PREFACE

As stipulated in The Leviticus Preface by Victor T. Houteff, The Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association was provisional in set-up as well as in "name." It existed " Provisionally in set-up as well as in name" solely to accomplish a divinely appointed work within the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination wherein it strictly confined its work.

On February 5, 1955, Victor I. Houteff, founder and President of The Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association, died and its work there within came to a close.

As stated, concerning Victor T. Houteff's death, "Inquiries have come to Mt. Carmel headquarters in recent months asking what was the last light that Brother Houteff received before his passing."

"Since we now know through prophecy that the latter rain has temporarily stopped." - The Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 1, p. 3.

"And he said, 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. Thus saith the Lord." - Amos 1:2, 3.
At this time the "servants of our God" were sealed by the seal revealed through V. T. Houteff as found in Revelation 7:3; Revelation 14:15; Isaiah 8:16.

Thus, as stipulated by The Leviticus Preface by V. T. Houteff, "its name will be changed." - The Leviticus, Preface.

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In May 1955 the harvest (Judgment of Living for the church) started. As the message unfolded in harmony with the prophecy (Isa. 56:5; 62:2; 65:15; Rev. 3:12; 14:14-20; 18:1-4) the new name of Jesus, the Branch name, was revealed to Ben L. Roden. In September of 1955 when "The Lord's Voice" (Micah 6:9) spoke the name, then the Davidian Association's name was no longer "provisional" (The Leviticus of Davidian S.D.A, "Preface" by V. T. Houteff), but its name was changed to an everlasting name — The Branch. "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH. " - Zech. 6:12; "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, . . . for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH." -Zech. 3:8; "Behold...saith the Lord...I will raise unto David a righteous Branch." - Jer. 23:5.

Now The Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association, with the changed name (The Branch), "its purpose and its work" has "become all-embracing to the gospel (Matt. 17: 11; Acts 3:21; Isa, 61:4-7)." And "its Constitution and By-Laws as herein codified" and amended by the Branch President Ben L Roden according to the provisions stipulated in Article VI, By-Laws Sections 1 and 2 of The Leviticus by V. T. Houteff, have become "fully operative." - The Leviticus, Preface.

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The representation and vote is exampled in Acts of the Apostles, p. 195, "In this matter, James seems to have been chosen as the one to announce the decision arrived at by the council." In other words, James was evidently the chairman of the council.

The twelve apostles all had the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy (The Testimony of Jesus, Rev. 19:10), and they as a council of 12 represented the Presidency of the church. James was the one chosen to announce the decision arrived at by the council — The Testimony of Jesus.

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SECTION 1. This Association shall no longer be known provisionally as the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association. The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, Section 7, p. 234, para. 2, by V. T. Houteff, states, "Neither does it call for a new movement but it proves that this same movement (Davidian Seventh-day Adventist) would merge into a greater one", which is permanently known under its new name as The Branch — the "greater one."

The names Davidian and Seventh-day Adventist which this Association, Branch, inherits from the parent denomination, Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association, is provisional and only for the duration of its work within the parent denominations, Davidian Seventh-day Adventists and Seventh-day Adventist.

THE ASSOCIATION LITERATURE


"Israel is spelled with six letters ... in the time of harvest, will receive a new name by the mouth of the Lord. Read Isa. 62:2." - The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, Section 7, p. 233, para. 3.

"The Lord's voice crieth unto the city and the man of wisdom shall see thy name. . ." Micah 6:9.

The Branch (six letter word) in the time of harvest was seen by Ben L. Roden in September, 1955, in fulfillment of Micah 6:9.

"'A new name'. . . God Himself with His own mouth gives the name so it cannot be counterfeited." - The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, p. 155.

"The time the name is received is at the end of the 430 year period . . . Thus, the church is reorganized under a new name." -Ibid.

From Martin Luther's marriage in 1525 to the revelation of the Bridegroom's name, The Branch, in 1955, is 430 years — Ezekiel 4.
For this reason, the literature takes the new name "Branch" to identify and distinguish its special work of which Isaiah wrote. (Isa. 62:2, 6.)

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls. Isa. 62:6. (These are the watchmen under the new name.)" - Ibid.

... and I will write upon him my new name. " - Rev. 3:12.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

SECTION 1. This Association, Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist, is the movement sounding the eleventh-hour call (Rev. 18:1-4; Matt. 20:6, 7).

Thus it is the reign of Christ as Lord of lords and King of kings over all the earth for ever and ever.

"Since therefore from the 'stem' of Jesse came the 'rod' (David), and from the rod sprang the Branch (Christ), David the visible king and Christ the invisible King of kings . . . " - Mt. Zion at the Eleventh Hour, p. 47, para. 1.

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ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. All members show evidence, by having in their possession an up-to-date membership card issued by The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association and signed by its president, and attest thereby that they appoint Ben L. Roden president of said Association, and henceforth, signify that he has met the requirements of and is vested with the Gift of the Spirit of Prophecy - "The Testimony of Jesus." - Rev. 19:10.

Exactly as the Constitution and By-Laws point out, Ben L. Roden was appointed to the Presidency in 1955 as in the case of Joshua and David (Joshua 1:1; 1 Samuel 16:1, 12, 13); this appointment by the Lord Himself gave birth to the Association here mentioned, and is, therefore, so known and accepted by every member of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association. "Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel." - Hosea 1:11.

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Therefore, as members of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association, the membership appoints (Hosea 1:11) the president, Ben L. Roden, as holding in his sole possession all legal, moral, and Scriptural ownership and rights of the Association, all its assets and holdings, and to operate the same for the furtherance of the Association's work at home and abroad: to execute and administer the entire business of the Association, to judge
and make final judgment in all matters concerning the Association’s works, assets, and holdings, and to be its chief and sole administrator.

Only those paying second tithe in addition to the first tithe and offerings shall hold a valid certificate issued by the Association and signed by the president, Ben L. Roden. This entitles them to membership in the Association and eligible for second tithe benefits in case of need, in accordance with the Association’s Constitution, By-Laws, and regulations. They may be sealed with the new name of Jesus (The Branch), enter into the Kingdom (Jeremiah 30:18-24), and stand with the Lamb of God on Mt. Zion and, therefore, be one of or one with the 144,000 who never see death. Read Rev. 14:1-4; Early Writings, p. 15.

Members of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association do hereby forever bind themselves, their heirs, and administrators, to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said ownership, rights and authority of the president, Ben L. Roden.

**ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

SECTION 2. The president shall be sole and chief executor and administrator of the affairs holding for said Association all its legal, moral, and Scriptural ownership, rights, and titles to its assets, holdings, properties, copyrights, monies, and legal, moral, and Scriptural inheritances.

The president alone shall have ownership, rights and authority to sell, convey, transfer, assign, lease, exchange, purchase, and trade equipment, assets, stocks and bonds, produce, properties, minerals on or under the lands, and like items, upon such terms, and conditions as he may deem just, and proper, to execute, and deliver good, and sufficient instruments or titles for the accomplishments thereof, concerning all monies, assets, properties, and holdings of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association.

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

SECTION 1. (c) This means that the president chairman of the Executive Council is the sole and chief administrator of the affairs of the Association, the one who is endowed with the Gift of the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev. 19:10), the Testimony of Jesus, and being vested with the Divine Credentials, Heaven’s requirement for the office of the president, he alone, therefore,
has the sole authority to grant credentials and licenses, and to fill vacancies that may occur in the Association's offices, as stated by V. T. Houteff.

"Joshua is to pass the crowns on to his helpers whom the Lord Himself names ... Joshua authorizes them to engage in the work. So, Joshua is responsible to the Lord, but his helpers are responsible to Joshua." - Timely Greetings, Revise Vol. 1, No. 8, p. 26, para. 3, 4.

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The Leviticus of The Davidian Seventh-day Adventists states also: "All other officers of this Association shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Numbers, chapter eleven, verses sixteen, seventeen, twenty-four, and twenty-five." - p. 6, Section 1 (c). Moses chose the seventy whom God named (Num. 11:24).

The twelve apostles who were endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy appointed the seven, "whom we may appoint over this business." - Acts 6:3.

The Executive Council, therefore, occupies the office as counselors of the affairs of the Association, to the President, who is the chairman of the Executive Council, but the Executive Council (For example the cabinet of the President of the United States Government) without the president-chairman of the Association has no authority to grant credentials and licenses, and to fill vacancies, such as the office of vice president, much less the office of the president. However, the president of the Association, who is chairman of the Executive Council, at the command of Heaven by the Lord Himself, transfers the office of the president to the One (Jesus - The Branch) that God so names as was the case in David and Solomon's time.

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"Then ye shall come after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah." - 1 Kings 1:35.

"Whereupon Christ (the son of David) shall visibly appear, take unto Himself His kingdom (Luke 19:15), and glorify it with everlasting peace (as typified by the peaceful reign of David's son, Solomon). And in the days of these antitypical events shall be completely realized the promise:" - Mt. Sion at the Eleventh Hour, pp. 61, 62. Read paragraph 1 of page 62. "... and my servant David shall be a prince forever." - Ezek. 37:25. When the Lord Jesus, The Branch, visibly appears as King of kings and Lord of lords, antitypical David, the king over, will become a "prince forever." "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." - Ps. 118:17.

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