, godly business principles.
- * To expose the brethren to the viable available opportunities that may be around us for growth and development financially.

OUR VISION

Website

- * Help us advertise our products and services
- * Assist network

Business seminars

- * Help the brethren be enlightened about godly business principles through Zoom meetings, Youtube, WhatsApp, etc.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- * To make follow-ups on clients' progress.

AN APPEAL

To the Brethren Scattered Abroad.

- * Let us all cooperate for the accomplishment of our vision. It takes all of us.
- * We solicit your prayers and continued support.
- * Suggestions to further our vision are also welcome.
- * United we stand and prosper.

Prov. 6:6-- Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

1SC2: 1.2 - *It matters not where you live or where the work to be done may be. We shall expect every believer to respond to this worthy enterprise whether he be seeking employment or to employ. When we hear from you, we shall do what we can to serve your needs as soon thereafter as possible. All service is to be free of charge. Employment*

given only to believers in present truth, must be our rule.

Dema, wishes you a blessed DoD.

God Bless.

*Bro. Felix Ombasa,
DEMA.*

DKPPS DAY OF DAYS REPORT

MOTTO: MEN WONDERED AT

WHAT IS THE DKPPS?

- * The DKPPS stands for “**Davidian Kings, Princes and Priests’ Society.**”
- * DKPPS serves as an esteemed assembly for all brothers within the Eleventh-Hour Church. It is a platform where members engage in profound discourse, acquiring knowledge on matters related to their social, spiritual, and religious responsibilities.
- * The Society unites the various divisions of the Eleventh-Hour Church, fostering brotherhood and collective growth.
- * Meetings convene every second and last Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. USCT.

CURRENT COMMITTEE LEADERS



MAJOR TOPICS DISCUSSED – FY 2023/2024

- * A letter included with certificate of Fellowship
- * Our experiences
- * The Enoch experience
- * The church and the home
- * How to love our queens
- * Say sorry to your queen, dear brothers
- * Shared articles in the Symbolic Code issues
- * Experience of the married to the unmarried etc.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE DIVISIONS

- * Our activities this fiscal year have been relatively limited, as our primary focus has

been to engage all brethren in the faith to take an active role in church affairs, particularly in home missionary outreach and through digital platforms. By God's grace, we are beginning to witness the fruits of this effort as some members have risen to the occasion and contributed meaningfully.

- * In the Uganda Division, we give thanks to God for the return of our brother, Bro. Sam Kayitale, whom we mentioned in the previous report. His recommitment to the Lord's service is truly a remarkable victory wrought by God's hand.
- * Meanwhile, other Divisions within the Western Hemisphere, particularly in the French field, continue to engage in various activities aimed at uplifting one another, fulfilling the sacred duty of being our brother's keeper.

THE FRENCH BROTHERS

FRENCH MEMBERS OF DKPPS



*Bro. Suivant Oncins
Jean François.*



Bro. Charles Raguel



*Bro. Jean Edvard
Louis*



Bro. Roselia Harry

*Bro. Auguste Cerival
Bro. Philippe Clovis.
Bro. Guy Luissint
Bro. Yvener Belancourt*



Bro. Patrick Viersac



Bro. James Janac



Bro. Thierry Onestas



Bro. Wilfrid Estaing

FUTURE

- * By God's grace, we will establish DKPPS translators to assist our brethren in the French field.
- * It is our responsibility to keep our French-speaking-brothers well informed by providing them with transcripts of our meetings.
- * We look forward to diligently work to elevate

the spiritual and intellectual standards of our fellow members through the teachings and discussions within our forums.

- * Additionally, we are planning to hold in-person meetings with brothers within the same Divisions to foster familiarity, strengthen bonds, and share insights, as a means of mutual encouragement and support.

Bro. Ivan Kimuli,
DKKPS.

QUEEN ESTHER SISTERS SOCIETY REPORT

DAY OF DAYS OCTOBER 25, 2024

OPENING REMARKS

The Queen of the home.

The king upon his throne has no higher work than has the mother. The mother is queen of her household. She has in her power the molding of her children's characters, that they may be fitted for the higher, immortal life. An angel could not ask for a higher mission; for in doing this work she is doing service for God..... Her work is for time and for eternity. - AH 231.3

When the judgment shall sit, and the books shall be opened; when the "well done" of the great Judge is pronounced, and the crown of immortal glory is placed upon the brow of the victor, many will raise their crowns in sight of the assembled universe and, pointing to their mother, say, "She made me all I am through the grace of God. Her instruction, her prayers, have been blessed to my eternal salvation." - CG 564.1

ACTIVITIES

- * General Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesday.
- * Committee meetings: Every other Wednesday
- * Monthly Family life Convocations: Every 3rd Sunday

- * Divisions have various weekly activities and meetings.
- * Our meetings are centered on encouraging and training our members on
 - » Spiritual growth
 - » Family care/parenting/provision
 - » Home Management
 - » Financial Stewardship
 - » Church involvement/Ministry and more.
- * We have held eight meetings and two committee trainings on handling the Zoom interface and hosting.
- * The following are some of the topics presented and discussed:
 - » Cease Ye From Man
 - » Idleness
 - » Home Schooling
 - » Help in Daily Living
 - » Simplicity in Dress & Inward Adorning
 - » A call to Holiness
 - » Hygiene
 - » Mothers to be Valued

Average member Attendance at each Meeting: 25

Total number eligible to be in QESS: 126

We therefore encourage all Eleventh-hour Church sisters to avail themselves in order to increase our attendance.

QESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Sis. Esther Mwaba

Chairperson

Zambia



Sis. Desiree Ford

Secretary

U.S.A



Sis. Teopister Nampijja

Public Relations Officer

Uganda



Sis. Helga Kortram

Matron

Surinam



Sis. Patricia Rolle

Member

Martinique



Sis. Ivy Kaoma

Member

Zambia



Sis. Marion Wanjohi

Member

Kenya



Sis. Agnes Nelson

Member

Kenya

FUTURE PLANS

- * **More Campaigns:** To create awareness about our meetings and their importance.
- * **Conduct more lessons:** Training our sisters on the use of gadgets for personal study or research, making presentations, and more.
- * **Cover useful Topics:** Make sure that most of the topics presented are in response to the prevailing needs of our sisters such as homemaking, budgeting, parenting, and homeschooling.
- * **Planned local events and outings:** Individual

areas to conduct practical lessons in skills such as cookery, tailoring, crafts, business, etc.

- * **Sisters' seminars:** For a deepened experience where sisters who have no access to technical means to join meetings can benefit from the lessons and bond of sisterhood.

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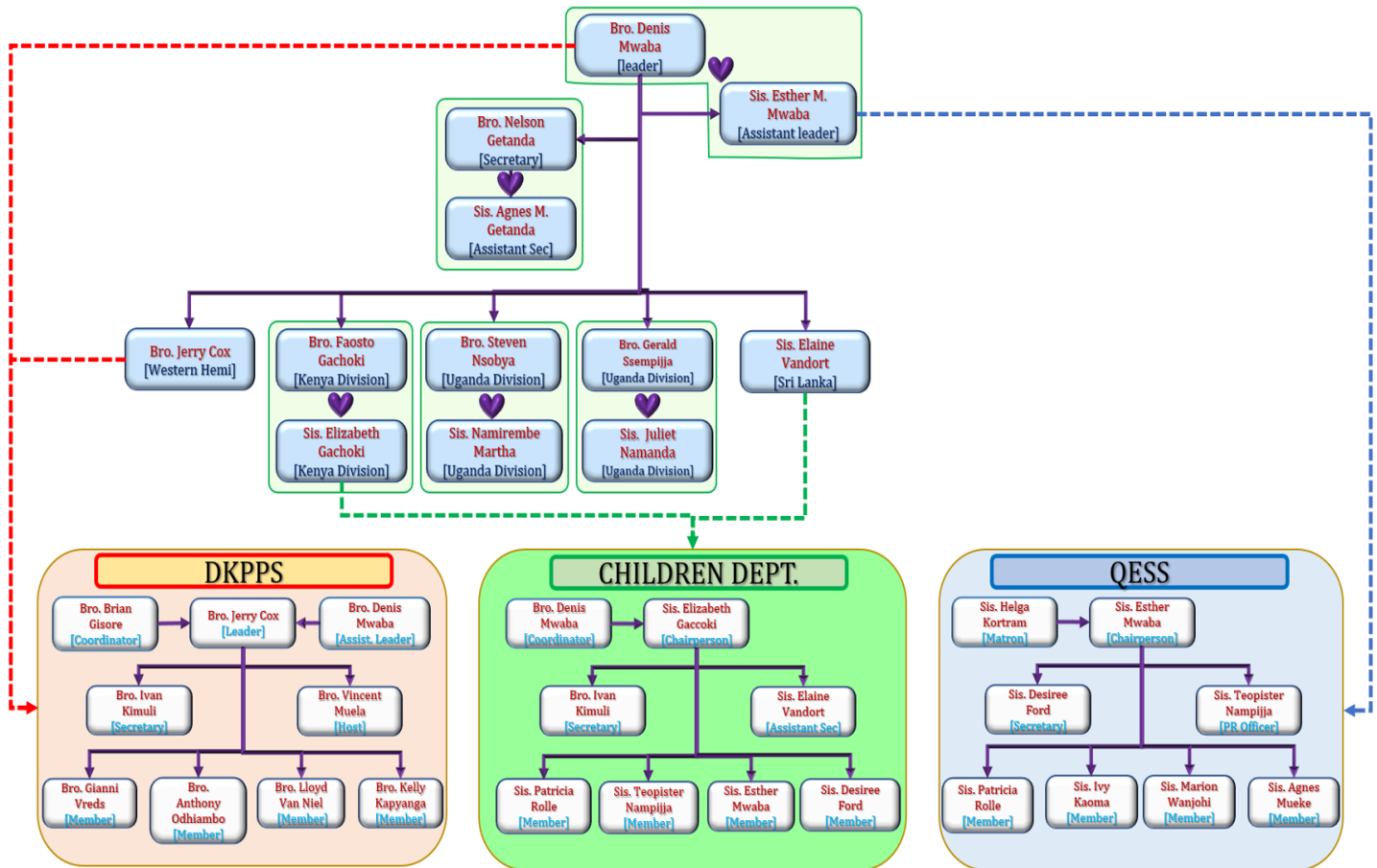
Sis. Esther Mwaba,
QESS Department.

Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which [is] not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

Esther 4:16

DSDA FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT DAY OF DAYS REPORT

Family Life Department - Organogram



HOME SHOULD BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE

The home that is beautified by love, sympathy, and tenderness is a place that angels love to visit, and where God is glorified. The influence of a carefully guarded Christian home in the years of childhood and youth is the surest safeguard against the corruptions of the world. In the atmosphere of such a home the children will learn to love both their earthly parents and their heavenly Father. - AH 19.2

From their infancy the youth need to have a firm barrier built up between them and the world, that its corrupting influence may not affect them. - AH 19.3

Every Christian family should illustrate to the world the power and excellence of Christian influence. . . . Parents should realize their

accountability to keep their homes free from every taint of moral evil. - AH 19.4

Holiness to God is to pervade the home. . . . Parents and children are to educate themselves to co-operate with God. They are to bring their habits and practices into harmony with God's plans. - AH 19.5

“The cause of division and discord in families and in the church is separation from Christ. To come near to Christ is to come near to one another. The secret of true unity in the church and in the family is not diplomacy, not management, not a superhuman effort to overcome difficulties--though there will be much of this to do--but union with Christ.” - AH 179.1

STRUCTURAL COMPOSITION OF FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT

The Family Life Department was formed in October 2023 with the appointment of two leaders. Now the department has got other departments currently under its umbrella. Previously, the DAVIDIAN KINGS, PRINCE AND PRIESTS SOCIETY (DKPPS) and QUEEN ESTHER SISTER'S SOCIETY (QESS) were functioning independently but they are now under the FLD.

FLD COMMITTEE

We have a family life committee, comprising of representatives from the married (couples,) singles, and leaders from the DKPPS, QESS, and the Children's Departments.

- * Both the DKPPS and QESS are allowed to plan and execute their plans independently
- * DKPPS deals with the men (Brothers) in the Church
- * QESS deals with the women (Sisters) in the Church
- * Their leaders are part of the FLD Committee.
- * The Children Department has been in the making since January 2024 and there has been significant progress

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE JUST ENDED YEAR

The FLD was put in place at the beginning of the fiscal year. Though much of the accomplishment in the just ended fiscal year was targeted towards organization, we are still grateful to God for what He allowed us to accomplish.

FORMATION OF THE FLD COMMITTEE

The Family Life Department Committee was established with representatives from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia Divisions and from QESS and DKPPS.

Key Roles of the Committee

- * To keep track and have accurate record of the families in the Church.
- * Ensure representation at Division level and have a link to the areas of each division to help solve family problems.
- * Provide a means for collaboration between DKPPS (the men in the church) and QESS (the women in the church).
- * Deal with all other matters relating to the families in the church. Answer questions concerning families, give counselling where applicable and arrange ministerial counselling.

Some Achievements of the FLD Committee

- * Advancement in the arrangement of the family life seminars in the various divisions.
- * Currently working on the comprehensive guide to the preparation of the Davidian marriage.
- * Working with the FSO to organize presenters for the first Sabbath of every month.
- * Cooperation with other departments (QESS, DKPPS and Children) to brainstorm how to increase members involvement.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST SABBATH OF THE MONTH WORSHIP

With the help of the FSO, we have allocated the first Sabbath of every month to family life and health. In the family life segment, we deal with issues that affect us at the family level.

STRENGTHENING QESS

...The mother's daily influence upon her children is preparing them for everlasting life or eternal death. She exercises in her home a power more decisive than the minister in the desk, or even the king upon his throne. - CC 139.8

The QESS department became inactive due to the fact that active members were being appointed to perform other important roles in the Church. Due to this, the Society stopped having the fortnight meetings and other activities, even at Division level, lessened. It was expedient that the Society activities be revamped. The following was done to improve the situation.

- * Appointed the Co-Secretary of the FLD – Sis. Esther Mwaba to be the coordinator for QESS
- * Resumed the fortnight meetings every Thursday of the first and third week of the month, even though attendance needs to improve
- * We have tried to encourage QESS activities at the Division level and in some way it is yielding though there is need for member involvement
- * We have facilitated some counselling sessions for sisters with the minister

FORMATION OF THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

The Children's department has been formed as a sub-department under the Family Life Department.

Ps. 127:3-5-- *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

ACTIVITIES DONE IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

SOTP Children Presentations

- ♦ The Children's department has taken up the role of making the children presentations for the School of the Prophets. It also works together with parents to prepare children to take part in the presentations

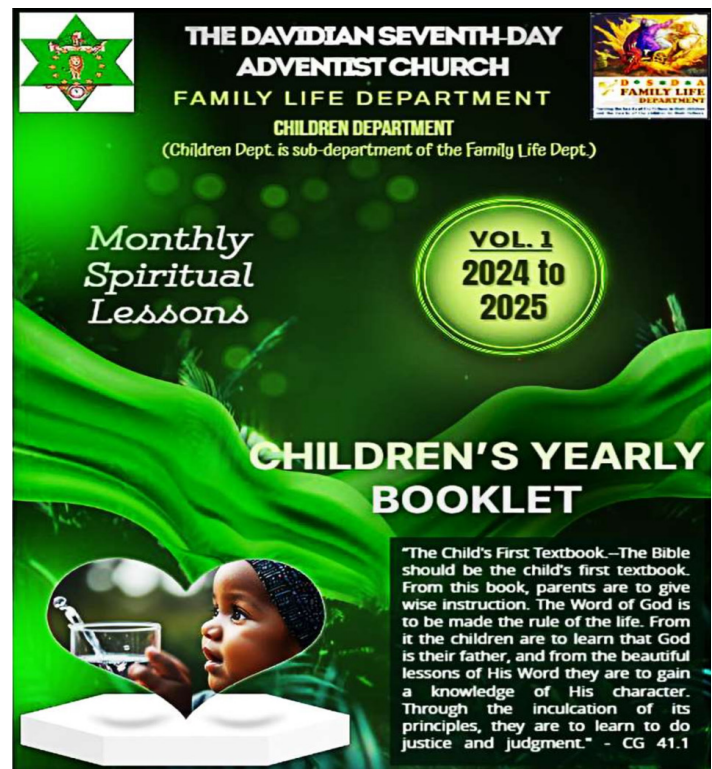
Children Booklet

- ♦ The department is also working on the children booklet which contains the lessons

that are to be presented during the School of the Prophets for the next 12 months

Zoom Classes

- ♦ Online classes are held with children where they are provided with a platform to interact with one another. Every Sunday to Thursday 7:00 PM EAT
- ♦ Meet with Parents
- ♦ Children and parents meeting together with the leaders of the children's department. Parents are updated on the work being done and the duties expected from them



FLD PUBLICATIONS

Family Wave

- ♦ Some important family related articles from the writings of Sis. Ellen G. White

Christ's Greetings

- ♦ A one-page lesson on a family-related topic. Also, a short testimony and some prayer points

Symbolic Code

- ♦ We write articles for the Symbolic Code

Procedures

- ♦ We are in the process of preparing procedure guidelines e.g. marriage and wedding procedure

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

As we look to the future, we intend to:

BECOME MORE INTEGRATED

The Department will aim to become more integrated into the Church activities and also with other departments. To achieve this goal, there is need for more cooperation and solidarity among the families, the area leaders, DKPPS, QESS, and the FLD leaders. Success will only be in working together in unity. Therefore, in the coming FISCAL year, we intend to:

- * Promote QESS – DKPPS: - Planning to have some social interaction between DKPPS and QESS. We seek sisters and brothers to hear each other.
- * Increase DKPPS/QESS Participation: - Explore means to encourage members to participate in the programs and meetings.
- * Guide the singles: - Explore ways to guide the people who want to lead a single life and how they can go about it in God's way.
- * Help Marriages: - Do what we can to counsel, guide, and help the marriages in the church. Also to arrange ministerial counselling.

CONTINUE ORGANIZING SEMINARS

We will continue pushing for the Family Life seminars. The family life seminars, we hope, will be a blessing to the families in the Church. To this end we ask that all members pray for the successful arrangements of the events.

CONTINUE IMPROVING THE CHILDREN DEPARTMENT

- * Encourage more Children: We want to encourage more children to take part in our programs.
- * Make Learning Material: - We will look to increase our capacity of teaching by making more material for learning.
- * Increase Participation in Area Level: - We will increase the participation of children even in local Church worship meetings.

- * Work on 2025 – 2026 Booklet: - We will work on the timely publication of the children booklet.
- * Expedite our Monthly meetings: - We wish to continue with our monthly Parent Children general meeting.
- * Continue to help Parents: - Develop stronger connections with the families of the Church so that we can cooperate to raise champions.

ORGANIZE THE FAMILY LIFE DATA

We believe that FLD is a very sensitive department having to deal with sensitive private issues. Therefore, data handling is very important. To achieve the success in this, we intend to:

- * Gain access to the Church database component that will help the department in easily acquiring the needed information.
- * Make data-driven decisions to help our brethren.
- * Have all the data about the families, number of couples and children with the help of the Church database.
- * Seek to have all the information about the children for better planning of the programs for them.

The Davididan Seventh-day Adventists Church Welcomes you to the;

FAMILY LIFE SABBATH

September 7th, 2024

9:00 AM (EAT)
8:00 AM (CAT)
1:00 AM (CT)

Meeting ID: 83284749986
Passcode: 7

"Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things" (Matt. 17:11), and "in the time of the end, every divine institution is to be restored." -- "Prophets and Kings," p. 678.) - 2SC9: 2.2.1



DSDA FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT

RENEW YOUR Marriage Vows

Peace of Christ our Lord be with you:

"Moreover, as there is no truth where there is no type, the working out of divine design, in ordaining and establishing, on Friday, the sixth day of creation, the marriage institution, and on the seventh day, the Sabbath, thus gave type both to the reestablishing of these institutions, and to the restoring of them to the sanctity and beauty of their first estate. And as we must observe the Sabbath on the seventh day, likewise we ought to solemnize marriage on Friday, the sixth day of the week."

- 3SC2: 8.1.8

We wish to announce that we are doubly encouraging couples to renew their marriage vows. Knowing that restoration of Families is first. Let the Love be rekindled.

Every Preparation day, before the beginning of the Sabbath. It is encouraged that Husband and wife renew their Marriage vows.

May the Holy Spirit Guide you on how. .

Bro. Denis Mwaba,
Family Life Department.

DSDA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT



Under the Health Department the sub-departments are:

- ♦ The Balm of Gilead virtual online Clinic.
- ♦ The Celestial Kitchen.
- ♦ General monthly Praying and Fasting Committee.

Each sub-department has got its own rules and individuals who are not necessarily members of the other sub-departments.

CELESTIAL KITCHEN

- ♦ The Celestial Kitchen was established as an initiative under the Health Department to educate Church members on the art and principles of healthy cooking. It has been instrumental in curating menu for various Church events, such as health seminars and DYAYA gatherings, providing members with carefully balanced dietary plans.
- ♦ Additionally, it has assisted numerous individuals in developing personalized health-conscious meal plans for use in their own homes.
- ♦ Currently, the Celestial Kitchen is focused on updating the EW Recipes and the **Cook Right Cookbook**, both aimed at promoting wholesome eating habits within the Church community. Let us continue to offer our prayers for the success and expansion of this vital work.

PRAYER AND FASTING

Monthly General Prayer and Fasting

- ♦ During the monthly praying and fasting, the whole church with all her departments and activities is involved.
- ♦ These meetings are now been looked forward to, and those who have taken time of to pray and fast have already been blessed abundantly.

- ♦ Be sure to attend, each last Wednesday of the month.

HEALTH SEMINAR

- ♦ Again, this year Health Seminars were held, with large attendances of members of all ages has been held in Kenya and Zambia, during which, the members have been blessed with more practical knowledge.
- ♦ As we near the End of Time, with each year, our goal is, that we see less of our brethren in this clinic. For the Department to accomplish this, since the beginning of the past fiscal year, our approach to the members has been, to teach them to become medical missionaries, as we are advised in the Message.
- ♦ The health presentations are also increased from one monthly presentation, to two each month, at the beginning and end of every month.

Health seminar in Monze area, Zambia



Health seminar in Mumbwa area, Zambia





Health seminar in Lusaka area, Zambia

CONCLUSION

We extend our heartfelt wishes for a prosperous new fiscal year, marked by health and joy. As you commemorate this most significant Day of Days, take time to reflect on any past disregard of the vital health principles and resolve to elevate the standards in pursuit of excellence. May God's blessings be upon us all.

*Sis. Helga Kotram,
Health Department.*



Health Department Committee





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Sis. Helga Kotram



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THE ELEVENTH-HOUR CHURCH HYMNAL COMMITTEE

Psalm 138:5-- *Yea, They Shall Sing In The Ways Of The Lord.*

3SC7: 15.1.1 - *"When Zion shall arise and shine, her light will be most penetrating, and precious songs of praise and thanksgiving will be heard in the assemblies of the saints...Why not awake the voice of our spiritual songs in the travels of our pilgrimage?"* ---**"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, p. 368.**

3SC7: 15.1.2 - *"As a part of religious service, singing is as much an act of worship as is prayer" ("Education," p. 168), and is a great solace and inspiration to us as we strive to win a place in the "congregation of saints"--the 144,000--"when the purification shall have taken place."*

6SC7-12: 2.1.1 - *As the year [2024] is now gone, never again to return, may we let it carry to oblivion our sins; and may [2025] bring victory where there has been defeat, and cause our hearts to praise the Lord as never before, for each passing day can carry away our shortcomings. Though our past be strewn with failures seventy times seven; though we may have gone down the husk-path of disillusionment; and though our sins be as scarlet; still the Father's matchless love and forgiveness woos us again to His presence. He does not judge today by what we were yesterday, but by what we are today; not by what we have been, but by what we may be. In sooth, our bad of yesterday would forever be gone from us, if we would but let Him cut us loose from it; and our good of today would forever stay with us, if we would but stay with it.*

MEMBERSHIP

Overseer

- ◆ Bro. Lennox Sam

Leaders

- ◆ Bro. Anthony Odhiambo - (Chairperson)
- ◆ Sis. Elaine Vandort - (Secretary)

Active Members

- ◆ Bro. Denis Mwaba
- ◆ Bro. Joshua Wasswa
- ◆ Sis. Mercy Nakintu
- ◆ Sis. Esther Njagi
- ◆ Sis. Juliet Namanda

Other Members

- ◆ Sis. Irene Mugala
- ◆ Sis. Hilda Nyakerario
- ◆ Bro. Brian Gisore
- ◆ Bro. Jovan Kizza

MILESTONES

The Music Website:

- ◆ Has been up and running.
- ◆ Has received positive responses. (However, we are still fixing an issue that developed towards the end of this FY.)

Editing Eleventh-Hour Hymns

- ◆ This FY records an increase in the submission of children's songs.

Restoring The Original Lyrics.

- ◆ The Powerpoint we have now included the Old Hymnal lyrics added to the SDAH.

Hymnal PowerPoint

Restoring The Original Lyrics.



Music Lessons:

- ◆ We begun training in basic understanding of the music language through Vocal Choir Training and Online Lessons on UDEMY, aiming also to transcribe and record our Present truth songs and publish The Eleventh-hour Hymn Book.

Song Service Order

- ◆ We have organized lead singers who voluntarily take part in our Song Services, by leading a standing congregation during all our meetings, these are backed up by singers and voice recordings in case of network failure. We mainly communicate through the Eleventh-hour Singers WhatsApp Group.

Due to the rising need to have Present Truth Songs learned and sung to the glory of our Loving Savior, we have had to add:

- ◆ Sis. Mercy Nakintu
- ◆ Sis. Juliet Namanda
- ◆ Sis. Hilda Nyakerario

WE IMPLORE

May the 11th-hour Church family take an active part in singing and meditating upon the Hymns during family and personal devotions, for Our Father has richly blessed us with these precious Present Truth Songs.

WE URGE THAT

6SC7-12: 2.1.1 – *...though we may have gone down the husk-path of disillusionment; and though our sins be as scarlet; still the Father's matchless love and forgiveness woos us again to His presence. He does not judge today by what we were yesterday, but by what we are today; not by what we have been, but by what we may be. In sooth, our bad of yesterday would forever be gone from us, if we would but let Him cut us loose from it; and our good of today would forever stay with us, if we would but stay with it.*

6SC7-12: 2.1.2 – *Let us, therefore, during [2025], avail ourselves of all God's showers of mercy, as does the blade of corn, and appreciatively put them to good use. For if we fail to make our seasonal spiritual growth, we shall, in the time of harvest, be unfit for the heavenly garner, as immatured corn is unfit for the earthly garner. To insure normal growth, one needs Righteousness By Faith.*

SPECIAL THANKS

Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ for His tender mercies and wonderful works.

We also extend our gratitude to the Executive Council for their support and our special appreciation goes to all 11th-hour singers who have actively taken part in leading out during the FY 2024. Blessings of our Lord Jesus be unto all. Amen.

*Submitted by,
Hymnal Committee.*

DSDA MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

OPENING REMARKS

FB: 23.1 – *"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side." Isa. 60:1-4.*

FB: 23.2 – *"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.*

The Ministerial Department coordinates all ministerial programs of the church, with emphasis on the global missionary activities.

Among the activities coordinated are:

- ♦ Missionary trips
- ♦ Marriage counselling
- ♦ Baptism
- ♦ Ministerial counselling
- ♦ Ministerial visits
- ♦ DYAYA seminars and meetings, etc.

Matt. 9:37, 38 – *...The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department has organized the members into teams hunting two by two. The teams consist of couples or single brothers or single sisters each with their favorite team name. The members are divided into three categories:

- ✓ HAT – Heaven's Appeal Teacher; Active Teachers who have applied for and are working towards being full time Present Truth teachers.
- ✓ AT – Active Teacher: those who are ac-

tively sharing the Message with either SDA's or those Davidia

- ✓ PT - Passive Teacher: those who are the teachers' helpers

Those who are not quite ready to give presentations at this time are being trained to this end.

The MD meets every third Sunday of each month with the teachers.

All the missionary requests are sent to the Ministerial Secretary at mdsec@gadsda.com.

The Executive Council discusses and approves these requests.

MEMBERSHIP & QUALIFICATIONS

FB: 26.1 - *Those who will today hear His voice and harden not their hearts as in the day of provocation, will He make His future servants.*

FB: 26.2 - *"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6. The workers will be "taught rather by the unction of His Spirit, than by the outward training of scientific institutions...God will manifest that He is not dependent on learned, self-important mortals." "The most weak and hesitating in the church will be as David -- willing to do and dare." -- Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 82, 81.*

FB: 26.3 - *"I will take illiterate men," says the Lord, "obscure men, and move upon them by My Spirit, to carry out My purposes in the work of saving souls. The last message of mercy will be given by a people who love and fear Me." -- Review and Herald, Sept. 21, 1904. "He will use men for the accomplishment of His purpose whom some of the brethren would reject as unfit to engage in the work." -- Review and Herald, Feb. 9, 1895.*

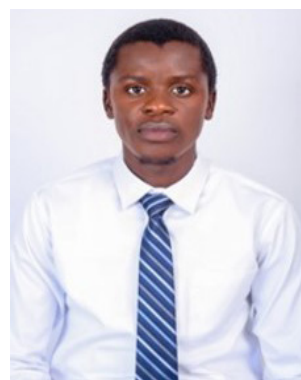
FB: 26.4 - *In this last call for laborers, all -- small or great, rich or poor, learned or illiterate -- have the high and exalted privilege of becoming ministers of Christ -- Men of Honor and Destiny.*

ACHIEVEMENTS

With Christ at the Head, these are some of the Achievements of the Department in this past Fiscal Year;

- ♦ We have increased our workforce to the current 8, making the work more efficient.
- ♦ We have Sponsored fifteen Missionary trips, and some have resulted in fruits.
- ♦ The minister was able to travel to Florida two times to meet and share with brethren from Waco 2500. The second meeting, Brother Lennox met and shared with two of the main teachers of Waco 2500.
- ♦ The HATs in Kenya and Uganda were assigned as Heaven's Appeal Candidates in January 2024 and their work is mainly focusing on several areas: the Call Center/Live Chat, Western Hemisphere; Church websites, and social media platforms.
- ♦ With all these efforts we have a number of prospects from the USA, Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe and DR Congo who are investigating the Truth.
- ♦ On February 3rd the MD opened up an office in Zambia, Monze area. There are fourteen converts and eight are still investigating. Brothers Vincent Hanzooma and Maimbo Mweemba are the two teachers in the Monza MD office and are currently working to become Heaven's Appeal Teachers.

Heavens Appeal Candidates



Bro. Bildad Omondi



Bro. Harrison Nyaga



Bro. Lawrence Ssevume



Bro. Paul Lutakome



Bro. Vincent Hanzooma Bro. Maimbo Simutende

PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

- ♦ The Church is planning to start a DLI where interested brethren can be trained to teach the Message efficiently.

WHR: 62.5 - *...Let not procrastination rob you, Brethren, of this greatest opportunity of a life time. The Spirit is pleading with you in the name of all that is sane and sensible. Do not disregard or delay your preparation of the epoch-making work ahead. You must not miss out. Let Isaiah's thrilling vision of the unparalleled results of the eleventh-hour work stir and inspire you to instant, all-out action:*

FB: 24.2 - *"...'Why stand ye here all the day idle?' Why are you not at work in some capacity in his vineyard' Again and again he has bid you, 'Go ye also into my vineyard, and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive.' But this gracious call from Heaven has been disregarded by the large majority. Is it not high time that you obey the commands of God? There is work for every individual who names the name of Christ. A voice from Heaven is solemnly calling you to duty. Heed this voice, and go to work at once in any place, in any capacity. Why stand ye here all the day idle? There is work for you to do, a work that demands your best energies. Every precious moment of life is related to some duty which you owe to God or to your fellowmen, and yet you are idle!" -- Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 203, 204.*

OTHER MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES

TANZANIA

- ♦ We had a followup seminar and a missionary trip conducted by some church leaders.



Above are some of the brethren in Tanzania

ZAMBIA

- ♦ We had a Health Seminar in Monze that brought our brethren to a higher health reform level.

KENYA

- ♦ There were several missionary activities in Kenya Division, some sponsored by the MD. We also had a DYAYA seminar.
- ♦ There was also a wedding ceremony between Bro. Nelson Ombati and Sis. Gladys Syombua.

UGANDA

- ♦ Uganda Division had several missionary activities sponsored by the MD.

FB: 27.2 - *To these workers, the 144,000, the Lord graciously promises: "And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien [those who are not of the 144,000] shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves" (Isa. 61:5, 6), if now ye arise and hasten to effect full Occupational Transition.*

FB: 30.2 - "Time," says the Spirit of Prophecy, "is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. Laborers are needed who comprehend the greatness of the work, and who will engage in it, not for the wages they receive, but from a realization of the nearness of the end. The time demands greater efficiency and

deeper consecration" (**Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 27**) and Christlike Gentility.

May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be unto you all.

Sis. Irene Mugala,
MD Secretary.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT REPORT

THE SYMBOLIC CODE NEWSLETTER



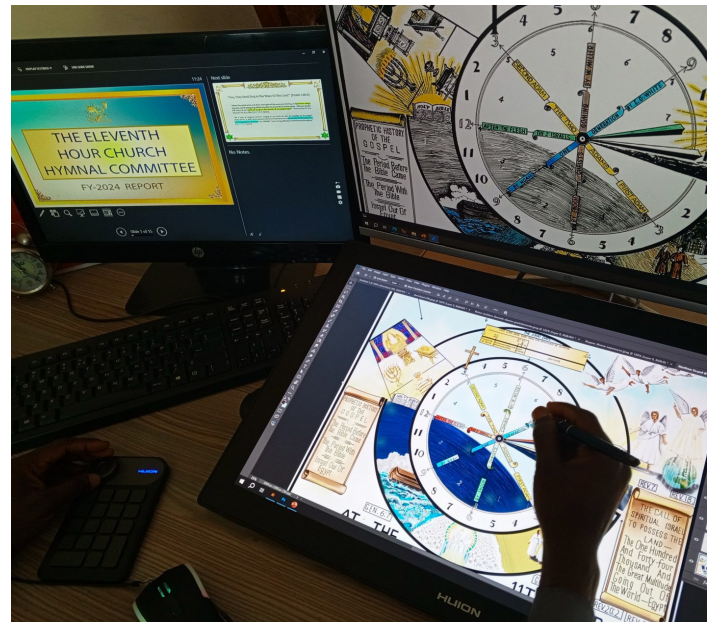
During the FY 2023/2024, we had the following issues published and distributed:

- ♦ **Volume 2023 The Symbolic Code, Nos. 10-12**
- ♦ **Volume 2024 The Symbolic Code, Nos. 1-3**
- ♦ **Volume 2024 The Symbolic Code, Nos. 4-6** (the print copy is yet to be distributed, currently being printed.)

Volume 2024 The Symbolic Code, Nos. 7-9 is currently undergoing final review and adjustments before final approval and publishing and distribution.

To date, we have distributed a combined volume of over 10,000 print copies, besides many, many more electronic copies through the various media, including WhatsApp, Email campaigns, Facebook, the Church website, among others.

HD COLORED CHARTS



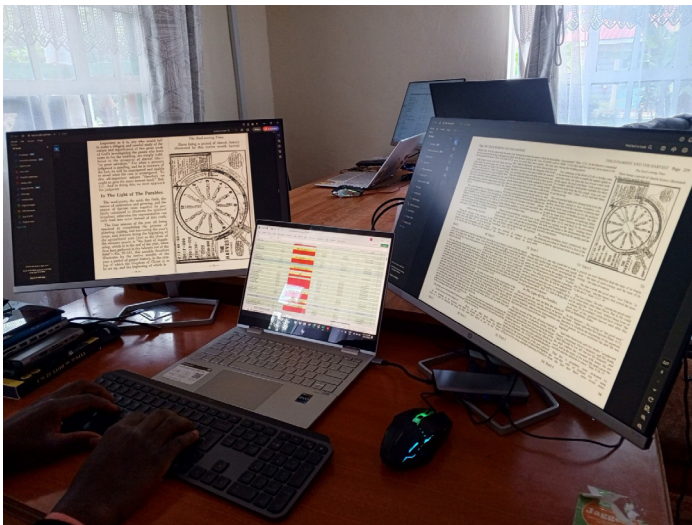
- ♦ We praise the Lord for the drawing tablet He proffered, to enhance the work on this project that is long overdue.
- ♦ We have two charts already done and approved, and three are complete, now in the review stage. It is a tedious work, and the equipment was a welcome relief.
- ♦ May He oversee the swift completion of the project.

PROOFREADING AND SECOND PRINTING

- ♦ Since our stock of the first printing of the **SRS** and **SCS** were depleted, there have been calls for literature both from within and from without.
- ♦ In answering these calls, we have been preparing the material for the second printing. As a part of this, in order that so far as possible, all mistakes – typographical

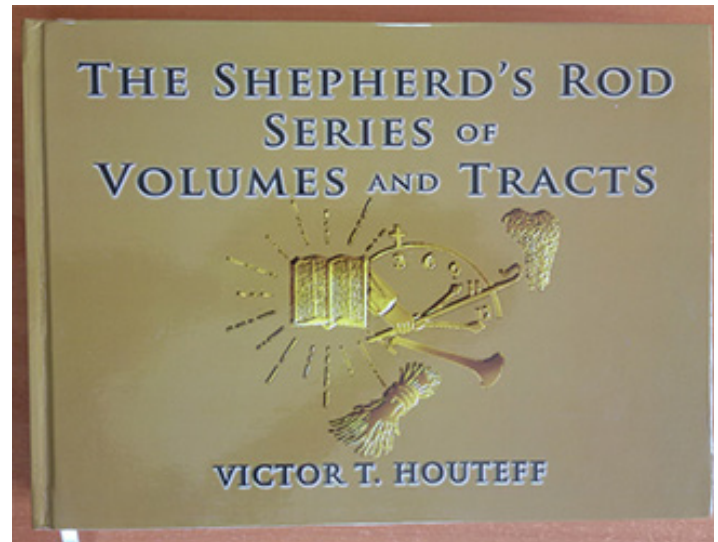
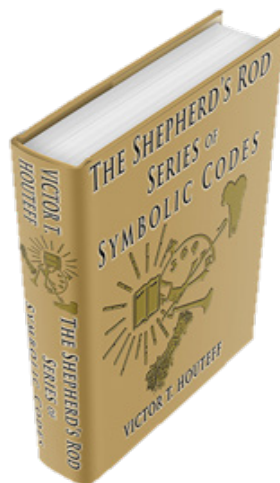
errors, etc. that made their way into the first printing be identified and corrected, proofreading was necessary.

- ♦ In this regard, a team was tasked to do a complete proofreading, comparing it with the original. The team has worked on this tirelessly, and now only the **Symbolic Code** remains, and applying the corrections. Once this is done, the material will be ready for the press. Please add this also to your prayer items list.



The books to be printed in this batch shall include colored charts and shall have fewer typographical errors - we aim at none.

We are striving to have the content of this second batch as close as practically possible to the original.



THE HUNTERS' MANUAL TRACTS

The preparation for print and distribution of the Tracts in the **Hunters' Manual** is in the offing.

The layout has been accomplished, and the associated charts are in the works.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE DATABASE SYSTEM

Executive Module

- ♦ Availability, Discussions & Resolutions
- ♦ Certificate of Fellowship Approvals
- ♦ Leadership Appointments

Membership Module

- ♦ Account Management
- ♦ First time fellowship card application
- ♦ Renewal Applications

Ministerial Module

- ♦ Search, Add and Edit Prospects

Leadership Module

- ♦ Certificate of Fellowship Recommendations
- ♦ Nominations, Confirmations and Acceptance

Treasury Module

- ♦ Enter Tithes and Offerings Remittances
- ♦ Bank Reconciliation
- ♦ Certificate of Fellowship Tithe Details

Calendar Module

- ♦ Add and Manage Events

PLANS FOR THE FY2024/2025

Printer



For assistance on how to use the system to apply for the Certificate of Fellowship or update your information, contact your area leader.

iOS SHEPHERD'S ROD STUDY BIBLE APP

- » Finished development
- » Completed major testing

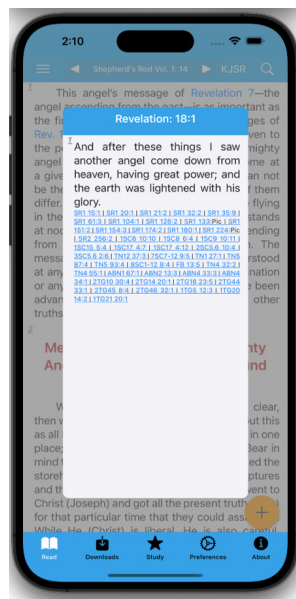
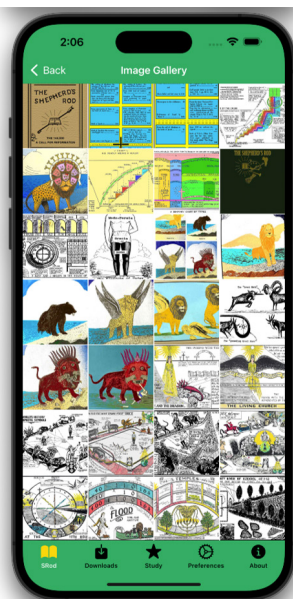
Additional Features:

- » Inline forward links to Bible from the **Rod**
- » Inline backward links from the Bible to the **Rod**
- » Image Support
- » Text to speech

- ✓ Looking at the printing work ahead of us, which will only increase, we are pressed with the need to have a printer, to at least do some of the work inhouse, with the benefit of cutting cost among other benefits.
- ✓ The Executive Council is considering this matter, and we are all invited to join in prayer that the Lord may guide as we follow His providence in the matter.

OTHER PROJECTIONS

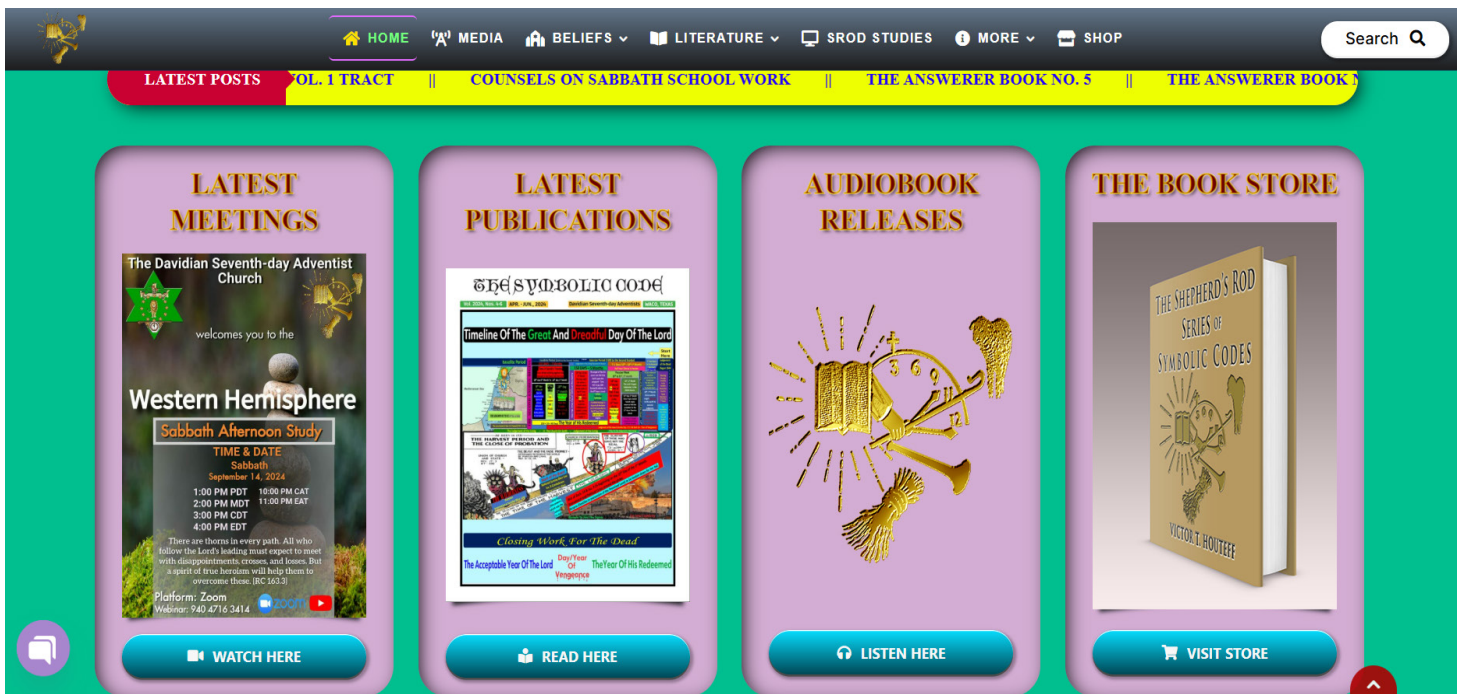
- ♦ Expand the Ministerial Section to include seminars and missions
- ♦ Treasury Accounting Module to replace Quick-Books
- ♦ Human Resource Module
- ♦ Communications Module to replace Bitrix24 and G-Suite
- ♦ Storage Module (Drive) to replace Dropbox



Watch out and pray for its soon release!

THE WEBSITE

The renovation of the website is soon to be completed.



OTHER PLANS

- Publish and distribute the **SRS**, the **SCS** and the **Hunting Tracts**
- Complete the coloring and enhancement of the charts
- Complete the translations and publish, at

- least digitally, the **SR** in the other languages
- Complete the test and release the Study Bible App, and develop the Golden Bowl App
- Get and train more workmen to help in the realization of these and many more goals

Bro. Ezekiel Nyachae,
Publishing Department.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE REPORT

In the year 2023-2024, the FSO undertook various initiatives in several Fields and countries of the Western Hemisphere. The main objective was to strengthen our presence and achieve our expansion goals. This report summarizes the activities carried out, the results achieved and proposes strategies to continue our growth for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. It also highlights the sharing methods needed to spread the Word and

bring in new members.

The FSO unites several countries under its leadership, in accordance with what is stated in **2TG45: 17.1**: *"be localized to every state and country wherever the message of the hour takes root downward and bears fruit upward,"* wherever a member accepts the Message, that country becomes a potential place to be a Division.

THE FIELD SECRETARY OFFICE



Bro. Patrick Viersac
Martinique Division



Sis. Patricia Rolle
Assistant



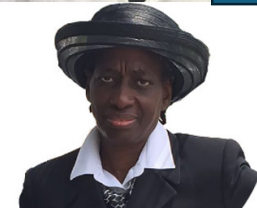
Sis. Patricia Verpret
FSO Leader



Sis. Huguette S.O.
Translator



Bro. Gianni Vreds
Member



Sis. Desiree Ford
Member

North America

- ♦ Canada
- ♦ USA

South America

- ♦ Belize
- ♦ Jamaica
- ♦ Haiti
- ♦ Dominican Republic
- ♦ Guadeloupe
- ♦ Martinique
- ♦ St. Lucia
- ♦ St. Vincent
- ♦ Suriname
- ♦ Chile

FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

MARTINIQUE DIVISION

The Martinique Division manages the following countries:

Martinique, Guadeloupe, Haiti and France, although the latter is part of the North part of the Eastern Hemisphere.

In Martinique, we currently have 18 members:

- ♦ 9 Adult Members including 7 cardholders
- ♦ 2 DYAYA Members
- ♦ 1 Prospective Member
- ♦ 6 Children

GUADELOUPE

Guadeloupe currently has 20 members

- ♦ 8 Adult Members , including 6 cardholders
- ♦ 3 DYAYA Members
- ♦ 9 Prospective Members

HAITI

Currently has 11 prospective members

FRANCE

Currently has 17 Members

- ♦ 1 Adult Member cardholder
- ♦ 5 DYAYA Members
- ♦ 1 child
- ♦ 10 prospective members

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS



Bro. Patrick Viersac
Chairman



Sis. Huguette Suivant
Secretary / Treasurer



Bro. Philippe Clovis
Member

THE MONTHLY EVENTS

- ♦ The School of the Prophets - Every second Sabbath.
- ♦ DYAYA Sabbath - Every third Sabbath.
- ♦ Reformation Sabbath - Every fourth Sabbath.
- ♦ Mid-week prayer meeting - Every Tuesday evening.
- ♦ Western Hemisphere Sabbath Afternoon study - Every first, second and fourth Sabbath.
- ♦ Queen Esther Society - Every first and third Wednesday.
- ♦ Holy convocation - Every first day of the Month of the sacred year.
- ♦ Family life and Health departments - Every fourth Sunday.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2023-2024

Seminar based on the **Hunter's Manual** that took place from December 22, 2023 to January 3, 2024 in Metropolitan France

These Presentations were recorded and shared out to participants online. A total of ten were present on different days.

Three accepted the Message of the **Rod**, two of whom became tithe-paying members, and the third, a young man, began reading **Volume One of the Rod**.

But then these three people in turn shared the Message with their surroundings, friends and family, and some of them are now participating in a program to read the Book of **Desire of Ages**.

AFTER THE SEMINAR ZOOM MEETING

Meetings are held every Friday at Sabbath opening, as well as on the first and third Sabbaths in the afternoon, with the Reformation as the basic theme, drawn from the studies presented by the Ministerial Department - DYAYA.

At Sabbath opening, the Message of the **Great and Dreadful Day** is the central theme along with the various studies that appear in the Timeline:

FEATURED STUDIES:

- ♦ The 11th-Hour church before the coming of the Bridegroom
- ♦ The Timeline to the Kingdom
- ♦ How to study the **Rod**
- ♦ The Judgment of the Dead and the announcement of the Judgment of the Living
- ♦ The opening of the 7th Seal
- ♦ The Midnight Cry
- ♦ The Judgment of the Jews

An average of six people, Laodiceans and Davidians, attend regularly and four do not often.

WORSHIP MEETING IN FRANCE

Location: Sis. Nisette Ferrand's home.

Sis. Nisette Ferrand has generously offered her home for Brothers and Sisters to gather and worship the LORD together.

Studies continue with the seminar organizers on Zoom and WhatsApp to enable members who attended to recharge spiritually and ask questions and seek clarification where needed.

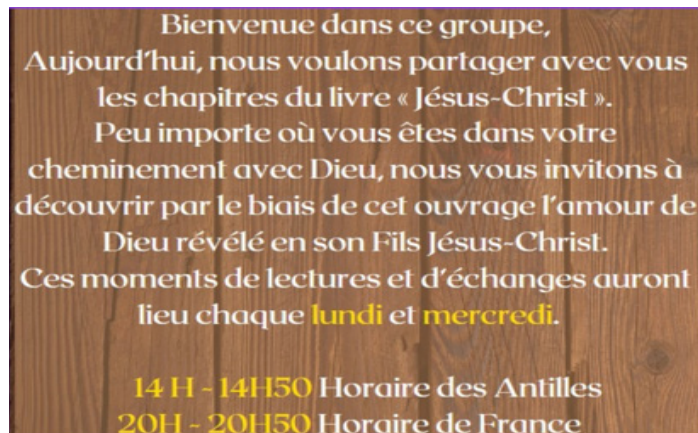
The seminar recordings now serve as a support and aid to division members, so that they can carry out the missionary work of bringing this Message of mercy

to our brothers and sisters who are in Laodicea and among the Davidians. This work continues to this day.

THE ROD READING PROGRAM

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month a dozen participants take part in the reading, strengthening their commitment and spiritual understanding.

Below is the invitation



READING THE BOOK OF *DESIRE OF AGES*

Launched on June 12, 2024.

Participants are invited to join the group following a call via WhatsApp, where they listen to the Reading from the book of *Desire of Ages*.

The reading and comments are made by Sis. Patricia Verpret in the light of Present Truth.

Invitations to receive more in-depth studies on the judgment of the living are also offered during these sessions.

At present, four *Desire of Ages* reading groups are in place, enabling a greater number of brethren to participate and benefit from this rewarding initiative.

Four WhatsApp groups are in place with the following leaders:

- ♦ **Bro. Cerival Auguste** - A group of 4 members
- ♦ **Bro. Thierry Onestas** - A group of 5 members
- ♦ **Sis. Patricia Verpret** - A group of 20 members
- ♦ **Sis. Patricia Rolle** - A group of 4 members

We thank the Lord for the Present Truth which by every means reaches our brothers and sisters living in Haiti.

Although the situation in the country is as we

know it, we thank God for the means of internet communication.

The Message of the *Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord* (G.D.D.L) is shared every Sunday evening with all those of Haitian origin.

Controversial topics are presented, false doctrines are exposed, and the truth is restored in the words, "**It is written.**"

It is through phone calls that sharing takes place by posting texts and graphics on WhatsApp.

LITERATURE IN DEMAND

Sis. Carmita, an active member in the USA, passed on the message to four prospective members in Haiti (Sis. Esnaïdette, Sis. Estermillia, Bro. Estenel, Bro. Jeannot). While they asked to read the literature, copies of the *Rod* were sent in July via Sis. Jeantus, from Waco 2500, who also benefited from *Volume 2 of the Rod*.

Sis. Estermilla is very active in the field in Haiti. She is surrounded by her family, and her house is always open to feed those who have nothing to eat, so that she can share with them the spiritual nourishment of our Lord.

DUTCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

The Dutch-speaking Countries are made up of:

The Netherlands (Holland)

- ♦ 6 Members including 2 cardholders
- ♦ 1 Prospective Member
- ♦ 1 Family (Guest)

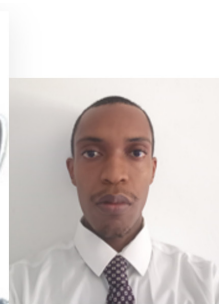
Suriname

- ♦ 14 Members including 6 cardholders

Current Board members



Sis. Selma van Niel - Treasure
Deputy Chairwoman



Bro. Gianni Vreds
Member



Sis. Helga Kortram - van Niel
Member

VISITORS

In February and September 2024, Suriname and the Netherlands were blessed by the visit of Sis. Desiree Ford.

In May, Sis. Patricia Verpret and Bro. Jerry Cox came to pay their respects after the death of Sis. Phili's husband in Suriname.

All members received home visits in Suriname and through Zoom for those living in the Netherlands.

encourage each other in the faith.



SABBATH-DAY GATHERINGS

Every fifth Sabbath we have the opportunity to come together as a family. Those who are not able to meet physically can also join online. Our guests also had a taste of these gatherings.

Sabbath gatherings are another opportunity to

Activities

A Dorcas ministry has been set up for the benefit of our members.

Various outreach programs to encourage us and Seventh-day Adventists in the 9th-Hour Church by reminding each other to keep all reforms, self-study and draw closer to Jesus.

SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Brother James is currently in charge of managing the Spanish Field, coordinating and supervising its activities.

Dominican Republic has 7 members:

- ♦ 1 Adult Member cardholder
- ♦ 2 DYAYA Members
- ♦ 2 Children
- ♦ 2 Prospective Members

Chile has a number of 12:

- ♦ 1 Adult Member cardholder
- ♦ 3 Adult Members non-cardholders
- ♦ 1 DYAYA Member
- ♦ 2 Prospective Members
- ♦ 5 Children

Venezuela has 1 Prospective Member.

CHILE

It's a vast field to be explored. Mobilizing new members is essential to maximize our impact and achieve our goals.

- ♦ 49 members (Davidians) participate in studies via WhatsApp
- ♦ 58 members (Laodiceans and Davidians) are part of this group
- ♦ 129 members managed by the Spanish leadership of Waco 2500
- ♦ Other brothers are being contacted to hear the Truth in Venezuela, Panama, USA, Belize, Santo Domingo

EXPANSION

New Countries entered:

This year, new countries have been entered into, to extend our reach and impact.

These countries provide new opportunities to share the Truth and growth of the Church.

METROPOLITAN FRANCE & THE DR CONGO

These two new countries will be managed by the Eastern Hemisphere.

METROPOLITAN FRANCE

- ♦ Sis. Nisette Ferrand: very active member
- ♦ Sis. Lydie Campêche: Student of the Message
- ♦ Bro. Yolan Silebert: Grandson of Sis. Nisette
- ♦ Sis Chantal Cidéron: completed her reading and recently became a member
- ♦ Bro. Jérôme Campêche: young, dynamic Dyaya. He has just begun his reading
- ♦ Sis. Yolande Boulon and daughter of Sis. Chantal: student of the *Shepherd's Rod* Message

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Seventh-day Adventist of the Reformation Movement Brethren from DR Congo have accepted the Present Truth and study every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday with Sis. Patricia Verpret.

In his search for truth, the Lord led the steps of the leader Bro. Augustin Ntumba Kalombayi to our website. Brother Paul Lutakome, a HAT's Team, shared with him and other interested Reformation members the eight studies, plus two extras.

Speaking French, they passed from Bro. Paul to Sis. Patricia, who began the presentations on September 19, 2024.

Topics presented:

- ♦ The history of the Church of God
- ♦ New Light and Elijah the Prophet

Determined to walk in the Truth, five potential future leaders, including Bro. Augustin, took a serious look at the *SRod* Message, **Volume One**.

Three churches are waiting for the Message to reach their members in their native French.

Bro. Augustin has left the SDA Reformation Movement and is preparing to be the one to deliver the Message to them, as soon as his reading is complete.

He hopes to get his card to spread and share

this wonderful Message throughout the DR Congo.

This year has been marked by initiatives within the Western Hemisphere. We entered new countries and organized a seminar and various meetings. We continue to grow and strengthen our commitment of our values and mission. Our members, spread across various countries, have shown significant dedication through their participation and contributions.

We're looking for new opportunities to expand our influence and reach even more souls. Our priorities will include:

- ♦ Geographic expansion: targeting areas not yet covered to increase our presence.
- ♦ Developing “*Desire of Ages*” reading groups to introduce the Message on the Judgment of the Living.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to express our deep gratitude to God for His countless blessings and the guidance He has given us throughout this Fiscal Year. His love and grace have been our constant strength and inspiration.

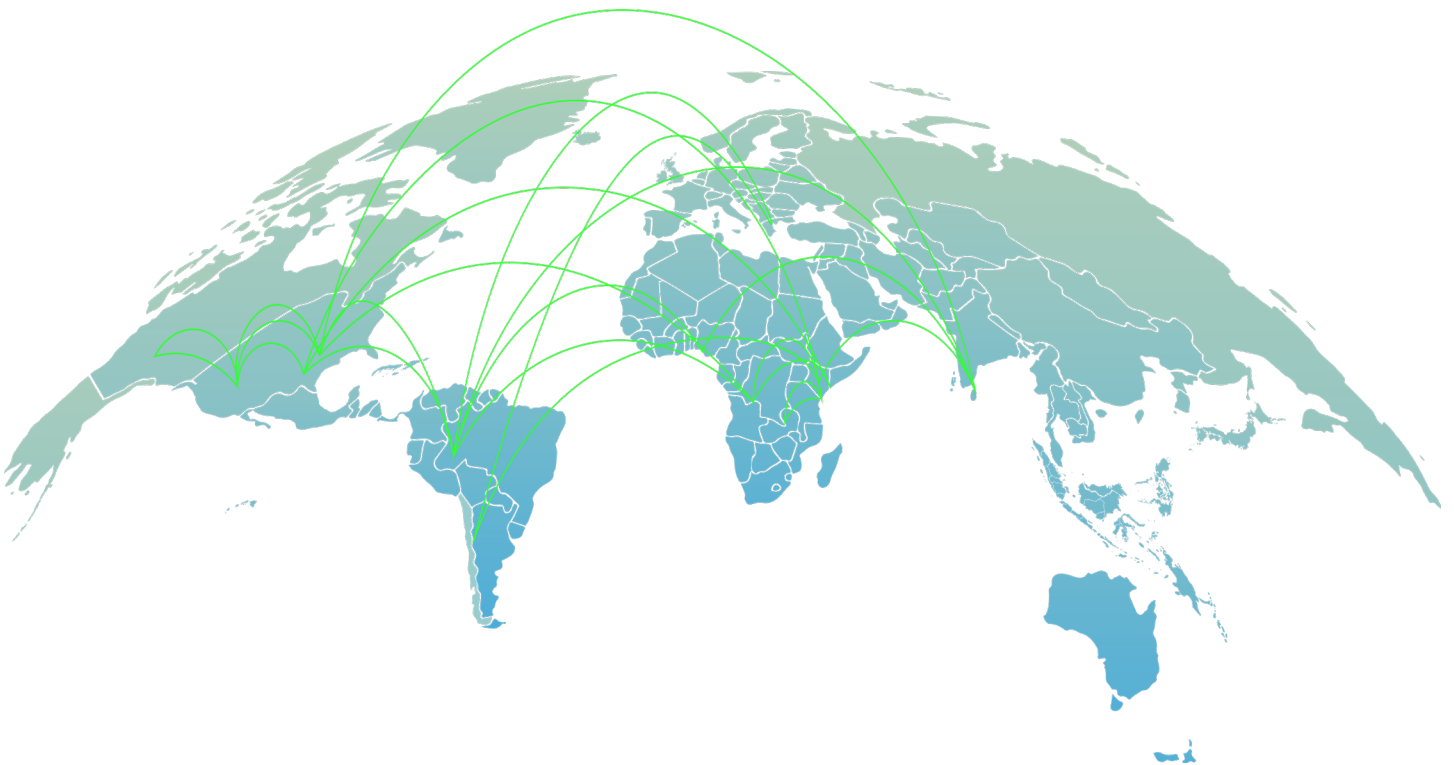
Let us keep all those mentioned in this report in prayer, and may each member cleave to the Lord to accomplish this beautiful work of propagating the Present Truth, the ***Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord***.

May God continue to bless us and guide us in our future plans for the Western Hemisphere.

May God bless you all!

AMEN !

Sis. Patricia Verpret,
Western Hemisphere FSO.



CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE OF CHILDREN

The state of the world today presents a rather sad and unfortunate reality. The world offers several shifts from the right order of things as set by the Creator of the Universe. One such paradigm is the egalitarian belief that women are to be equal with men and should strive for a position in the corporate world and not be tied down by the demands of motherhood and her mission field - the home. While this may appear glamorous and admirable, it places the care, training and raising of children at stake. Children, as we are all aware, are the **“heritage of the LORD.”** The commission to develop the characters of the children as given by the Lord is ignored and the children grow up having no strength of will or character to counteract the prevailing evils present in our day. Additionally, the influence of the worldly cultures, extended families and indeed the economic burden upon families makes many to feel justified in their path while yet others feel that once they have fed, clothed and sent their children to **“good schools,”** they have done enough. Unknown to them, the work which lies at the very core of their Christian journey is left undone. The building of the character of our children has been neglected for long while many excuses are given.

CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE OF CHILDREN

Corrective discipline is an extension of character building and key foundational work that every parent (especially the mother) needs to learn and be equipped to handle. This is because the enemy desires that one fits into either of the ends of the spectrum -- being indulgent or ruling with iron fist. In other cases, plain neglect or slothfulness exists. Strangely, many parents hold the view that children who are unruly or disobedient are that way naturally and therefore feel no cause to intervene. Others hold the view that children would outgrow these tendencies, while most believers think that they may not need to study and understand what governs the discipline of their children because their children are not predisposed to wrongdoing.

DEFINITIONS

According to the dictionary, the words corrective and discipline have been rendered the following meanings: -

CORRECTIVE

Having the power to correct; having the quality of removing or obviating what is wrong, or injurious; tending to rectify; as corrective penalties.

DISCIPLINE

To instruct or educate; to inform the mind; to prepare by instructing in correct principles and habits; as, to discipline youth for a profession, or for future usefulness.

Combining the two words above, we may agree that corrective discipline involves the process of guiding, teaching and instructing of children to conform to God's will and standards using methods that are loving, redemptive and having the saving nature.

WHY CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE?

The Holy Bible establishes the fact that **“... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23.)** Wrongdoing and disobedience, therefore, are a result of sin.

*... Some children are naturally more obstinate than others and will not yield to discipline, and in consequence they make themselves very unattractive and disagreeable. If the mother has not wisdom to deal **with this phase of character**, a most unhappy state of affairs will follow; for such children will have their own way to their destruction. But how terrible for a child to cherish a spirit of obstinacy not only in childhood, but in more mature years, and because of a lack of agreement in childhood, nourish bitterness and unkindness in manhood and womanhood toward the mother who failed to bring her children under restraint. - CG 237.5.*

... If the child has a stubborn will, the mother, if she understands her responsibility, will realize that this stubborn will is part of the inheritance she has given him. She will not look upon his will as something that must be broken. There are times when the determination of the mother meets the determination of the child, when the firm, matured will of the mother meets the unreasoning will of the child, and when either the mother rules because of her advantage of age and experience, or there is a ruling of the older will by the younger, undisciplined will of the child. At such times there is need of great wisdom; for by unwise management, by stern compulsion, the child may be spoiled for this life and the next. By a lack of wisdom everything may be lost. - CG 211.1.

2TG40: 35.3 – *There are no problem children, only problem parents and problem environments.*

As far as Inspiration is concerned, the cause of obstinacy in a child can be traced to the natural or inherited propensities or tendencies from the parents arising from sin. As sin increases and as a sign of the last days, there will be an increase in disobedience among children even of believers. It is however, sobering to know that this is a phase of character having the prospect of change. It is not a final stage. The environment also plays a role in causing this vice, but the commission, work and indeed the duty lies with the parents. Corrective discipline with the aid of Heaven can and will ensure a right and effectual correction of character.

WHAT MISTAKES DO MOST PARENTS MAKE WHEN IT COMES TO ADMINISTERING CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE?

It is true that every child has at one time or another, done wrong, disobeyed or outrightly been defiant. Therefore, it is imperative that parents, especially, as the teachers and the ones stewarding the children, are equipped with the right tools to handle any situation that demands corrective discipline. The work of parenting and training children for the Kingdom transcends to eternity,

therefore, the learning is equally lifelong. Here is what Inspiration says:

Children are often indulged from their babyhood, and wrong habits become fixed. The parents have been bending the sapling. By their course of training the character develops, either into deformity or into symmetry and beauty. But while many err upon the side of indulgence, others go to the opposite extreme and rule their children with a rod of iron. Neither of these follow out the Bible directions, but both are doing a fearful work. They are molding the minds of their children and must render an account in the day of God for the manner in which they have done this. Eternity will reveal the results of the work done in this life. - CG 175.2.

These are among the common mistakes made by many parents while trying to mold the character of their little ones. (for an extensive exposition of these mistakes, refer to **Child Guidance chapters 31 to 48.**)

- ✓ Failing to train children to keep the way of the Lord and yield their will to God.
- ✓ Neglecting to give children the watchful care and guidance.
- ✓ Failing to properly restrain and direct children due to a blinded love.
- ✓ Overlooking and concealing glaring wrongs to save face and avoid offending their children.
- ✓ Petting and indulging children as it appears easier and removes them from the responsibility to address any wrongs.
- ✓ Sowing seeds of vanity when they unnecessarily praise, pet and indulge their children, making them vain, conceited and proud.
- ✓ Allowing teenage children to be free from everyday duties and being enslaved by them.
- ✓ Not establishing the right habits and systems in the home.
- ✓ Failing to require obedience, hence being partakers in the very evil deeds committed by their children.
- ✓ Allowing children to follow their own minds in favor of the prevailing influences in society.

- ✓ Not raising well-adjusted individuals who know their place in life.
- ✓ Training as devotees of society while disregarding the salvation of their souls.
- ✓ Permitting the children to selfishly seek the happiness of this world as their goal.
- ✓ A lack of piety in the home, many Christian homes do not have the operational Word of God in their own lives.
- ✓ Parent's own disobedience.
- ✓ Postponing the work of training the child.

WHAT THEN SHOULD BE DONE WHEN ADMINISTERING CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE?

We now attempt to present some of the notable interventions that the parents can undertake as guided by Inspiration:

Obedience From Principle, Not Compulsion.--

Tell your children exactly what you require of them. Then let them understand that your word is law and must be obeyed. Thus, you are training them to respect the commandments of God, which plainly declare, "Thou shalt," and "Thou shalt not." It is far better for your boy to obey from principle than from compulsion. - CG 225.1.

Begin early: *"The moment that the child begins to choose his own will and way, that moment his education in discipline is to begin. This may be called an unconscious education. It is then that a work, conscious and powerful, is to begin. The greatest burden of this work necessarily rests on the mother. She has the first care of the child, and she is to lay the foundation of an education that will help the child to develop a strong, symmetrical character..." - CG 230.1.*

Do not wait for a favorable time: *"Neglecting the work of disciplining and training until a perverse disposition has become strengthened is doing the children a most serious wrong; for they grow up selfish, exacting, and unlovable. They cannot enjoy their own company any better than can others; therefore, they will ever be filled with discontent. The work of the mother must commence at an early age, giving Satan no chance to control the minds and dispositions of their little ones." - CG 230.3.*

Give Few Commands; Then Require Obedience.--

Let mothers be careful not to make unnecessary requirements to exhibit their own authority before others. Give few commands, but see that these are obeyed. - CG 247.3.

Give this work the seriousness it deserves: *The Lord is not glorified when the children are neglected and passed by. They require more than casual notice, more than a word of encouragement. They need painstaking, prayerful, careful labor. - CG 488.2.*

Gain an Understanding of Principles Involved.--

The lessons learned, the habits formed, during the years of infancy and childhood have more to do with the formation of the character and the direction of the life than have all the instruction and training of after years. - CG 184.3.

Parents need to consider this. They should understand the principles that underlie the care and training of children. They should be capable of rearing them in physical, mental, and moral health. - CG 184.4.

Have the right heart posture: *"In all your commands aim to secure the highest good of your children, and then see that these commands are obeyed. Your energy and decision must be unwavering, yet ever in subjection to the Spirit of Christ." - CG 248.1.*

Study individual minds and characters: *...All children cannot be treated in the same way, for that restraint which must be kept upon one would crush out the life of another. - CG 205.4.*

Be forbearing: *If you have children with peculiar temperaments, do not, because of this, let the blight of discouragement rest upon their lives.... Help them by the manifestation of forbearance and sympathy. Strengthen them by loving words and kindly deeds to overcome their defects of character. - CG 208.1.*

Teach by Precept and Example. -- *In the family, fathers and mothers should ever present before their children the example they wish to be imitated. They should manifest one to the other a tender respect in word, and look, and action. They should make it manifest that the Holy Spirit is controlling them, by representing to*

their children the character of Jesus Christ... - CG 215.3.

The powers of imitation are strong in childhood and the parent's voice, tone, spirit and mannerisms are copied by the little ones.

FEW PRACTICAL POINTS TO REMEMBER

First Use Reason and Prayer. --First reason with your children, clearly point out their wrongs, and impress upon them that they have not only sinned against you, but against God. With your heart full of pity and sorrow for your erring children, pray with them before correcting them. Then they will see that you do not punish them because they have put you to inconvenience, or because you wish to vent your displeasure upon them, but from a sense of duty, for their good; and they will love and respect you. - CG 252.3.

That prayer may make such an impression on their minds that they will see that you are not unreasonable. And if the children see that you are not unreasonable, you have gained a great victory. This is the work that is to be carried on in our family circles in these last days. - CG 253.1.

The following are some of the key points to consider when confronted with a child who needs to be corrected--

- ♦ *"Disobedience must be punished. Wrongdoing must be corrected." - CG 249.4.* As every individual circumstance varies, so should the approach of the parent. The spirit may lead one to follow the next best action. Bear in mind that this must be done promptly, wisely and firmly.
- ♦ *Ask the Lord to subdue and soften their heart before you correct the erring child.* Sometimes even when punishment is required, the Lord may cause the erring child to humble themselves and acknowledge their wrongs -- in which case that is enough. Simply explain to them and have them understand that they they should not repeat the mistake. (See **CG chapter 44**)
- ♦ *In the face of defiance, the parent should be patient, firm and loving. If punishment becomes necessary, let it be clear that it is not done in anger. "That is the time of all times when you should act with humility and patience and prayer. Then is the time to kneel down with the children and ask the Lord for pardon. Seek to*

win them to Christ by the manifestation of kindness and love, and you will see that a higher power than that of earth is co-operating with your efforts." - CG 245.6. "When you are obliged to correct a child, do not raise the voice to a high key. . . . Do not lose your self-control. The parent who, when correcting a child, gives way to anger is more at fault than the child." - CG 246.1.

- ♦ While correcting children, parents are to avoid nervousness, impatience and lack of calm and self-control. This may cause the whole household to be fretful, miserable and unhappy and everything goes wrong. The real cause here is the parent as their spirit sets the tone for the family and leads to greater evil. (See **CG 247.1**)
- ♦ *"There is sometimes power in silence. When in danger to speak unwisely, impatiently, it is better to be silent until one is sure to not say anything that would dishonor the Lord." - CG 247.2.*
- ♦ *Make them give an account: "A neglectful child should be called to account for their neglect or unfaithfulness." - CG 248.2.* If for instance, a child has been given the task to perform such as cleaning the dishes after a meal, call them to explain the reasons why they have not performed the task and explain to them that they are to bear the burden of responsibility as members of the household. Then require them to clean the dishes and make sure to see to it that it is done.
- ♦ *Be consistent: Parents to act from principle and not impulse.* One cannot pass over a wrongdoing today and the next day punish a child over the same wrong. This is doing contrary to the what the Lord requires (justice and judgement). See **CG 248.4.**
- ♦ *Some children will soon forget a wrong that is done to them by father and mother; but other children who are differently constituted cannot forget severe, unreasonable punishment which they did not deserve. Thus, their souls are injured, and their minds bewildered. The mother loses her opportunities to instill right principles into the mind of the child, because she did not maintain self-control and manifest a well-balanced mind in her deportment and words. - CG 249.1.*
- ♦ *Be so calm, so free from anger that they will be convinced that you love them, even though you punish them. - CG 249.2.*
- ♦ *Inducements Are Sometimes Better Than Punishment:* Children naturally desire to please the parents. If at the beginning of the day, clear, simple and reasonable rules, instructions and outcomes are given and repeated, children are more likely to avoid doing wrong and aim to do that which will make their parents happy while getting the outcome of their choices. (See **CG 249.3**).

- ♦ The Rod Is Sometimes Necessary, As the Last Resort: *“Whipping may be necessary when other resorts fail, yet she should not use the rod if it is possible to avoid doing so. But if milder measures prove insufficient, punishment that will bring the child to its senses should in love be administered. Frequently one such correction will be enough for a lifetime, to show the child that he does not hold the lines of control.”* - CG 250.2. *“And when this step becomes necessary, the child should be seriously impressed with the thought that this is not done for the gratification of the parent, or to indulge arbitrary authority, but for the child's own good. He should be taught that every fault uncorrected will bring unhappiness to himself and will displease God. Under such discipline children will find their greatest happiness in submitting their wills to the will of the heavenly Father.”* - CG 250.3. Normally, you will find that if you reason with children kindly, they will not need to be whipped. This method will lead them to have confidence in you. They will make you their confidant. They will come to you and say, I did wrong today at such a time, and I want you to forgive me and to ask God to forgive me.
- ♦ *“Do not threaten them with the wrath of God if they do wrong, but bring them in your prayers to Christ.”* - CG 253.2. Giving threats every time a child does wrong will have them accustomed to the threats and they may not have any effect on them; or they may act out of fear and not conviction.
- ♦ *“Follow the Divine Guidebook.-- The Bible is a guide in the management of children. Here, if parents desire, they may find a course marked out for the education and training of their children, that they may make no blunders.”* - CG 256.2. There is no better position for a parent to administer correction/discipline than from the authoritative power and principle of God's Word. It is a firm foundation.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF EVERY PARENT?

3SC3-4: 6.2.1 - *“These facts must be pressed home upon parents; they must arouse, and take up their long-neglected work...”*

Those who have been training their children in an improper way need not despair; let them become converted to God and seek for the true spirit of obedience, and they will be enabled to make decided reforms. In conforming your own customs to the saving principles of God's holy law, you will have

an influence upon your children. - CG 173.2.

...Parents, when you have faithfully done your duty, to the extent of your ability, you may then in faith ask the Lord to do that for your children which you cannot do. - CG 256.4.

After you have done your duty faithfully to your children, then carry them to God and ask Him to help you. Tell Him that you have done your part, and then in faith ask God to do His part, that which you cannot do. Ask Him to temper their dispositions, to make them mild and gentle by His Holy Spirit. He will hear you pray. He will love to answer your prayers. Through His Word He has enjoined it upon you to correct your children, to "spare not for their crying," and His Word is to be heeded in these things. - CG 256.5.

CONCLUSION

Our God has so richly blessed us with the pattern to follow in His Word as we are on a course in seeing families reformed. One who desires to bind the heart of their children to themselves needs not only learn the theory but practically avail themselves to the responsibility it calls for. responsibility it calls for, and reconcile to the fact that this work cannot be transferred and that the souls of the children are of inestimable worth. Corrective discipline is an important branch of parenting that if correctly and fearfully done, will result in raising the ranks in the Lord's army. Where are the parents of our day who are willing to take bold steps leading to the *“well done [thou] good and faithful servant?”*

ACTIVITY FOR ALL

The activity below is an exercise that parents and others who may be interested may take part in. The activity contains four scenarios that are adapted from real life experiences. Members are asked to read through each scenario carefully and then for each scenario, attend to the following questions or instructions.

- ✓ Which of the given scenarios is the correct response according to Inspiration?

- ✓ Please identify what is wrong in any scenario deemed as incorrect.
- ✓ Provide the correct response for each incorrect one.

Members are free to post their responses and relevant comments, and other similar topics on the Family Life WhatsApp group for the benefit of many. By God's grace, the **FLD** answers and comments shall be given in the next issue of the **Symbolic Code**.

PRACTICAL SCENARIOS

1. A 5-year-old child is told to eat their vegetables. She refuses and states that she does not like the taste of the vegetables. The mother, who is visibly angered, tries to explain to the child that God is the one who gave us this diet and it is good for our health. The mother then proceeds to ask the child to continue eating. The child obliges and continues to eat.
2. A single mother is engaged in a Zoom meeting which she joined using her phone, being the Reformation Sabbath. Her 2-year-old son curiously runs to her and tries to grab the phone. The mother firmly and calmly tells the son to stop. She then explains to the child that she needs to attend the meeting and she requires that he be quiet and stop disturbing her. She is later seen giving the boy an iPad to use to watch some Bible stories. The boy is thoroughly engaged and maintains the silence. The mother continues to attend the meeting that continues for the next two hours.
3. A teenage girl tells her mother that she wishes to confide in her about something that is bothering her. She tells her mother that she has recently started feeling uncomfortable wearing a head covering to their SDA Sabbath worship meetings as many of the people of her age seem to avoid her or perceive her to be unusual. She then suggests that they stop attending church at the SDA church in their locality and only attend the DSDA gatherings in their area where their dressing is not a not a spectacle.

In the alternative, she asks to be allowed to go to Church without a head covering. Her mother is touched by this revelation and proceeds to open Inspiration on the segment for advanced Christian dressing for Davidians and reminds her daughter what is required of her from the Lord. She further reminds her of the impending slaughter that shall take place in God's church emphasizing that if we disobey, we shall be killed. God is a sin-hating God and He will not tolerate any disobedience. The conversation ends with a hug and the daughter says that she shall no longer think to do such a thing.

4. A 9-year-old boy is clearly absorbed in watering the garden. This is a chore that he enjoys and would sometimes forget to attend to other tasks given to him by his father. He loves to care for the plants and the family enjoys the fresh meals that result from his good work. Just this moment, his father calls him to the house and asks him if he had made his bed before going off to water the vegetables. He responds that he had forgotten to do it and would do it after he was done with the gardening. An hour passes and the boy is now engrossed in reading of the children's booklet from the Children's Department that contains lessons on various topics for the little lambs. The father walks into his room and notices the unmade bed, but quickly realizes that his son is reading the Word of God. As this is a habit he has been trying to instill and teach his son, he clearly understands the good intention and decides to encourage him on his reading and does not mention his bed which is still not made. He reasons that it wouldn't be necessary to disturb him but rather, ask him to do it later. The day ends on a high note. The boy sleeps in his unmade bed but he has read Word of God. Both the father and the son seem satisfied.

May God bless you all!

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Davidian Kings, Princes and Priests Society



MOTTO: "Men Wondered At"

- ➡ The DKPPS meets every second and last Wednesday at 8 p.m. US CT, Thursday 3 a.m. CAT and 4 a.m. EAT.
- ➡ The Society aims at uniting all the brothers in the Eleventh-hour Church together in one spirit, one accord and brotherly love.
- ➡ It also aims to have every brother in the Eleventh-hour Church who has attained to 18 years old fully participating in all the Society's activities, to wit:– online Zoom meetings, group outreach chats on our WhatsApp groups, and spiritual growth programmes among us.

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THE HERITAGE OF THE LORD

Greetings of peace beloved Brothers and Sisters!

God, who alone sees the desires and pains of every heart, did not overlook the tearful pleas of a woman named Hannah as she poured out her heart to the Lord, asking for the one gift she longed for above any other earthly blessing. As that gift came forth into the world, she sounded her gratitude in Spirit-filled praise:

1 Sam. 2:1-10-- *And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. [There is] none holy as the LORD: for [there is] none beside thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let [not] arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD [is] a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men [are] broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. [They that were] full have hired out themselves for bread; and [they that were] hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, [and] lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set [them] among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth [are] the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.*

This gift eventually became one of the most significant prophets in Bible history. The upbringing

and childhood of Samuel are a testament to the importance of early training and capacity building children when they are brought up in the Lord. The best we can do with our God-given gifts is to give them back to God. This is what we ought to do with our children, for:

Ps. 127:3-- *Lo, children [are] an heritage of the LORD: [and] the fruit of the womb [is his] reward.*

As younger members of the family of God, they are in no wise to be underestimated, but rather, nurtured and trained to offer the Lord acceptable service even at a tender age, like the little Jewish girl who directed the Syrian commander to the prophet of God for healing.

Jesus said:

Matt. 19:14-- *But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

The Saviour loved children and esteemed child-likeness, even making it a condition to entering His Kingdom. This speaks volumes about the importance of raising children on firm principles and guiding these little lambs in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

As believers of the Elijah Message which is to “**restore all things and turn the hearts of fathers to their children**”, a most solemn obligation rests on us to ensure that the little lambs in our midst are nourished in the ways of God.

Inspiration says:

Make a Right Beginning.--Your children are God's property, bought with a price. Be very particular, O fathers and mothers, to treat them in a Christlike manner. - CG 27.2

Light has been shining from the Word of God and the testimonies of His Spirit so that none need err in regard to their duty. God requires parents to bring up their children to know Him and to respect His claims; they are to train their little ones, as the younger members of

the Lord's family, to have beautiful characters and lovely tempers, that they may be fitted to shine in the heavenly courts. By neglecting their duty and indulging their children in wrong, parents close to them the gates of the city of God. These facts must be pressed home upon parents; they must arouse and take up their long-neglected work. - Testimonies for the church, Vol. 5, pp. 325, 326. - CG 13.2

As we near the shores of the Kingdom, we ought to pay earnest attention to the development of our children, constantly asking the Lord for wisdom and guidance to train up His heritage in the way

That we will work tirelessly towards having our children come up to the help of the Lord in an even greater manner than aforementioned, is our prayer and also one of the main objectives of organizing the children's department. With the cooperation of the parents, and wisdom from above, we strive to raise up in our midst an army of little soldiers ever ready to serve the Lord, children well pleasing to Him, children truly wondered at.

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QESS DECLARATION

We as members of the QESS Committee, who are purporting to be women wondered at, solemnly declare that we will adhere to all the admonitions of the 10 days of the First Sacred Month Convocation. With Christ as our help and leader, each member joins in to humbly affirm that we purpose to:

- ✓ Wholeheartedly Prepare to meet the Lord - **RH, Nov 27, 1900 1 - 17 & 1T 126.1,2**
 - » “We declare our wholehearted preparation to meet the Lord, surrendering our lives to His will and embracing His guidance.”
- ✓ Wholeheartedly Look to Jesus - **2T 118.3 - 123.2 & DA 175.2 - 4**
 - » We declare our unwavering focus on Jesus, seeking His grace and wisdom in every aspect of our lives. To take our burdens to Him in prayer and not to any human being. To have a living and intimate relationship with our Savior.
- ✓ Whole Heart Separation - **RH, Nov 20, 1894 1-7 & RH, Nov 27, 1894 1-3**
 - » “We declare our complete separation from

the world, dedicating ourselves fully to God's purpose and service. To shun from following the world's standard on subjects such as parenting, dressing, diet, and education. To only unite ourselves with the Lord's will.”

- ✓ Turn Wholeheartedly from the Confusion - **ABN2: 53.1 - 55.2 & PP 387.1 - 392.2**
 - » “We declare to wholeheartedly turn away from confusion and toward the clarity of God's truth, seeking His guidance in all things. Not to be given to idleness, gossip, and any counterproductive habits.”
- ✓ Turn Wholeheartedly from The Confusion - The Modern Day Ten Spies. - **PP 392.3 - 397.1; 397.2 - 405.1; PP 493.1 - 497.4; PP 498.1 - 499.1**
 - » “We declare rejection of modern-day spiritual deception, choosing instead to follow the pure teachings of God's word. To allow the Holy Spirit to conduct a thorough heart search and eliminate anything that is not of Christ in me.”
- ✓ Turn Wholeheartedly from The Confusion

- The Korahs, Dathans, and Abirams - PP
403.4 - 405.1

» “We declare our separation from those who seek to undermine God's work, aligning ourselves with His faithful servants and His truth. To make up our minds not to be a tare, but decisively, reform.”

✓ Turn Wholeheartedly from The Confusion - The Achans - PP **493.1 - 499.1**; TN4: **38.1**; 2TG6: **22.2**; 2TG 46: **38.2,3**; 1TG29: **9.1**; 2TG39: **20.2**; TN4: **33.2,3**

» “We declare our wholehearted renunciation of sin and our commitment to living a life of integrity and obedience to God's commands.”

✓ Bring Ye All The Tithes - 2TG30: **18.1-4**; 2TG30: **19.1**

» “We declare our commitment to bringing all our tithes and offerings to the Lord, trusting in His abundance and provision.”

✓ Honor the Lord with Thy Substance - 2SC10:

“NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS”, - So, help us oh Lord. AMEN!

9.1 - 12.1.3

» “We declare our dedication to honoring the Lord with our substance, using our resources to further His Kingdom and bring glory to His Name.”

✓ Be a True Davidian - 1TG8: **17.1 - 28.3**

» “We declare our identity as true Davidian women, embracing the faith and courage of David and seeking to live a life of obedience and service to God.”

✓ Keep the Sabbath Holy - Ex. **20:8**

» “We declare to keep this most important Commandment that the Lord has given to us. We will keep the Sabbath holy by starting to keep the Sabbath perfectly.”

» “We declare our remembrance of the personal resolutions we made to God, and we recommit ourselves to fulfilling His purposes and plans for our lives.”

The QESS Committee,
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I WRITE UNTO YOU FATHERS

Greetings, dearly beloved,

In this article of the **Symbolic Code**, we are pleased to present a letter addressed to all fathers within our Church. Whether you are a father by blood or a guardian by duty, we implore you to heed these solemn admonitions, delivered by the Voice of God through His **Rod** that speaketh:

TN13: 20.3 - “I WRITE UNTO YOU, FATHERS, **because ye have known Him** that is from the beginning.”

Let us begin this letter from where it began:

SR2: 168.3 - In the beginning God created **both the man and the woman equal**, as king and queen. “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish thfe earth, and **subdue it**: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over

the owl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” (**Gen. 1:28.**) **Note that the dominion was given to them both.** However, after they sinned a change was made: “Unto the woman He said,... thy desire shall be to thy husband, and He shall rule over thee.” (**Gen. 3:16.**) So, after the woman sinned she fell under the government of man. **But that which Eve lost by deception, shall be restored by redemption.** Thus again the equality of both shall be established as kings and queens. Therefore, “There is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus.” Christ himself confirms the idea in the following expression: “For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels which are in heaven.”

Here God speaks of how man and woman

shared the same equality and He continues to say that sin led to the loss of this state of equality. But the promise is sure, “...that which was lost by deception shall be restored by redemption....” Let us hear the Rod utter:

1SC7: 10.7 – “My husband then swung himself over the fearful abyss into the beautiful field beyond. I immediately followed. And oh, what a sense of relief and gratitude to God we felt! I heard voices raised in triumphant praise to God. I was happy, perfectly happy.

Dear fathers, are we seeing the days we are living in and faithfully performing our duties?

In the next issue of our **Symbolic Code**, we shall continue with this letter to the fathers and those contemplating to be, as we strive to understand the **Role of the Church and the Home in these latter days**. God bless.

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2SC11: 3.2.5 – Fathers, are you still at the same old ways -- either paying no attention to, or injudiciously ruling, your children? Are you faithfully performing the duties of a husband and father and head of the family? Are you still confirmed in the innumerable other abominable Laodicean practices?

Let us all be sure that we are doing all that will make us worthy to hear the glad words from our Lord Jesus Christ; - “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” - **Matthew 25:21**.

AN EXTRACT FROM SECOND TERM CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GRADE 4 EXAM

We thank God for His guidance and presence through the last term. May this line of study reveal the beauty of bringing our deepest emotions before God, especially in moments of distress or sorrow. May we learn that it is both natural and valuable to express our pain and trust in God’s everlasting love and faithfulness.

THE PRAYER OF LAMENT

A prayer of lament is a heartfelt cry to God during times of distress, sorrow, or confusion. It is an honest expression of our pain and struggles, and it seeks God's help, comfort, and understanding. Throughout the Bible, we find many examples of lament, showing us that it is a natural and important part of our relationship with God.

Lamentations, a book in the Bible, is entirely dedicated to the expression of grief and sorrow over the destruction of Jerusalem. It vividly describes the pain and suffering of the people, yet

it also points to hope and God's faithfulness:

Lam. 3:22-24-- [It is of] the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. [They are] new every morning: great [is] thy faithfulness. The LORD [is] my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The Bible shows us that lamentation is not only acceptable but also a vital way to connect with God during tough times. It allows us to bring our honest emotions before Him, seeking His comfort and reminding ourselves of His everlasting love and faithfulness.

QUESTIONS

1. What is a prayer of lament?

2. Which book of the Bible is entirely

dedicated to lament?

3. What event is described in the Book of **Lamentations**?

4. According to **Lamentations 3:22-24**, why are we not consumed?

5. What are new every morning according to **Lamentations 3:23**?

6. Who is supposed to be your portion?

7. What is meant by God's faithfulness?

May this understanding be a blessing to all, enriching our faith and strengthening our relationship with Him through every season of life.

Regards.

Bro. Rogers Mukasa,
Head Teacher - VTC Uganda.

TESTIMONIES FROM VTC UGANDA STUDENTS

Greetings beloved brethren of the Eleventh-hour Church. Peace and grace be unto you all.

I thank the Lord for the **School of the Prophets** where we are trained to be missionaries for God. Among the lessons we learn are *Computer Skills*, where we learn how to use computers; *Evangelism*, where we learn how to spread the gospel and present the Truth to those who want to become Davidians; and *Physiology*, where we learn about our bodies and how they function. I love this school and I feel the presence of God

in our midst. Blessings.

Regards.

Bro. Aaron Mubiru,
Grade 5,
VTC Uganda.

I thank God for the **School of the Prophets** since its beginning. I thank God for the new lessons we learn like *The Law of God*, where we learn that God's law is "**perfect, converting the soul**" (**Psalms 19:7**) and for this curriculum as it teaches us;

- ♦ To obey God's laws
- ♦ How Jesus called His disciples from Evangelism.
- ♦ How the Israelites conquered Jericho.
- ♦ How to sing and compose the songs and to praise Him.

I thank God that as a school we show unity and communicate with all our teachers.

Regards.

Sis. Purity Wembabazi,
Grade 5,
VTC Uganda.

I thank God for the **School of the Prophets** where new subjects are taught such as *Geography* that shows the promised Canaan on maps, the world empires, etc.; *The Law of God* which teaches us the moral law and to obey God's laws and the disobedience of the past generations; *The Spirit of Prophecy* which teaches us the Church History where we see the disappointment of 1844 and the ingathering of the first fruits, the 144,000; and *Evangelism* which teaches us to preach the word of God and where we behold Jesus as a child preaching to others. I love the subjects. May God give us the power to be men and women wondered at.

Regards.

Sis. Dorothy Nalubega,
Grade 5,
VTC Uganda.

I thank God for the Vanguard **School of the Prophets**. It's a good school for me since it changed, I love it so much. I was so confused of how I was to sit for Primary Seven Exams. But I really thank God because I am now free of those bulky lessons we

used to have. I didn't like the kind of studying then but I now thank God that I am happy in His school and I even get time to read the Word of God but before I was only reading books. I love the subject of *The Law of God* so much because it teaches me the blessings of keeping God's commandments; *The Spirit of Prophecy* as well, as it tells me the history of the Christian Church, and how its founders were opposed. I liked the history of William Miller very much.

What I also like in the school is the politeness, kindness, and calmness of our teachers; they are so caring to us, love us, and guide us well. I really appreciate the kind of studying going on and praise God for whatever that is happening.

Regards.

*Sis. Patience Nantege,
Grade 5,
VTC Uganda.*

Peace be unto you all. I thank God for the gift of life and so much for the new curriculum - I enjoy it. I also thank Him for providing us with electricity as well as the tour we had in the second term.

Blessings.

*Sis. Esther Nansamba,
Grade 4,
VTC Uganda.*

I thank God for the **School of the Prophets** and for the many subjects we study such as *Mathematics*, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, *Sacred History*, *Christian Science*, and *Evangelism*. I thank God for the presence of electricity, our dear teachers; Tr. Rogers, Tr. Ruth, Tr. Jackson, Tr. Brian, Tr. Pamela and Tr. Ibrahim and for providing us another tour in the second term.

May God bless you all.

*Sis. Mercy Nakaweesa,
Grade 4,
VTC Uganda.*

I thank God for His tender care and protection at VTC Uganda and praise God for what we are passing through and what we learn in the **School of the Prophets**. It's a blessing for me to be prepared

to work for God. I thank God for providing us with electricity and leading us even today.

God bless you all.

*Bro. Calvin Bukenya,
Grade 3,
VTC Uganda.*

PRAISE YE OUR GOD

EHCH 95

(Tune: "Jesus Loves Even Me")

1.

Praise be to our God in heaven above!
He sent the Rod in His infinite love;
And saving truths in the Bible revealed,
Prophecies fulfilled and others unsealed.

Chorus:--

O, I praise God, the Rod did arrive,
Us to reform, us to revive
From sad deception in faith and works,
Wherein death's siren lurks.

2.

If we would stand when the angel doth slay,
We'll sigh now, cry now, and learn to obey.
Thus, "firstfruits," cleansed by the pow'r of
the Rod,
We'll win the multitude--"Praise ye our
God!"

Chorus:--

O, I praise God the Rod doth restore
Unto life new, all things of yore.
Thy kingdom come; O, naught can
compare!
Sacrifice all; be there!

THE DYAYA SOCIETY

DAVIDIAN YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS

*The Lord has appointed the
youth to be His helping hand...*

7T 64.2

DYAYA MEETINGS

EVERY FIRST AND SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ZOOM ID: 970 9243 2716

EVERY THIRD SABBATH OF THE MONTH

ZOOM ID: 858 9070 3015

PASSCODE: 1

TIME: 07:00AM CT

THEME SONG: DARE TO BE A DANIEL

DAVIDIAN YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS

A CALL FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand. - FLB 332.2

The cause of God demands the highest powers of the being, and there is urgent need in many fields for young men of literary qualifications. There is need of men who can be trusted to labor in extensive fields that are now white to the harvest. Young men of ordinary ability, who give themselves wholly to God, who are uncorrupted by vice and impurity, will be successful, and will be enabled to do a great work for God. Let young men heed the admonition, and be sober-minded. - MYP 22.2

We the youth and young adults being so much privileged to be God's helping hand, our attention is now called forth to our first duty:

But first the young men who would serve God, and give themselves to His work, must cleanse the soul temple of all impurity, and enthrone Christ in the heart; then they will be enabled to put energy into their Christian effort, and will manifest enthusiastic zeal in persuading men to be reconciled to Christ. Will not our young men respond to the invitation of Christ, and answer, "Here am I; send me"? Young men, press to the front, and identify yourselves as laborers together with Christ, taking up the work where He left it, to carry it on to its completion. --Review and Herald, June 16, 1891. - MYP 25.1

I entreat of you, careless, reckless youth of today, be converted, and become laborers together with God. Let it be the study of your life to bless and save others. If you seek help from God, His power working in you will bring to naught all opposing powers, and you will become sanctified through the truth. Sin is alarmingly prevalent among the youth of today, but let it be your purpose to do what you can to rescue souls from the

power of Satan. - MYP 22.4

Be Light Bearers

Carry light wherever you go; show that you have strength of purpose, that you are not a person of indecision, easily swayed by the persuasions of evil associates. Do not yield a ready assent to the suggestions of those who dishonor God, but rather seek to reform, reclaim, and rescue souls from evil. - MYP 23.1

1TG2: 28:2 - We need young evangelists, converted boys and girls to work for the unconverted, to exert the right kind of influence over other boys and girls. This is essential because converted boys and girls do more for their own age than can the older people. Then, too, we need young men and young women to help the boys and the girls in soul-winning work — not to preach to them, but to lead them.

Thus a need for whole hearted service:

1TG2 : 29:3 - Joseph and Samuel did the essential thing. They put their whole hearts into whatever they did. All the great men in the world do and that is why they are great. Whatever you boys and girls do, really do it. No fooling about it. In the end of each day you should be able to say, "My work was almost perfect, and my deeds unquestionable." This you can do. Go to the "Door," and tell Him your needs and your trials. Say, "Lord, my trials are Your trials. I will not let them trouble me any longer. I will put my heart and soul into Thy work."

CONCLUSION WITH AN APPEAL AND SOLEMN WARNING

2SC11: 4.2.2 - "How can I endure the thought that most of the youth in this age will come

short of everlasting life! Oh that the sound of instrumental music might cease, and they no more while away so much precious time in pleasing their own fancy. Oh that they would devote less time to dress and vain conversation, and send forth their earnest, agonizing prayers to God, for a sound experience. There is great necessity for close self-examination in the light of God's Word; let each one raise the inquiry, 'Am I sound, or am I rotten at heart? Am I renewed in Christ, or am I still carnal at heart, with a new dress put on the outside?' Rein yourself

up to the great tribunal, and in the light of God examine to see if there be any secret sin that you are cherishing, any idol that you have not sacrificed. Pray, yes, pray as you have never prayed before, that you may not be deluded by Satan's devices, that you may not be given up to a heedless, careless, vain spirit, and attend to religious duties to quiet your own conscience." -- **"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 2, p. 144.**

Bro. Lawrence Ssevume,
Uganda Division.

GET READY, GET READY, GET READY

As we begin this study, let us reflect on what it means to truly prepare our lives and hearts. Are we living each day with the awareness that God's Kingdom is near? Are we aligning our thoughts, actions, and faith in ways that draw us closer to Him? Today, let us explore the call to get ready for God's promises, and in doing so, find purpose and peace in the nearness of His Kingdom.

The warning sounds down along the line to us in this generation. Are you, O careless heart, a fruitless tree in the Lord's vineyard? Shall the words of doom erelong be spoken of you? How long have you received His gifts? How long has He watched and waited for a return of love? Planted in His vineyard, under the watchful care of the gardener, what privileges are yours! How often has the tender gospel message thrilled your heart! You have taken the name of Christ, you are outwardly a member of the church which is His body, and yet you are conscious of no living connection with the great heart of love. The tide of His life does not flow through you. The sweet graces of His character, "the fruits of the Spirit," are not seen in your life" - COL 216.3

Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. **Amos 4:12.**
- Mar 98.1

Suppose that today Christ should appear in the clouds of heaven, who . . . would be ready to meet Him? Suppose we should be translated

into the kingdom of heaven just as we are. Would we be prepared to unite with the saints of God, to live in harmony with the royal family, the children of the heavenly King? What preparation have you made for the judgment? Have you made your peace with God? Are you laboring together with God? Are you seeking to help those around you, those in your home, those in your neighborhood, those with whom you come in contact that are not keeping the commandments of God? . . . Are we getting ready to meet the King? . . . - Mar 98.2

Inspiration is telling us to examine our readiness for Christ's return. If He appeared today, would we truly be prepared to join the saints in God's Kingdom? It's a call to reflect on our relationship with God, our dedication to His work, and how we're impacting those around us. Being ready isn't just about a future event; it's about daily living that mirrors Christ's love and truth. Each day is an opportunity to make peace with God, serve others, and live in a way that aligns with His Kingdom. Are we prepared to live as part of His royal family?

SR2: 295.1 – Note that the reason the waters are healed, is because they are "brought forth into the sea." If the mighty river represents the saints from the earth, then the sea must be a symbol of the sinless worlds (inhabitants) in the universe of God. As the river is brought into the sea, it denotes that the saints shall

come in contact with the eternal nations who know not sin, and being "brought forth," we must be "healed" before we meet each other! The facts of this symbol prove that this is the last section of God's church -- the church that shall be translated without tasting death! Get ready, get ready, get ready, we are now standing on the winds of eternity -- life that shall never cease.

2SC7,8: 6.1.4 - "Then I was pointed to the earth, and saw that there would have to be a getting ready among those who have of late embraced the third angel's message. Said the angel, 'Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye will have to die a greater death to the world than ye have ever yet died.' I saw that there was a great work to do for them, and but little time in which to do it..."

If it were possible for us to be admitted into heaven as we are, how many of us would be able to look upon God? How many of us have on the wedding-garment? How many of us are without spot or wrinkle or any such thing? How many of us are worthy to receive the crown of life? . . . Position does not make the man. It is Christ formed within that makes a man worthy of receiving the crown of life, that fadeth not away. - Mar 98.3

Our readiness for Heaven isn't based on outward status or achievements but on our inner transformation through Christ. If we were to stand before God today, would our hearts be clothed in the purity He desires? The wedding garment represents a life surrendered, refined, and made worthy by Jesus within us. True worthiness comes from being molded by Christ, letting His Spirit remove every "spot or wrinkle" in us. It's a call to seek inner change, letting Him prepare us fully to receive the crown of life that never fades.

I was pointed to the remnant on the earth. The angel said to them, "Will ye shun the seven last plagues? . . . If so, ye must die that ye may live. Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have. . . . Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar--self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory." - Mar 98.4

Christ is coming with power and great glory. He is coming with His own glory and with the glory of the Father. . . . While the wicked flee from His presence, Christ's followers will rejoice. . . . To His faithful followers Christ has been a daily companion and familiar friend. They have lived in close contact, in constant communion with God. Upon them the glory of the Lord has risen. . . . Now they rejoice in the undimmed rays of the brightness and glory of the King in His majesty. They are prepared for the communion of heaven; for they have heaven in their hearts. - Mar 98.5

"Get ready," is the word sounded in my ears. "Get ready, get ready. He that is to come, will come and will not tarry. Tell my people that unless they improve the sacred opportunities given them, unless they do the work I have given them, Satan will come upon them with the stealthy tread of a thief, to deceive and allure them." God wants us to be wide awake, that when He shall come, we shall be ready to say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us." He is coming to us by His Holy Spirit today. Let us recognize Him now; then we shall recognize Him when He comes in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. God calls upon you to get ready to meet Him in peace. - RH, April 30, 1901 par. 8

This Message calls us to wake up spiritually and make the most of every opportunity that God gives us. "Get ready, get ready, get ready" echoes as an urgent reminder that Christ's return is certain and near. If we are not alert and committed to God's work, we risk being misled by the enemy's subtle deceptions. But God does not just call us to be prepared for a future moment—He calls us to recognize and welcome His presence through the Holy Spirit today. By walking closely with Him now, we'll be ready to joyfully say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us" when He comes in all His glory.

The Lord is coming. Time is short. Get ready, get ready, get ready. For Christ's sake call a halt; you have not a moment to lose. Put an end to all unjust, unrighteous criticism, and humble your hearts before God. "Seek ye the

Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. - RH, October 31, 1893 par. 8

7SC7-12: 2.1.9 - We plead with you to, for already "the agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world," says Inspiration, "and the final movements will be rapid ones....The time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point that the Lord will not permit them to

pass, and they will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah....

Let us remember that our readiness is seen not just in words but in a life lived faithfully in His service. Jesus said, "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord." **Matt: 25:23.** These words are a promise and a goal—for each of us to be found faithful when He returns to reckon with us.

May we stay watchful, labor in love, and look forward to His return, so that we can be among those who will joyfully meet Him and board the chariot when it shall be said, "All Aboard."

Bro. Vincent Muela,
Kenya Division.

TESTIMONIES AND PRAISES

Greetings, brethren! Blessed be the Name of the Lord. I am grateful to share my testimony of how music led me to the truth.

Music is of heavenly origin and holds great power. It was the music from the angelic throng that thrilled the hearts of the shepherds on Bethlehem's plains and swept around the world. Our praises rise to Him who embodies purity and harmony through music. The redeemed shall finally enter the immortal reward with music and songs of victory - **VSS 424.4**

I wasn't born into an SDA family, and I wasn't fortunate enough to grow up with my family. As a child, I faced many discouragements and challenges that left me feeling lonely. I longed for a friend to comfort me, but music became my comfort, especially gospel music. Although music brought me comfort, it did not fully alleviate my sorrows and loneliness. Moreover, I did not grasp the true essence of Jesus and His love until later.

A Power to Win Souls--

There is great pathos and music in the human voice and if the learner will make determined efforts he will acquire habits of talking and singing that will be to him a power to win

souls to Christ.--EV 504. - VSS 441.2

In my youth stage, I met a friend who was an SDA, but she was not serious about the religion so I did not know about the SDA doctrine.

One day, she played a song on her woofer, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," with harmony and vocals. The song touched my heart powerfully, and I was thrilled. I never met that friend again, but I searched for that music and eventually found it years later.

Impress Spiritual Truth

...Song is one of the most effective means of impressing spiritual truth upon the heart. Often by the words of sacred song, the springs of penitence and faith have been unsealed. - **RH, June 6, 1912 par. 6**

After becoming a born-again Christian, I relocated to a new area, far from my church. One day, while tuning into the radio, I stumbled upon the same music that had touched my heart years earlier. This time, it was on an SDA radio station, which was experiencing technical difficulties, causing the hymns to play continuously for a week. I was drawn to the Message in the songs and felt an overwhelming

conviction by the Truth in the music.

The radio station immediately held a gospel rally, and I was baptized shortly after. When I first attended an SDA Church, I was overwhelmed with emotion, feeling chills run down my body as I saw the singers perform live and heard the message in the songs that my heart had longed for. I exclaimed, **“I have found the true religion of Christ! Amazing grace!”**

I was filled with holy zeal and have never missed any Sabbath since then. Sacred music has been a source of encouragement and strength to me, providing solace in hymns that have become a balm to my soul and a reminder of God's love and grace.

My favorite SDA hymn is **“He Leadeth Me,”** and my favorite Eleventh-hour hymn is **“There's a Kingdom.”** I thank God for reaching out to me through sacred music.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may His face shine upon you and give you peace.

Your sister in Christ,

*Sis. Juliet Namanda,
Uganda Division.*

WHEN GOD IS LEADING

Born into an Adventist family, I thought I had a license to the New City Jerusalem. I was sure that Sis. E. G. White is the last prophet to bring the Message to God's people as taught in our mother church.

Since I was a child, I admired Prophecy and the people who were called offshoots in our church. I used to read the Holy Bible, and found it very interesting. When I grew up and my eyes were more open, I realized that many things had changed in the Church and no one including my own family members, could give reasons for the change.

I felt a certain thirst which kept on disturbing me and an emptiness within me: I was never satisfied by what was happening in the Church.

People used to eat all sorts of things, dress reform was never taught and to make matters worse, the reformers who were trying to live

the truth were condemned and cast out of the churches.

To me, this didn't seem right, for we are all sinners. So, this action by the elders aroused something in me that aggravated the thirst and emptiness that I had been feeling, so much so that I ended up backsliding, for I saw there was no Truth in the Church.

Before I lapsed completely, there came a voice so tender and compassionate telling me **“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.” (Isaiah 60:1)** I tried to ignore the voice but the more I ignored, the louder it got.

I prayed and asked God to show me the truth and that I will follow. It didn't take long before I started joining YouTube and learned so many things including the Present Truth. Then I met my brethren who helped me in getting the eyesalve and introduced me to the **Rod Message**.

My dear beloved brothers and sisters, my thirst disappeared after receiving this gem of truth and I was free and full. Since 2018, I have been enjoying and rejoicing in the **Rod Message** of Truth. I thank God for leading me thus far. My family thinks I am misled and they are waiting for me to come back to my senses. It has been very hard for me to explain to them. But I came to realize that too much talk does not count, but living the Truth does count. Now they seek some advice on how to live healthy from my king and I give all the glory to God.

*Sis. Elizabeth Gacoki,
Kenya Division.*

A HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR THE LIFE AND HEALING OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER

I am overwhelmed with gratitude as I write this, thanking God for the precious life of my lovely and beloved mother. Her resilience and strength have been a constant source of inspiration to me, and I am forever grateful to God for sustaining her through every trial and triumph.

In particular, I want to express my deepest

thanks for the incredible healing journey she has walked. For a long time, my mother suffered from a skin condition that caused her face to itch and become irritated. Her skin became dry and would peel, with powder-like substances falling off. It wasn't just the skin—her entire body seemed to be affected, as other systems of her body began to struggle under the weight of this condition. It was painful to see her go through such discomfort.

But in God's perfect timing and infinite wisdom, He led us to find healing through natural remedies. The guidance from the Health Department, along with the use of natural herbs, became a turning point towards her recovery. Through these natural approaches, including the powerful effects of colon cleansing and the regular application of olive oil, my mother's skin—and more importantly, her overall health—was restored.

Her face, once dry and irritated, is now rejuvenated and healthy. The skin has regained its natural glow, and her body functions more harmoniously. This transformation is nothing short of a miracle, a testimony to God's faithfulness and healing power. I am grateful for the healing agencies God imparted through natural remedies, reminding us of the wonderful gifts of nature that He created for our well-being.

ENCOURAGEMENTS TO REMEMBER FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

...Nature's process of healing and upbuilding is gradual, and to the impatient it seems slow... - MH 127.3.

Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power—these are the true remedies... - MH. 127.2.

The Lord has provided antidotes for diseases in simple plants, and these can be used by faith, with no denial of faith; for by using the blessings provided by God for our benefit we are cooperating with Him... - 2SM 289.2.

These quotes remind us that God has given us natural remedies as part of His plan for our healing and well-being. The restoration of my mother's

health through such remedies is a testament to the beauty of God's creation and His wisdom in providing us with healing resources.

ENCOURAGEMENTS TO REMEMBER FROM THE BIBLE

3 John 1:2-- *Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

This verse shows God's desire for us to be healthy, both physically and spiritually.

Prov. 3:7-8-- *Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

Trusting in God and following His ways brings healing and restoration to our physical bodies.

1 Cor. 6:19-20-- *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.*

This reminds us that our health is important because our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and we must care for them with diligence.

As I reflect on this journey, I am reminded of the Scripture in **Psalms 103:2-3--** *"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."* Truly, we have seen God's healing hand at work in our mother's life, and we cannot thank Him enough for His mercy and love.

To God be the glory for the restoration of Queen James' health, for the healing powers found in natural remedies, and for the blessing of life itself. May we continue to trust in His plans, knowing that He is the Great Healer, always present and always faithful.

*By Bro. Wasswa Joshua on behalf of Bro. James' family,
Uganda Division.*

Poems

TRUSTING HIM

Wondrous things the Lord will do,
For all those who trust in Him.
Who endeavor to be true,
'To believe' is their sweet theme.
They go with the faithful few,
Trusting Him who is Supreme.

Many trust their own wisdom,
Human pride and intellect.
But the sure way to blossom,
It is to become circumspect.
Depending on God's wisdom,
Thus, our way may be perfect.

Some trust in their chariots,
And some trust in their horses.
But we are the patriots.
We will trust God like Moses.
He shall bless all our efforts,
For He keeps His promises..

Make His Word your own, for man cannot save,
Why seek refuge in mortal hands, forsaking the Almighty?
Fix your eyes on Jesus with unwavering devotion.

On the third day, separate from the world with full commitment,
Discern God's voice amidst the clamor of human voices,
Stand firm in your standards, unaffected by worldly allure,
Wholeheartedly detach from the world, keep nothing between you and God,
Let nothing flawed hinder your immortalization.

Day four; Turn away from confusion with a resolute heart,
God is not the author of chaos or discord,
Do not align with the ten spies of doubt and fear,
If you've strayed with them, repent and break free from confusion's grip.

THE TEN DAYS CONVOCATION

Wholeheartedly prepare for Jesus' Coming,
First day of the ten, this truth we grasp,
A privilege to ready ourselves for His appearing,
Let us encircle ourselves with a sanctified atmosphere,
To hold Jesus wholly ours, trusting in Him alone.

Day two's lesson: fix your gaze wholeheartedly on Jesus,
Look not to human leaders but to the Savior's guiding light,

Day five; Wholeheartedly turn from the allure of confusion,
The ten spies sow seeds of chaos and division,
Dathans, Abirams, Korahs—ambitious voices clamor for prominence,
They will be slain by the six men, Creating a Church true purified by truth,
Prepare yourself, be vigilant, be steadfast—be ready for the Lord's return.

**Bro. Ivan Kimuli,
Uganda Division.**

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2025



EVENT INFO	ZOOM INFO	EVENT TIME
Midweek Prayer Meeting Every Wednesday Night USCT Wednesday Morning E/CAT	Meeting ID: 989 2478 5827 Passcode: None	5:45 pm PST 6:45 pm MST 7:45 pm CST 8:45 pm EST 3:45 am CAT 4:45 am EAT 0245 hrs CET
Family Life Sabbath, Every First Sabbath	Meeting ID: 832 8474 9986 Passcode: 7	5:00 am PST 6:00 am MST 7:00 am CST 8:00 am EST 3:00 pm CAT 4:00 pm EAT 1400 hrs CET
WH Sabbath Afternoon Study, Every First, Second and Fourth Sabbath	Meeting ID: 940 4716 3414 Passcode: None	1:00 pm PST 2:00 pm MST 3:00 pm CST 4:00 pm EST 11:00 pm CAT 12:00 am EAT 2200 hrs CET
General School of the Prophets, Every Second Sabbath	Meeting ID: 940 2826 1432 Passcode: None	5:00 am PST 6:00 am MST 7:00 am CST 8:00 am EST 3:00 pm CAT 4:00 pm EAT 1400 hrs CET
DYAYA Sabbath, Every Third Sabbath	Meeting ID: 858 9070 3015 Passcode: 1	5:00 am PST 6:00 am MST 7:00 am CST 8:00 am EST 3:00 pm CAT 4:00 pm EAT 1400 hrs CET
Reformation Sabbath, Every Fourth Sabbath	Meeting ID: 940 2826 1432 Passcode: None	5:00 am PST 6:00 am MST 7:00 am CST 8:00 am EST 3:00 pm CAT 4:00 pm EAT 1400 hrs CET
Teachers' School of the Prophets, Every Third Sunday	Invitation only: contact us for more information	3:00 am PST 4:00 am MST 5:00 am CST 6:00 am EST 1:00 pm CAT 2:00 pm EAT 1200 hrs CET
QESS, DKPPS and Family life, Health Dept. Convocation, Every Fourth Sunday	Meeting ID: 949 2753 5945 Passcode: None	4:00 am PST 5:00 am MST 6:00 am CST 7:00 am EST 2:00 pm CAT 3:00 pm EAT 1300 hrs CET
New Month Convocation, See Schedule on Page 4	Meeting ID: 811 2941 9097 Passcode: None	5:45 pm PST 6:45 pm MST 7:45 pm CST 8:45 pm EST 3:45 am CAT 4:45 am EAT 0245 hrs CET

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