

LESSON 4

April 21, 1958

Subject: THE NEW NAME --- Isaiah 62:2

Purpose - To Show:

- (1) Jesus reveals "new name" before Ezekiel 9:5.
- (2) New name is one of a three-name seal: mark of Ezekiel 9
- (3) Revelation 7 & Ezekiel 9 are the "same", not "identical"
- (4) New name rejecters receive "mark of beast"

Gem Thought:

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of God...and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem,...and I will write upon him my new name." -- Revelation 3:12.

(1) New Name Before Slaughter - Mark of Ezekiel 9:

"Israel is spelled with six letters...had the name been of seven letters, it would denote "Close of probation", instead of "beginning of harvest"...Israel, in the time of harvest, will receive a new name by the mouth of the Lord...it will be perfect...to finish the picture of probationary time...to indicate the end of all the redeemed, or close of probation." -- 1 Shepherd Rod, page 233

There are three parts to be considered in this statement:

1. "Israel is spelled with six letters.." denoting the "beginning of harvest."

The Lord, the Bridegroom -- the Harvester, introduced Himself to the "10 virgins" as THE BRANCH (new name) at the beginning of harvest, Sept. - Oct. 1955, 1-2-3-4-5-6- six letter name -- B-R-A-N-C-H.

2. "...Israel, in the time of harvest, will receive a new name...."

Israel, the bride-to-be, finds out the new name at the introduction (the beginning of harvest), and in the time, or during the harvest she accepts the "wooing".

-- Branch letters, and receives the name first by "promise" -- conditional upon her faithfulness in betrothment, (as individuals) and second at the time of the marriage -- the promise is fulfilled to the faithful (church as a body receives the New name Isaiah 4:2).

3. "...it will be perfect to finish the picture of probationary time...to indicate the end of all the redeemed, or close of probation."

All the redeemed: 144,000 and the Great Multitude

The Husband.... THE BRANCH..... ONE name
The Wife..... 144,000..... ONE family
Children..... Great Multitude..... ONE movement

"...the 144,000 and the great multitude, is but ONE movement, -- ONE family."-- 2
Shepherd Rod, page 265, paragraph 1, last line.

The Branch bears one message...to the 144,000 and the Great Multitude, uniting them
into one movement, the 11th Hour Family.

"...being the last message...to the world (Great Multitude) and also the last call for
servants (144,000) ... borne by Elijah." -- W.H.R.:29.

Thus it is that THE BRANCH calls His wife first, then together they complete their
family by calling the Great Multitude -- the children, the end of the redeemed.

TRAGIC TO SAY, SOME ARE ACCUSING THE LORD OF:

1. Immodesty: courting Israel before the marriage without revealing His true name.
2. Immorality: expecting Israel to keep company with and be wooed by a stranger -- no name.

Allegory:

- 1) The Bridegroom, being a man of sterling morals, introduced Himself to Israel, 1955, by revealing His new name, as any proper man even of the world would do.
- 2) He woos her by His words of love -- Branch letters.
- 3) And then in betrothment, she claims His name "by promise".
- 4) Some break the betrothment -- step off the platform, and reject the Man's name -- BRANCH.
- 5) Then some re-affirm the betrothment -- step back onto the platform, and again take the name "by promise".
- 6) Finally, THE BRANCH, takes the "proven faithful" in marriage, at which time the name becomes hers forever.
- 7) And, of course, their children (great multitude) are called BRANCH - Father's name.

Conclusion - Plain to see for God's Servants:

That the Lord reveals His new name before the slaughter as well as before the marriage: to save the bride from destruction, His new name is placed in her forehead such as was the "blood on the

doorpost" anciently (blood of the BRANCH during the atonement for the living in the church (G.C. 415:3; 1 Peter 4:17), thus "sealing" -- designating her for the marriage.

(2) Three Name Seal - Mark of Ezekiel 9:

"The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name." -- Early Writings, page 15.

There are three names to be considered in this statement:

- 1. GOD 2. NEW JERUSALEM 3. JESUS' NEW NAME**

We know that Jesus' new name is BRANCH. These three parts of the complete seal correspond with the three genuine divisions of the Advent Message (Early Writings, 258-259), and with the three periods (1 S.R.: 32); 3 parts of the Family Tree, (Isaiah 11:1). Thus:

- 1. GOD**Rev. 14:6-11.... **S.D.A.**....1844
- 2. NEW JERUSALEM** ...Rev. 7:1-8.... **D.S.D.A.**....1930
- 3. BRANCH**Rev. 18:1... **B.D.S.D.A.**....1955

Let us consider each of these names:

1. GOD

God's seal-name is received by those who recognize His Law, especially the Sabbath; the teaching of the Sabbath restored the "seal" to man and gave birth to Modern Israel -- S.D.A. The 3rd Angel's Message sealed the believers as infants -- newly born Israelites. Read Great Controversy, page 452. But an infant must grow or die.

2. NEW JERUSALEM (Righteousness by Faith)

New Jerusalem's seal-name is received by those who believe in the Davidian message -- the Kingdom (Jerusalem) restored. This "Rain" gives growth to the "infant" and seals (designates: 1 Shepherd Rod, page 27) him as becoming an adolescent. But one must mature.

3. JESUS' NEW NAME -- BRANCH (Righteousness of Christ)

Branch's seal-name is received by those who accept the Judgment of the Living message in every facet. This third seal-name completes the plan of re-creation --- restoration of all things:

- 3 in Creation....Now name is "perfect..to finish the picture."
- 3 in Re-Creation 1 Shepherd Rod, page 233

The adolescent become mature -- "ripened" by the light of the Sun of Righteousness, the Angel of Revelation 18:1.

Thus: Three Steps to righteousness

"Each of us, you know, in our physical being, naturally passes through three periods: (1) Infancy, (2) adolescence, and (3) maturity...we pass through three periods of spiritual growth: (1) righteousness by grace, or spiritual infancy of the born-again person; (2) righteousness by faith, or spiritual adolescence; and (3) the righteousness of Christ, or spiritual maturity. And since, as shown in Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 39, our 'infancy' (SDA) period, the period of righteousness by grace, is now in our past, and since we are come into our adolescence period (DSDA), the period of righteousness by faith, we must not now fail to attain to full Christian 'maturity' (Branch), to the righteousness of Christ if we expect to be rewarded with a home in His Kingdom, 'world with- out end.'" Symbolic Code, Vol. 10, #9, p. 4

Every additional Truth brings an additional timely name. 2 Timely Greetings 34, p. 25. Thus it is that there are ONLY three steps, divisions, periods, from the beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist movement to the close of probation: each step produces its seal-name until the 144,000 are all perfectly sealed (1 Shepherd Rod, page 233) and united -- three to create and three to restore -- righteousness. 2 Timely Greetings 39.

Conclusion:

Since it is necessary to have the mark to escape the slaying of Ezekiel 9:6, it is easily seen, again by God's servants only, that this is the three-fold mark that is placed on them before the slaying commences. (Ezekiel 9:5)

(3) Revelation 7 & Ezekiel 9:

The Spirit of Prophecy and the Shepherd's Rod say that the sealing of Revelation 7 and the marking of Ezekiel 9 are the "name". 1 Shepherd Rod, page 26.

"Come let us reason together, saith the Lord..." to determine whether or not the sealing is "identically" the same as the marking or whether they are the "same" in respect to some one event (Judgment).

The mark of Ezekiel 9 -- which we have learned to be threefold, is placed upon the saved before the slaughter; if the sealing of the Rod -- Rev. 7:1-8 is the same as the marking of Ezek. 9 then the Rod should have revealed the new name. Since it did not, then they are not "identical" in their work. The first two seals are sufficient for the saints that go into the grave. But the 144,000 never die, therefore must have three seals.

Consider the following descriptions:

1. The Angel of Rev. 7 (Rod)... "ascends"
2. Men of Ezekiel 9 "came down" -- "Descends"

Their manner of coming being different, it is quickly seen that they are not precisely "identical".

Let another Angel be brought into the picture: Rev. 18:1.

1. Angel of Rev. 7 (Rod)..... "ascends"

2. Men of Ezekiel 9..... "come down" plus
3. Angel of Rev. 18:1...BRANCH.... "come down"

Conclusion:

Using the Rod's rule of interpretation (1 Shepherd Rod, page 15), we conclude that since the description of #1 differs with that of #2 they cannot be "identical".

By the same rule, we conclude that the last two are "identical": they represent the same message -- BRANCH, for they "come Down".

The sealing of Rev. 7 is the "same" as the marking of Ezekiel 9 ONLY in that they both deal with Judgment.

1. Rev. 7 - the announcement of Judgment "to come".
2. Rev. 18:1 & Eze. 9: Judgment "is Come" -- 1955

The Preface of a book is a part of the book, not the story itself. Yes, the sealing and marking are the same in respect to the Judgment, but they are not "identical". Thus we have harmonized White, Houteff, and Branch.

(4) Mark of Beast - Mark of man: Rev. 13:18.

(Read All S.R. Jezreel Letter #2, p. 5)

"Those who obey God's judgment message...receive God's mark..." S.R. Jez. #2, p. 5

God's judgment message is brought by Elijah: "...the truth stands forth like the light of day that Elijah's message is the message of the Judgment of the Living, the last..." G.C.S: 26.

Those who listen to anything else will be led "...blind-folded into perdition." G.C.S.:8.

The Branch is God's voice. As it was in Joshua's day so it is now: it is a test of faith to accept Joshua's words as from God. The Lord of Hosts talked only to Joshua. P.P 493:1.

Those who do not listen to The Branch will not because they choose to listen to a Korah, a Dathan or an Abiram, (who said anciently, that the whole congregation was holy - prophets) in spite of the presence of Moses, (God's voice) who said "no".

Conclusion:

The new name is revealed to all 10 virgins: but only 5 accept it as the identity of their Lord, THE BRANCH, and consequently are the ones who go into the marriage and are saved from Ezekiel 9's destruction. Sad to say, the others find out too late that BRANCH is the mark necessary to escape the slaughter; sadder yet that some who perish with the unbelieving Laodicean, were once happy that Branch is the new name! Will it be you?

SUMMARY:

NAME OF ISRAEL in time of Harvest (Loud Cry) - 1 S.R. 233:3) - Six letter word.

1. S.D.A. a providential name 'given' by man -- not Christ, not new, not six letters -- Seventh-day Adventist

2. D.S.D.A. a providential name given by man -- not Christ's new name -- not six letters -- Davidian Seventh-day Adventist.

"As you know, there are now hundreds of church names in the world, -- yes, as many as there are isms. All of them are named by the mouth of men, and the names of each imply that there are other churches like it although God recognizes but one...Our own name, Davidian Seventh-day Adventist shows outright that there is another Seventh-day Adventist church." -- 1 Timely Greetings (unrevised), page 42:14, paragraph 2.

3. Isaiah 62:2 -- name is by the mouth of the Lord (found in the Bible).

4. BRANCH, NAMES BY THE MOUTH OF THE LORD -- IN THE BIBLE
-- SIX LETTERS -- NAME OF CHRIST (God's mouthpiece -- message),
Ezekiel 3:17.

The name comes through a message. God's voice, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20 (Remnant Church by E.G. White 52:2).

"Today if you will hear his voice, (mouthpiece, Truth) harden not your hearts."
Hebrews 4:7.

"We are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. The destiny of earth's teeming multitude is about to be decided. Our own future well-being and also the salvation of other souls depends upon the course which we now pursue. We need to be guided by the Spirit of Truth. Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon his word, especially upon the scenes of the Judgment. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are transpiring around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground. Sleep not, sentinel of God; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become lax and drowsy, to spring upon you and make you his prey." -- Great Controversy, page 419:1. (1884 Edition)

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Note: All emphasis in quotation ours.