The Bashan Pasture and The Branch
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A Comparative Historical Expose
From 1955 Onward - The Isaiah 7 & 8 Prophecy


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A THREE-FOLD MESSAGE
Carmel, Bashan, Gilead
Micah 7:14

Prayer Thought:

The Scriptures were given to men, not in a continuous chain of unbroken utterances, but piece by piece through successive generations, as God in His providence saw a fitting opportunity to impress man at sundry times and divers places. Men wrote as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. There is “first the bud, then the blossom, and next the fruit,” “first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.” This is exactly what the Bible utterances are to us. { 1SM 19.4}

There is not always perfect order or apparent unity in the Scriptures. The miracles of Christ are not given in exact order, but are given just as the circumstances occurred, which called for this divine revealing of the power of Christ. The truths of the Bible are as pearls hidden. They must be searched, dug out by painstaking effort. Those who take only a surface view of the Scriptures will, with their superficial knowledge, which they think is very deep, talk of the contradictions of the Bible, and question the authority of the Scriptures. {1SM20}
A THREE-FOLD SEAL FOR THE 144,000
Revelation 3:12

“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 15

Our search for the Truth of the three “good spiritual pastures” will endeavor to present the “THREE GREAT DIVISIONS of the genuine movement” since 1844, that James White first raised in his book “Life Incidents” pages 306, 307.

The focal point of this study expose is: “Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.” Micah 7:14.

Brought to view in this key prophecy of our time are the THREE spiritual pastures of Carmel, Bashan and Gilead, as applied by Victor Houteff, or only the Carmel pasture in Bro. Houteff’s time and to his message.

A historical reference to these two other key spiritual pastures is needful to search out the type of both Bashan and Gilead.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gilead
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashan

As the historical type shows, the Kingdom of Bashan disappears from history and is defeated (King Og of Bashan) by the Israelites, eventually becoming part of the greater territory of Gilead. But in light of the modern-day spiritual pastures, we must keep our application in light of present truth.

The question that must be posed in this study is the application to the whole Advent Movement since 1844, not beginning in 1930. Victor Houteff only applies the “Carmel” spiritual pasture, so the remaining two pastures we must search out and find through TYPE and through the whole counsel of Revelation 14, not just Brother Houteff’s message, represented by the Revelation 14:15 Angel, the REPEAT of the First Angel as he applied in White House Recruiter page 37.
There are many questions that need to be addressed in this response to the typologies applied by M.J. Bingham in dealing with the Jacob TYPE, the Rachel TYPE and the Leah TYPE, as Victor Houteff stated that we as Davidians would experience in our day,... AFTER his time, in the development of the next Movement, the third spiritual pasture since 1844.

In making these applications, we cannot, we dare not, leave out Christ in the Message. The church leaders in 1888, at Minneapolis, made this fatal error, a terrible sin. Victor Houteff did not leave Christ out of his message for “Christ Himself is also a TYPE” 12 Symbolic Code 1:6, but not in a person, but Christ in a message of His NEW NAME (Rev. 3:12). And, John the Baptist, in type and antitype, came to announce Christ, in His first coming and His ministry to purify the church at that time, the House of Judah in particular. Victor Houteff made this very clear in his writings, that his Message was that of ELIJAH-JOHN, not that of ELIJAH-CHRIST. The difference of the two types of John and Jesus are both revealed in The Shepherd’s Rod, but Davidians today, M.J. Bingham in particular, chose to ignore this all-important TYPE, that of Christ Himself in succession to Elijah-JOHN. The 1888 Message came to reveal Christ more fully to the SDA Church. That Message was rejected and the John the Baptist Message of our day beginning in 1930. In the type, the Elijah-John did not reveal Christ but rather only announced Him, or introduced Him to the Tribes of Judah! And the TYPE shows that both men, both ministries were sequential and immediate to each other, one right after the other, without any separation in time or circumstance. This is a major TYPE, therefore a major TRUTH.

Three Parts of the Genuine Movement – James White

Before we launch into the TYPES, particularly that of RACHEL, LEAH and JACOB, all important types in the Bashan teaching (Exeter, Missouri), we must point out these types have also been major applications in The Branch Message from its beginning in the mid-1950s. However, before we address these types extensively, we will ask the question that should be made at the outset, that, is there any other major typological application or major prophetic type that has been left out in the Bingham-Bashan applications, that of the THREE “good spiritual pastures” so that we do not become guilty of, once again, leaving Christ Himself (in a Message bearing His New Name) out of the Message(s)? Yes, there is a major type and
prophecy that must be put forth before we go any further. That all-encompassing prophecy of Christ, in the lineage of David, is found in Isaiah 11:1, which states:

**And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:**

Victor Houteff wrote many statements on this topic, in Tract 8, and 1 TG 31, as well as other statements and applications between John the Baptist and Christ, a dual ministry of which is the entire focus of all Scripture and prophecy.

Here we see a three-fold symbol of Old Testament prophecy, also in the New Testament, but in our day the tendency is to leave it OUT of prophecy, to leave it OUT from the writings of Victor Houteff, and to LEAVE OUT Christ today in the message of His New Name, to leave this OUT from the development of the three-fold Message, from 1844 to 1955.

How can this be? Did we not learn this lesson from the 1888 Message?

This is the depiction of the Ensign of Isaiah 11:1, of which was also promoted by Victor Houteff in Tract 8 in particular.
In looking at this most wonderful depiction of Christ in His genealogical lineage in the Isaiah prophecy, we also see the modern spiritual lineage of the WHOLE Advent Movement since 1844. Three major developments in prophecy.

The **ROOT**, the SDA foundation Message of the Third Angel - The first sealing Message of Revelation 3:12. This is the 1844 Message of the Third Angel. This three-fold Message in itself brought the announcement (1st & 2nd Angels) for the soon opening of the Judgment for the Dead. The SECOND Angel gave the correct date of the event (Dan. 8:14), set for October 22, 1844. Three distinct STEPS in this Movement of Destiny - 1844.

The **ROD**, the DSDA Message of the repeat of the First Angel (WHR37) of Revelation 14, verse 15, the SECOND SEALING Message of Revelation 3:12. This is the message of First Angel REPEATED (WHR37), announcing the soon opening of the Judgment for the Living. A 430-year prophecy fulfillment.

The **BRANCH**, the BDSDA Message of the repeat of the Second Angel of Revelation 14, the THIRD SEALING Message of Revelation 3:12, a direct connection to the Second Angel’s Message of Revelation 18:1,2, repeating the Second Angel Message for the second time since 1955. The 1955 message gave the correct date for the opening of the Judgment for the Living in 1955, and the beginning of the separation (Ezekiel 9 Investigative) in 1960, both dates correlating to the Judgment for the Living. There are THREE STEPS in this final latter-day Movement, The Branch, bringing the total count of Angels’ Messages to SEVEN, all SIX Angels in Revelation 14, and the Seventh Angel of Revelation 18:1. These three STEPS were 1) 1955, 2) 1977, and 3) 1990. This study will not address the last two dates. All prophetic dates of The Branch Movement are based squarely on the 430-year fulfillment of the Protestant Reformation, exactly as Victor Houteff applied it in his study chapter in 1 Shepherd’s Rod.

These are the messages that must be delineated to account for the TRIPLE SEAL of the 144,000 as Ellen White wrote in Early Writings, page 15, the last Message being “Jesus’ New Name”:

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. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay
hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another’s feet and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshiped at our feet. {EW 15.1}

Our conclusions in these critical matters in prophecy should be reasonable and logical, inclusive of all the counsels. The Ensign of Isaiah 11:1 must be considered, particularly in light of the historical fact that beginning in 1930 and in 1955, there arose in Adventism a Rod Message, then a Branch Message, both time prophecy movements. This is a logical progression of truth. This is a reasonable, consistent and sensible alignment of the Micah 7:14 prophecy of the three good spiritual pastures in our day, again, a three-fold progression of truth as Revelation 3:12 also describes, as quoted by Ellen White in EW15 above.

The Sealing Messages for the 144,000:

1) “God” – The First Seal. Sanctuary and Sabbath message. God’s “Name” is in the Sabbath.


3) “Jesus’ New Name” – The Third Seal -- A Message of Jesus’ New Name, a SIX LETTER NAME (1SR233) and the announcement of opening of Judgment for the Living, Investigative JOL and executive separation.

“In the mouth of two or three witnesses a thing is established.” This is our starting point in the Advent Movement. We must start at the beginning, not in 1930 or 1955. We must remember, the SDA Laodicean condition begins with the (false) assumption that there are no more messages, no more Angels in Revelation 14 after verse 9, nor more light to come. So too, Davidians think that there are no more messages after the verse 15 Angel, The Rod Message. This is a spiritually perilous assumption to make. NO Three-Fold Seal, NO 144,000! In Bible geography, Bashan is a territory east of the Jordan River, today part of the kingdom State of Jordan. Bashan, in the Old Testament, was conquered by Israel and became part of the territory of Gilead. The name “Bashan” is NOT Jesus’ New Name. “The BRANCH” is! (GC415; 1TG31). In Judaism today, the prophetic name
“The Branch” (Ha Tsemach) of Zechariah 6:12 and 3:8 is universally known as the name of the coming Messiah. “The Branch” (Christ Himself, through a Message bearing His New Name) builds the spiritual temple, the 144,000. Even Christianity recognizes The Branch as Christ. Ellen White did.

Here is what Brother Houteff states in Tract 8:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse," prophesies Isaiah in figurative depiction of this glorious triumph of God’s purpose, "and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins." Isa. 11:1-5. {TN8: 44.2}

(Picture of the Ensign of Isaiah 11:1)

In this illustration there are three persons brought to view: Jesse (the father of David), the rod (David), and the Branch (Christ). The relationship shows that David (the rod) is not Christ (the Branch) for the "rod" sprang from the stem of Jesse, and the Branch from the rod -- a fact which is born out in the cry of the multitude when Christ entered Jerusalem. They shouted: "Hosannah to the son of David." Matt. 21:15. Plainly, therefore, the "rod," coming from the stem of Jesse, is symbolical of David; and the Branch, coming from the rod, is symbolical of the son of David -- Christ. {TN8: 45.1}

Upon this "ensign" (Branch and rod) "the Spirit of the Lord shall rest..., the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And
righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."

Isa. 11:2-5. {TN8: 46.1}

So though the "ensign" emblematizes the connection of three persons (Jesse, the root; David the rod; and Christ, the Branch), yet the power and wisdom of Christ is its underlying and controlling force. Wherefore says Christ: "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star" (Rev. 22:16), bearing out that He is all and in all.

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 shall "in that day" -- in our time -- constitute the "ensign," and "to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest [or His resting place, -- the location where the "rod" or ensign stands -- the kingdom] shall be glorious." Yea "I will make the place of My feet glorious" (Isa. 60:13), saith the Lord. {TN8: 47.1}

"And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even My servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods." Ezek. 34:23-25. {TN8: 47.2}

Thus His church, or kingdom, is again reflected without "spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing" (Eph. 5:27), a theocracy of peace, safety, and invincibility, under the rule of one shepherd and a king -- David, His servant. But the fact that many kings reigned over Israel, may in the minds of some give rise to the question: End quote.

Davidians today avoid the topic and the name “The Branch”, a name that is so well depicted in the Bible and the writings of The Shepherd’s Rod, as if the Ensign of Isaiah 11:1, depicting a three-part Movement, the last Movement represented in the very Name of Christ Himself – The Branch (in a message today) has no bearing on truth today, no bearing on the THREE developments of prophetic Truth since 1844, or is not relevant Truth today in the Three Spiritual Pastures since 1844. Three sealing Messages since 1844, NOT since 1955, thus impacting the general perception of Davidians that there was to be a SECOND spiritual pasture develop after 1955, that of the Bashan spiritual pasture (Micah 7:14), when we must
account for the 1844 “good spiritual pasture” in its proper place and prophetic development. Some Davidians teach that “The Branch” revelation is to come some day in the distant future. This is a dangerous attempt to prevent the final sealing message from developing, to be studied and accepted TODAY, not some day, so that the 144,000 may finally, at last, be “sealed and perfectly UNITED” (EW 15) with a three-fold SEALING Truth since 1844, THREE “good spiritual pastures”.

Make no mistake about it, even as much as Davidians avoid the name “The Branch”, some even hate that name, as many attempt to bring all the reproach on that name as they are able, nevertheless, The Kingdom will be a “Branch Kingdom”, **The Branch Kingdom!**

The whole purpose of the Isaiah 11:1 Ensign and prophecy is to prepare the way for The Branch – Christ, to come, in a message first, then in the Kingdom, in Person, in the Person of the Messenger of the Covenant, the Holy Spirit, in Person, to prepare the way for Christ the Son to return visibly -- soon. This is what Victor Houteff taught about the ELIJAH, the “Messenger of the Covenant” of Malachi 3 & 4, “… in the last analysis” (1AB79). So, when Davidians claim that Victor Houteff was the Elijah, in antitype, in finality, “the LAST” (GCS 18; WHR 28), no other messages to come (a third and final message for the 144,000), not only do Davidians show their lack of understanding of the limited application of “Elijah” in the ministry of John the Baptist, in type and antitype, but also limit the coming of the ELIJAH “in the last analysis” that Victor Houteff announced in 1AB79, the coming of the “Messenger of the Covenant” and Who that title and work belongs to.

**Three Distinct Steps to the Kingdom**

Rather than thinking to make The Rod Message a TWO FOLD message in itself, as the Bingham-Bashan Association has taught since about 1961, dividing the Carmel pasture in half in a sense, then as the Bashan pasture in the second half, we must begin to regard the Isaiah 11:1 prophecy and the Micah 7:14 prophecy as correlatives, or RELATED prophecies of the same thing, the depiction of THREE PARTS of the genuine message, Root, Rod and Branch. There are other major prophetic and symbolic issues in the Bingham-Bashan applications that will be addressed in this study in particular dealing with the Messages of Revelation 14, as
there are TWO OTHER Messages brought to view in chapter 14 AFTER the Angel of verse 15 (The Rod Message of 1930).

On three of Victor Houteff’s prophecy charts (copied on pages 10, 11 & 12), he depicts the Revelation 7 Angel (The Rod Message) as separate and distinct from the Revelation 18:1 Message, ...not as all Davidians today believe and teach, the Bashan Davidians and all other Davidian associations, that the Revelation 18:1 Angel is just a second phase of the Revelation 7 Angel, not distinct, nor at all separate from the former angel and message. But here are the charts. You decide: Every Angel (message) since 1844, every message of Revelation 14, as a new messenger to proclaim the new message. Either the Bashan “pasture” is a new message, a new angel of Revelation 14 (“And ANOTHER Angel...) or it is not!

The TWO final Angels’ Messages - separate and distinct, Rev. 7 and Rev. 18:

“FIVE DISTINCT MESSAGES, OR WE ARE LEFT WITHOUT A RULE TO INTERPRET THIS CHAPTER” Revelation 14 - WLF 10-11.
NOT ONE ANGEL, BUT TWO DISTINCT ANGELS’ MESSAGES
AND THAT THE REVELATION 7 ANGEL WAS TO “MERGE WITH A GREATER” MOVEMENT (1SR 234)!

The Revelation 7 Angel has a date given, 1929, because that date was known to Victor Houteff. He did not know the date for the arrival of the Revelation 18 Angel.
The third chart shows the depiction of the two Angels again, only the Revelation 18 Angel is referenced as the “Loud Cry” Angel, to the church, then to the world, in time of harvest. The “Harvest” begins with Ezekiel 9 Investigative – 1955, when the New Name message arrives.

A Careful Examination of Typology – Immanuel, Mahershallahashbazz, Rachel and Leah

Before we turn our attention to the type of Jacob, Leah and Rachel, we should first look at the typology and prophecy of Ezekiel 23, of the two sisters, from a third perspective, as Ezekiel describes. Benjamin Roden wrote about these two sisters in prophecy in his second letter to the Davidians, to Florence Houteff and her executive council, in October of 1955. Here is a brief portion:

Both John the Baptist and Jesus were of the lineage of David, and their typology is sequential, immediate, a major aspect of the type itself. This is the key and major
TYPE of the New Testament, the coming of the Messiah Himself to His people. The ANTITYPE of our day will show the same Message, the same expectation, that Christ Himself, in the Messenger of the Covenant, is coming, to prepare the church for Jesus’ second visible coming. Only The Branch Message(s) will accomplish this final great work of preparation, even The Kingdom.

Once again, Bro. M.J. Bingham chose to leave the SDA Church OUT of the typologies that Victor Houteff clearly applied to Jacob’s TWO wives, but ALSO they leave out the SDA Church’s “good spiritual pasture”, that of the 1844 message of the Third Angel – completely OUT OF THE PICTURE of the prophetic three pastures of Micah 7:14. There are ONLY THREE “good spiritual pastures” -- not four. Dare anyone make of none effect the MESSAGE of the Third Angel of Revelation 14:6-9, as not “good spiritual pasture”?

The sequence of the Micah 7:14 is not in the sequence of the actual historical messages since the three “good spiritual pastures” were first revealed to Brother Victor Houteff, thus beginning with the Carmel spiritual pasture. Ellen White was not given the light on Micah 7:14, but only the Third Angel, which is one of the three “good spiritual pastures”. We cannot second guess the unrolling of the scroll or the purpose of the Holy Spirit revealing the order of the three spiritual pastures. At every turn of the scroll there is a TEST of each of the SIX Angels of Revelation 14.

From “Signs and Wonders in Modern Israel” p. 3-5 - Ben Roden:

A. The Virgin Mary, WHO DOES SHE TYPIFY?

1- S.D.A. could not be the present-day "Virgin" movement for she is represented in Hosea 2:2, as a mother.

2- Hosea 2 shows that the mother's children (laity) stay home and plead with her to return to God their Father.

Yes, the children stay home to plead with mother:

"...the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association exists SOLELY to accomplish a divinely appointed work WITHIN the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, wherein it therefore STRICTLY confines its activities." Leviticus, Preface.

ANSWER:
The Virgin Mary typifies Davidians (1930-1955) who stay at home to plead with her mother (S.D.A.). So it is clearly seen that it could be said of Davidians only, that she is the one movement this side of the cross that is a perfect antitype of Mary. Davidians remained a virgin to stay at home to help her Mother reform.

B. The Immanuel, son of the Virgin (Davidian), WHO IS HE TODAY?

1- Just as Christ followed Mary, Joshua followed Moses, just so Immanuel typifies that which follows the virgin Davidians.

"...this same movement (virgin-Mary--Davidians) would merge (give birth) into a greater (Christ-Immanuel-- BRANCH)." 1 SR 234:2.

"Who brings this revival and reformation, this great change? -- The BRANCH." 1TG 8:24.

"...here (The BRANCH) is seen as an organization..." ID. page 26.

ANSWER:

Today's Immanuel is the BRANCH, an organization made up of individuals who have opened the "shut door" to Christ, the BRANCH.

Davidians have given birth to no other child (movement) who can show the date of his birth from the Bible as can THE BRANCH:

1525  Beginning (birth) of Protestant Reformation. Luther by Dallman, page 253.
+430  Eze. 4
1955  Birth of Immanuel's Reformation

October 10, 1955:  Eze. 24:1--10th day, 10th month, 9th year.

C. Another type.

"Our own name; Davidian Seventh-day Adventist shows outright that there is another Seventh-day Adventist Church." 1TG 42:12.

1. Seventh-day Adventists..........a church.


"Let Leah represent the true church of Christ, Seventh-day Adventists..." 1SR 62:1. Leah....................S.D.A.

Thus: Rachel........Davidian S.D.A.

(Jacob had two wives)
Leah...............S.D.A............10 tribe Israel
Rachel.............D.S.D.A..............2 tribe Judah

Note: Rachel died at the birth of Benjamin.

"Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the
Lord came unto me saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the
king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day. And utter a parable unto the
rebellious house...

"So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died..." Eze. 24:1-3, 18.

Ezekiel delivered his message to Mt. Carmel on October 10, 1955.

That same day, Davidians (Rachel) gave birth to The BRANCH (Benjamin) and "at even" she died.

It is interesting to note that Benjamin means "son of my right hand" which of course
Immanuel-The BRANCH is.

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Davidian's inspired work was finished, so like Rachel, she died:-------

"Because it is a trial, and what if the sword contemn even the rod---(Rachel-Davidians)
it shall be no more (Rachel-Davidians die), saith the Lord God." Eze. 21:13.

"and the top of Carmel--Rachel-Davidians--shall wither (die)..." Amos 1:2.

A Family Portrait of Mothers and Sons:

Mary...................Rachel...............Davidians
Immanuel.............Benjamin..............The BRANCH

III. Mahershalalhashbaz Isaiah 8:3-4.

"And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to
me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry my
father, and my mother..."

Here we see:

1- Mahershalalhashbaz, an orphan in his own sight
2- The Prophetess, his mother
3- Isaiah, his father

A. Mahershalalhashbaz, WHO IS HE TODAY?

1. Since "...Immanuel manifestly represents the 'born-again Christians... whereas... Mahershalalhashbaz can only symbolize these not 'born-again'--that part of the church membership which cannot be represented by Immanuel..." Tract 14, page 35.

    thus: Immanuel..........'born-again' Christians.

    Mahershalalhashbaz, not 'born-again' Christians

2. "...both were to be born into Judah the Church...living at the same time." Id.

Note: Since the unconverted in S.D.A. know who their mother (church) is, Mahershalalhashbaz could not be applied to them.

    Davidians, being "...another S.D.A. church..." (1 TG 42:14), shows that Mahershalalhashbaz could not be applied to them.

[Note - This is because the Immanuel Movement had not yet been born, prior to 1955]

ANSWER:

    Today's Immanuel's '"...must necessarily feed on spiritual food, on such as The BRANCH itself was fed... Butter and Honey..." 2TG 45:3.

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Who is eating "BRANCH" food today? - the Branches!

Who is refusing "BRANCH" FOOD TODAY? - Mt. Carmel Davidians!

Clear it is that Mt. Carmel Davidians are Mahershalalhashbaz, those who refuse to be 'born-again' - that is, accept the message of The Branch.

B. The Prophetess, mother of Mahershalalhashbaz, WHO IS SHE TODAY?

    Come, and let us reason together, saith the Lord......Judah, the house of David---the Jews in Christ's day, refused to be 'born-again' - accept new light - because they listened to their leader who opposed Christ-Immanuel- The Branch.

    So Today: The house of David-ians--the Judah of today, refuses the 'born-again' --accepting-new-light-experience--because the "prophetess" tells him, Mahershalalhashbaz, that there is "no
more light, no more prophets”. She does this to counteract the possibility that Mahershalalhashbaz might be influenced to become an Immanuel - a "butter-eating Branch".

The Tale of Two Sisters – Ezekiel 23 – Who Are They?

From “Seven Letters to Florence Houteff and The Executive Counsel of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventist Association” by Ben Roden --

Letter 2, October 1955:

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people." - Early Writings, p. 270.

You see, friends, we have two groups of Advent people. Seventh-day Adventists (Ephraim) looking for Jesus to come in the clouds and take them to Heaven; Davidian Seventh-day Adventists (Judah - law giver) looking for Jesus to come and purge the rebels from among us, and take us to the Kingdom; therefore, two sticks.

This information adds power and force to the fact that the Advent people are spiritual Israel of today.

God told Ezekiel to write the names on the two sticks (Eze. 37:16). We know that God would not have told Ezekiel to do something and not have told him how to do it. He is not like we are. He is very exact in His business. These statements are true and cannot be denied.

The Advent people are shown also in Ezekiel 23. "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother: And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; . . . And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters (converts). Thus were their names; Samaria (Seventh-day Adventists, Egypt, and Assyria) is Aholah, and Jerusalem (Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, Assyria and Babylon of Chaldea) is Aholibah." Eze. 23:2-4.

Seven Letters to DSDA – L2p3

"Behold, everyone that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter. Thou art thy mother's daughter, that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister (Davidian Seventh-day Adventists) of thy sisters (Seventh-day Adventists), which loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite. And thine elder sister (Seventh-day Adventist) is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister (Davidian Seventh-day Adventist), that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters." Eze. 16:44-46.
One person could accuse another of wrong conduct and the accusation be true, but the guilty, by words, proves himself innocent. When God points out our sins He does not give place for argument. Then, friends, are we going to accuse God, and say, "let man be true," or do we say, "let God be true, and every man a liar?" Rom. 3:4.

Are we going to be like the Laodicean angel who says, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," when God says he is "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked?" Rev. 3:17.

Isaiah tells us what we really ought to do: "Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a STONE of stumbling and for a rock of offense to BOTH THE HOUSES OF ISRAEL, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." Isa. 8:13,14.

In 1929, God set a stumbling block (a message - Righteousness by Faith) before the Laodiceans and many stumbled over it. If those that stumbled will humble themselves, rise up and shake off the dust, the Lord can save them.

At this time God lays a stone of stumbling or a stumbling stone (a much harder saying, or message - The Righteousness of Christ) before his people (Davidian Seventh-day Adventists). If we fall on the stone (Christ) and be broken, He will save us. If we stumble over the stone (message) the Stone (Christ) will fall on us and grind us to pieces.

The following are a few more of the many things the people are saying which apply to us:

"Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom (Davidian Seventh-day Adventists), pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good. Neither hath Samaria (Seventh-day Adventists) committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast JUSTIFIED thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done." Eze. 16:49-51.

"When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride." Eze. 16:55,56.

These verses of Scripture evidently mean that Ezekiel is a person who took pride in the church and did not expose her sins. It may mean also that he more or less tried to shield her from criticism. In other words, Ezekiel does not trust his own wisdom.

Now that God has given him a message of stern rebuke, it is not his own words he uses, but God's. When the two sisters, Sodom (Davidian Seventh-day Adventists) and Samaria (Seventh-day Adventists), verse 55, return to their first love and innocence, then Ezekiel will (verse 55, last part) have no more to say against them. Where God speaks, Ezekiel speaks and where God is silent, Ezekiel is silent. This shows that he is God's representative on earth and God's mind or will is in him.
The people say that the prophets, Zechariah, Isaiah, Malachi, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah did not see a person being raised from the dead to be God's representative, but that all five saw him as one living and receiving Christ's righteousness in the place of his own righteousness; also, they say Brother Houteff proves in *General Conference Special*, p. 23, that he is not this person.

They say furthermore, brethren, that the people are not only saying these things but that God is saying them too. This should erase from our minds all doubts as to the identity of the "man in linen" and "Elijah." End Quote

If the SIX Angels (men) of Ezekiel 9 represent “messages”, rather than actual angels, just as Revelation 14 has SIX Angels in sequence, then as each message comes, after the former messenger passes of the scene, then the new message, the next angel, has the SEALING instrument, the writers INKHORN by his side. However, on Victor Houteff’s Four Winds chart he shows FOUR Angels with “slaughter weapons” in their hands, and a FIFTH Angel approaching with a sealing instrument in his hand. This representation of the FIVE ANGELS are the same as the “FIVE DISTINCT MESSAGES...” that were seen by James White in *Word to the Little Flock*, page 11. Interesting, again, how Victor Houteff depicts a FIFTH Angel with a sealing instrument in his hands.

Again, notice, that there are TWO HOUSES of Israel, Ephraim and Judah, in type and antitype. Davidia is only ONE HOUSE. The teaching of M.J. Bingham never took this into account, in light of the fact that the Two Houses of spiritual Israel today are distinct and separate, two churches, and both houses had committed great sin and apostasy.

From Seven Letters to DSDA, Letter #3, by Ben Roden:

**The stick, Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, has the name Judah written on it;**
"Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it. For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions." Eze. 37:16. **The names Jerusalem and Aholibah are also written on the stick.** "And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah." Eze. 23:4.
"And when her sister (Aholah’s sister) Aholibah saw this, she (Aholibah) was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister (Aholah, Seventh-day Adventists) in her whoredoms." Eze. 23: 11.

"And thine elder sister is Samaria (Seventh-day Adventists), she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister (Davidian Seventh-day Adventists), that dwelleth at thy right hand, is SODOM and her daughters." Eze. 16:46.

"Samaria (Seventh-day Adventists) . . . prophesied in Baal." Jer. 23: 13. The Lord saw in the prophets of Jerusalem (Davidian Seventh-day Adventists) horrible things of wickedness. And says they are unto Him as SODOM and GOMORRAH. "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah." Jer. 23:14.

If the first part of Jeremiah 23:1-8 applies to the 144,000 after the purification, then, Jeremiah 23:10-40 applies to Seventh-day Adventists and Davidian Seventh-day Adventists before the purification; in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly." Jer. 23:20.

Seven Letters to DSDA – L3p1

It is not right for us to accept all the nice things the Lord says about us and then deny all the bad things of which He says we are guilty. End quote.

The continuation of the spiritual saga of Ezekiel and his wife and her sister and Ben Roden attempting to set a meeting with the Davidians under Florence Houteff in 1955:

From Seven Letters to DSDA #5, Ben Roden:

"Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.," Eze. 22:2.

"The Lord said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them all their abominations." Eze. 23:36.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8.

Or, "if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:10.

These many statements tell just what is wrong with us. They also give the remedy for our ailments. There is no need for us to die. If we will only turn to our Saviour and admit our wrongs, He can do something for us.
"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel." Eze. 33:11.

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1.

Ezekiel is not only to declare unto Aholibah her abominations, but he is to show her people their transgressions. He, Ezekiel (singular) is a sign unto you. The people are to do as he did.

The people are saying that October 10 must not have been a failure because the desire of Ezekiel's eyes (the sanctuary) was taken away with a stroke (Eze. 24:16). They not only say this but that Ezekiel spoke to the people in the morning as he was commanded to do, and at even his wife died.

Seven Letters DSDA – L5p3

"So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded." Eze. 24:18.

There has been much speculation as to who Ezekiel's wife is and when she is to die.

God tells us that when a man and woman are joined in marriage, they become one flesh. So after having lived with his wife for several years, a man should be better able to point out his wife in a crowd than any one.

So it is with Ezekiel, if any one knows who his wife is, he should. Not only this, but he should be able to give a 'thus saith the Lord' for proof.

As we look over the field of would-be candidates or those that had been picked by others, we find the field narrows to two women, the daughters of one mother.

Here we find that the younger of the two sisters, Aholibah, is Ezekiel's wife, for Aholah is Hosea's wife.

Ezekiel truly loved Aholibah, even after she played the harlot and went after her lovers (the Assyrians and Chaldeans). Ezekiel was true to Aholibah and loved her so much that he would not send someone else to plead for her. We all know the story, how Hosea called his first-born son and his brothers and sisters to go plead for Mother (the Seventh-day Adventist ministry. Ezekiel 23 and Hosea I and 2).

No, Ezekiel would not trust to chance and send someone else to do this all important work for him. He went himself. Not this only, but he sent a message ahead. He asked her if it would be convenient for her if he came to see her in Jerusalem on October 10.

The message asked her to invite all her friends (the Assyrians and Chaldean soldiers) to help her explain why she had done the way she was doing. Also he asked her to let him know if October 10 was satisfactory. But she did not so much as give him an answer.
Ezekiel thought if he would get some of the choice words in the dictionary and put them in his message, sign another name, and mail it from another town, she might think it was from Some One Higher up, this way she would be willing to listen to his pleadings.

In this manner all of the matrimonial problems could be solved. Ezekiel went to Jerusalem on October 10, 1955, thinking that the date was alright with her. When he got there he pleaded for Aholibah to listen to him. She said, "No, Ezekiel, I will not discuss these problems with you because you tried to trick me. I knew before you got here, though, that you were coming. Some of my friends (stooges) found out and gave me the information. If you will tell all our friends you did not use the right procedure, I will, then, let you know after a certain period of time if I can discuss things with you."

Seven Letters to DSDA – L5p4

Poor Aholibah died at even! At the time, she did not know she was to die so soon. If she had, we can be sure she would have conducted herself differently.

We should all learn a lesson from this and be sure and keep our names in the Lamb's Book of Life; for we know not when our time might come.

The story is told that during the war the enemy of the Allies would take the body of a dead soldier and strap it to a prisoner of war. This is a terrible thing, even to think about.

Spiritually speaking it would be a far more terrible thing to be strapped to a spiritually dead symbolic woman such as Aholibah which means destruction in any case.

There is no more need for Jerusalem of today to be destroyed than it was in Jeremiah's day. The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy teach us the condition by which she can be saved now, as then.

"A neglect to repent and to render willing obedience will bring upon men and women today as serious consequences as came upon ancient Israel. There is a limit beyond which the judgments of Jehovah can no longer be delayed. The desolation of Jerusalem IN THE DAYS OF JEREMIAH IS A SOLEMN WARNING TO MODERN ISRAEL..." Prophets and Kings, pp. 416,417. End quote.

Notice, in the prophecy of Ezekiel 24(18) that Ezekiel's wife dies, a woman, representing a church organization! This prophecy was proclaimed to the Davidians in 1955 by Benjamin Roden, but they did not accept his warning and continued on with Florence Houteff's 42-month false prophecy, ending in April of 1959. The antitypical Ezekiel's wife died (spiritually- bereft of the Holy Spirit from that time forward) in 1955, failing to head the warning by The Branch. This is a recurring theme in the Seven Letters written by Ben Roden and mailed to the Davidian Executive Council at Old Mt. Carmel in 1955. The Davidian organization (GADSDA) finally came to a circumstantial END in March of 1962, proving the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 24 prophecy.

But there is a related prophecy to the Davidians after 1955, not recognized or accepted by M.J. Bingham in all of his attempt to bring unity to the Davidians after 1955, but the
prophecy states that there would be “NO STRONG ROD to rule”, to bring unity to the Davidians who had done WORSE than their sister church organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Here is that prophecy in Ezekiel 19, from Branch Lesson #6, p. 6, by Ben Roden:

John baptized Christ. The Rod says the "BRANCH" brings the great change. "And according to Isa. 11:1-5, the Branch is the Lord, the Son of David." 1TGr. 5-24:3. The rod represents David the son of Jesse in the first place - and God's word in the second - the Davidian message - a message of David's Kingdom. Therefore, Jesse the stem would represent the father of David and also a message or parent movement - S.D.A.

Likewise, the "BRANCH" would represent Christ, the Son of David. Since Jesse and the rod have double applications, then it is obvious that the Branch means a Message that reveals Christ and His truth - the Word of God. (1TGr. 16-29:1).

"And she, had strong rods (strong Scriptures, and princes of the house of David) ...that bare rule, .... the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them ... And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground." (Latter Rain Stopped) Eze. 19:11,12,13.

"And fire (symbol of the Holy Spirit) is gone out of a rod (a spirit filled message, out of one of the members of the house of David - out of Davidian S.D.A.) ... which has devoured her fruit, ... she hath no strong rod (Scripture or prince) to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation...." (Eze. 19:10-14, (no strong leader now).

The symbolism under observation here depicts in each instance the Three Great Divisions of the genuine S.D.A. movement, all climaxing in the Third, by the revelation of Christ's new name "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh". This movement is to climax in the revelation to the world that Christ, the hope of glory, has come in the flesh. (Saviors - Obadiah 1:21). End quote.

And, from “Man on the White Horse” pages 33-34, by Ben Roden:

Furthermore if we consider that "rod" refers to David and "en" means "out of;" we will see that the two, "Rod" and “en” -- Roden, refers to a ruler "out of" David, or in other words, from the house or lineage of David. Still further, his name, "Roden," discloses that (in antitype) he is of the house of David-the "ruler," or Roden, according to the Hebrew definition.

Prophetically speaking, as it was declared, the name of Cyrus, king of Persia was found in the Bible (Isa. 45:1-8), so it is with him who is to deliver God's people now. "For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.... Surely shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. " Isa. 45:4, 24. "Let students put to the stretch their mental faculties that they will comprehend the forty-fifth chapter of Isaiah. " Counsels to Teachers, 455:3.

Ezekiel declares this truth for our day, "Thy mother is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters." Eze. 19:10.
Jesus is the true vine, we are the branches (John 15:1-5), "...so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs (the false)." Eze. 17:6. The vine, the mother church, is truly in our blood: not only Judah and the house of David, but also S.D.A. and D.S.D.A. We are truly branches from this lineage.

"And she had strong rods for the scepters of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches. But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them. And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground." Eze. 19:11-13.

When the Spirit of Prophecy ceased at the death of E.G. White, and the former and latter rain (Joel 2:23) ceased with the death of V. T. Houteff, the churches of S.D.A., and D.S.D.A. became dry. "as a vine planted in the wilderness," without Inspiration--the "Living Spirit of Prophecy."

And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation." Eze. 19:14

Fire is a consuming agent, and especially so where there is no water. The fire of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:2) consumes the tares, but prepares the wheat for the barn--the kingdom (Matt. 13:30). The Lord showed His approval of Elijah's work when He accepted the offering of his sacrifice on Mt. Carmel by consuming it with fire from Heaven; so it is in the days of antitypical Elijah (Mal, 4:4--6). History repeats itself, we are told, and so it is with religious history: "Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. We are repeating the history of that people." 5T. 160:2. "Wherefore, thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. " Jer. 5:14.

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What devoured her fruit? Fire from a "rod" "out of" her branches. "She had strong rods (princes of the house of David) for a sceptre of them that bare rule." "For a sceptre of them" applies in a sense to Judah when she was a strong nation in her royal dignity, contrasted with her sunken state, under the pronouncement, "she hath no strong rod (ruler) to rule," However, since this prophecy is a symbolic parable by Ezekiel, we must understand that it applies to modern Judah, the Davidian S.D.A., in the antitype.

Because of the failure in 1959 of Sister Houteff's false prediction of the 42 months, her movement was plucked up and cast down to the ground as was foretold in Ezekiel 19:12. " ... her strong rods (Dividian leaders) were broken and withered;" "And now she (the Davidian movement under the leadership of Mrs. Houteff, now Mrs. Eakin (Achan), and her Council) is planted in the wilderness (land of the Gentiles, away from the vineyard-the promised land. See 2 T.G. 16:18; 18:16:3, in a dry and thirsty ground." Eze. 19:13.

Without water, a plant cannot continue to grow. So it was with the Davidian movement after the death of Brother V. T. Houteff. The Latter Rain (Joel 2:23) message of the Shepherd's Rod ceased, and without Inspiration the movement came to naught in a few years as predicted by the Branch in 1955. In other words, fire (a Spirit-filled message) is gone out of a rod (a Davidian ruler--Hebrew word for ruler is "roden") of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit:" Eze. 19:14: The Davidian messenger, V.T. Houteff,
predicted this when he wrote: "Who is to bring this revival and reformation, this great change?--The BRANCH. And according to Isaiah 11:1-5 the Branch is the Lord, the Son of David." 1T.G.r 8:24:3.

"Obviously, then, as a result of this revival and reformation within the Laodicean church, another church emerges of which Joshua is in charge, not the angel of Laodicea" 1 T.G. 8:24.

"What can all this mean?-- Just this: Joshua is Heaven's appointed judge, ruler (Roden). He himself is crowned as such, And in response to the Lord's Own command, Joshua crowns (authorizes) his helpers whom the Lord Himself names. In other words, as members of the house of David, Joshua authorizes them to engage in the work. So, Joshua is responsible to the Lord, but his helpers are responsible to Joshua. Here is seen an organization having a Leader and an under leader--the Lord and Joshua. Thus it is that whatever is to be bound on earth, is also to be bound in Heaven (Matt. 16:19)." 1 T.G.r 8:26. End quote.

You see, brethren, after Brother Victor Houteff died in February of 1955 there came a “great change” to the Davidian movement, in its beginning, even the latter day “Immanuel” Movement of Isaiah 7 & 8 came into being, that came for the Davidian movement to “merge into a greater one” 1 SR 234. But Davidians refused, therefore there would be NO Davidian unity or would there be any Davidian to “bear sway”, “no strong rod” to lead out, even though M.J. Bingham formed his own long-standing Davidian organization, but he could not bring unity. This is a historical fact. The considerable complex of Davidian groups that arose after Victor Houteff's passing was patchwork of Davidian special interests and self-promoters, and as it presented in the Bashan Davidian historical summary, it was a complex of one group arising and then dissolving or transferring asset over to another group. Putting it directly, it was a mess of competing Davidian groups, and an embarrassment to the message and the work that was established by Brother Houteff. The author of this study visited “Bashan Hill", Exeter, Mo, in August of 1978 to investigate the claims of the Bashan Davidians since the Salem Association I was part of was again dividing, a major split for personal reasons of the large California group that broke off from Don Adair. I visited Bashan Hill twice that summer, with a Davidian friend, during a one month period, in my trip out to Salem, South Carolina and back to California. I stayed for several days with the Bingham’s, both times, over Sabbath, to carefully investigate what they were teaching. The group of California Salem members (I was one of them) were parting ways with Don Adair. We also visited the Vista, California group that has long since dissolved. I met Brother Reichmann, and who I believed was Brother Warden, and many of the old Davidians still alive then.

The positive truth of this matter, relating to Zechariah 3 and the all important “change of garment” (that most Davidians don’t teach about or talk about) is that there must be a “(My) Servant The Branch” (Zech. 3:9) for there to be a spiritual garment change and a purification of the church body, just as Victor Houteff taught, but this was never understood, taught or accepted by M.J. Bingham, or perhaps briefly in the later mid 1950s, but then rejected as Bro. Bingham set about to bring unity to the Davidian factions, when Ezekiel's prophecy concerning the TWO sisters, two distinct church bodies, and the prophecy of Ezekiel's spiritual wife who died, Ezekiel chapters 19 and chapter 24, militate against such an effort by Bro. Bingham to bring unity where unity could not be achieved. How it is that M.J. Bingham elevates the idea of character perfection but did not teach on the Zechariah 3 garment change, in the attainment of our individual sealing
in Truth? Without “The Branch”, “My servant The Branch”, there is no spiritual, literal or character perfection.

Question:

If the Bashan-Bingham Davidians were to be a major second phase to The Rod Message from 1955 to the present day, or the second “good spiritual pasture” (Bashan) of Micah 7:14 then why not just claim an entire NEW MESSAGE and movement of the Elijah Message? The answer to this question is simple; because M.J Bingham had no new message, no new light, by his own admission, not claiming to be a new association or claim the office of president of the association until many years later after the Bashan Davidians were well established at their new headquarters in Exeter, Missouri. Then, as far as I could tell, the office of Bashan association “president” was kept quiet, not made public, not common knowledge, because it would create complications for Bashan leadership among Davidians in general. I asked Jemmy Bingham about this question when I visited “Bashan hill” in 1978. The Binghams were very guarded on the top structure of their organization. Jemmy would not answer my question. Where is the TYPE, prophecy or picture, of a double Rod movement, a double pasture movement by two different names, “Carmel” and then “Bashan”? Isaiah 11:1 is the answer to this question.

The reason that M.J. Bingham did not outright claim to have a new message and begin a new movement is due to the self-imposed Davidian doctrinal ‘trip-wire’, as it were, that there was never to be any further new light or another prophet after Victor Houteff. Victor Houteff never taught there was never to be any further light or message after him. It is not in The Rod message. There are clear Rod references to prove this, which Ben Roden covered in his literature. Victor Houteff’s comments on “Elijah” and the “Elijah’s message”, as the “last” were inclusive of the next and final message to come after him, just as Ellen White announced the Elijah to come in TM475, but SDA leaders today teach that she was announcing herself, that she was the Elijah that was to come. The type is clear on the message of Elijah-JOHN, who announce Christ Himself, and His message to Judah, Israel and the gentiles. There are TWO TYPES of Elijah in the Gospel narrative, but neither of those types really address the Elijah Tishbite TYPOLOGY, of a person who never dies! That fulfillment was yet future, and is surprising, but simple, in light of Brother Houteff’s statement in 1AB79, concerning the final identity of the “messenger of the covenant”. Will leave this point of discussion here for now.

Let us do a quick overview, historical, antitypical and prophetic.

Discussion Points - Weight of Evidence

1) Firstly, as stated previously, there are only THREE “good spiritual pastures” in the Micah 7:14 Movements of Carmel, Bashan and Gilead. We have clearly identified the Carmel pasture as beginning in 1930, The Shepherd’s Rod Message. This being so, we must solve the remainder of the prophetic equation, that of the Bashan and Gilead pastures. The Carmel pasture is presented first because that
pasture was first revealed in 1930, not 1844. The entire Micah 7:14 prophecy was revealed to Brother Victor Houteff, not Sister Ellen White, but only the Carmel pasture was revealed in 1930. This is why the three spiritual pastures are given in the order they are in Micah 7:14. Remember, there is not always perfect order to every Scripture or prophecy, as Ellen White stated in the opening prayer thought. Order itself can be a TEST, whether in order or not in order.

2) If the Davidian Movement has two phases, first - Carmel and second - Bashan, where does his leave the 1844 message of the Third Angel, which is completely left out of the “good spiritual pasture” or the line of messages, the “Line of Truth”. There are ONLY THREE “good spiritual pastures”, not FOUR. This is a major omission of truth by M.J. Bingham. It cannot be overlooked. Again, since there are THREE sealing truths brought to bear in Ellen White’s statement in EW15, concerning the 144,000, based on Revelation 3:12, and the last truth is “Jesus New Name”, then how can we overlook the first “good spiritual pasture”, that of the Sanctuary and Sabbath Truths of 1844-1845? It bears repeating and consideration.

3) Neither can the great prophecy of Isaiah 11:1 be overlooked, left out, of this prophetic equation, that of the arising of the “Root” (SDA), “The Rod” (DSDA), then “The Branch” (BDSDA), thus fulfilling the Carmel, Bashan and Gilead spiritual pastures, an easy to see and understand THREE-fold sealing message. No complicated reasoning or redefining the “association” Leviticus to create an intermediate office of president, or an office of vice-president that is essentially an office of president, an all powerful office in reality, without an actual living president, as Davidians today espouse the office of VP. but no new message. Would this not be reasonable and logical, particularly since Victor Houteff taught on this prophecy (Isaiah 11:1) extensively in his writings?

4) Ellen White never commented on this prophecy in Micah 7:14, but her message cannot be left out of the prophetic picture and order of messages of the entire Second Advent Movement, otherwise we are left without a FOUNDATION message and movement. Why would the 1844 Message of the Third Angel be left out of this lineage of messages? Well, the 1844 message is NOT left out, certainly NOT left out of the Micah 7:14 prophecy of the good spiritual pastures.

5) If the Carmel pasture was raised up and lead by a prophet, the living Spirit of Prophecy, would not the Bashan pasture also require prophetic leadership? M.J. Bingham refused any vote of appointment for any intermediate association position, council member or vice president, from the 1961 Davidian session in Los
Angeles, and before. Why is this? Because he did not want to claim prophetic office, but rather a new phase of Davidian leadership, in intermediate office of “president, porter, prophecy, of a new spiritual pasture, yet, to avoid the general disagreement and rejection of the idea of a new prophet, a new president, since Davidians completely agree on and insist that Victor Houteff and The Rod message were the Elijah, the LAST message on record. The idea of an intermediate “president/porter/prophet, or and “indirect” president/porter/prophet. The question is, where is such an “intermediate” or “indirect” office presented in the Davidian Leviticus? Of course, for any thinking Davidian who would care to investigate further, there are TWO other Angels after Revelation 14:15, that brings the total count of angels to SIX. Here is what Brother Houteff taught in The Rod:

“Finally, had it not been for the fact that some wide-awake ones throughout the ages have dared take up their cross and follow God through His prophets in order to be led from one height of Truth to another, the world would not have stood this long.” There is no doubt, the Church from creation till today has been led and preserved by the prophets, and she can continue in no other way from here on. {2TG26:23.3} End quote. There is no such intermediate office as a “homiletic” or “indirect” president/porter. So, you see, brother, sister, there must be a continuation of the Office of the Spirit of Prophecy TODAY, since we “can continue in no other way from here on”! The Branch message was to unfold in THREE phases itself, with all three phases having a new light message, initiated by dreams, visions or direct visitations to the messenger(s) that was to prepare the church for the Judgment for the Living in its three phases, Investigative, Judicial and Executive, and finally bring in the establishment of the Kingdom with the message of the King (David).

6) It is a substantiated truth that the 144,000 have a TRIPLE seal (Rev. 3:12), according to Ellen White (EW15), and that the FIRST SEALING message was in 1844, the Third Angel, Sanctuary and Sabbath truths, certainly “good spiritual pasture”. We also know that the Rod Message was the SECOND SEALING message, that of Revelation 7 (1SR32), the second period of truth or “good spiritual pasture” since 1844, and that there is only one more phase or message-movement of “good spiritual pasture” after the Revelation 7 message, The Rod Message. The Shepherd's Rod message was the Revelation 7 message ONLY. The Revelation 18:1 message is the next message, the final message, and distinct from The Rod message, as depicted on three of Brother Houteff’s prophecy charts, copied in this study. Those Davidians who think to merge the Revelation 7 message and the Revelation 18 message as one message, as only The Rod message in two phases, ignoring all the evidence to the contrary, will find themselves left without
the seal of the “Man in Linen” of any former message. Ellen White states – “But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. **He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old.** For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form.” {COL 127.4}

7) Brother Houteff’s statement in 1 SR 32 also brings evidence to bear that there are, again, only THREE prophetic movements, and ONLY THREE, beginning with the foundation message of 1844. Notice carefully, the last message is The Loud Cry message, Revelation 18, the repeat of the Second Angel for the second time since Revelation 15:17, understanding of course, that the message to the church is a complete message, then the message to the world, same as the message to the church. No NEW Message is to be presented to the world. “First to the church, then to the world” (Victor Houteff). Continued in point #8. The Shepherd’s Rod message was the REPEAT of the First Angel’s message, as he states in White House Recruiter page 37. The Shepherd’s Rod message was NOT the repeat of the Second Angel of Revelation 14 and never claimed to be.

8) Here is what Victor Houteff wrote:

“To get the proper understanding of the third angel's message we shall divide it into three periods: (1) Beginning of the proclamation of the true Sabbath, Rev. 14:6-11; (2) Reformation, and sealing of the 144,000, Rev. 7:1-8; (3) The Loud Cry, Rev. 18:1. **The truth of the sealing (144,000) being made known, it is evident that we are in the second period.** If we had not known the commencement of the third angel's message in its beginning, we would have had no message. Therefore, we must know the time of the last two periods when they came, being of no lesser importance.” {SR1: 32.2}

9) **THREE MESSAGES, THREE PERIODS, THREE SEALING MESSAGES, in the period of probationary church history (SDA).** Then comes the Loud Cry message to the world. The clear fact is, **the Bashan pasture is also a sealing message, just not in the historical order of the whole Second Advent Movement since 1844, and for good reason.** Micah 7:14 brings in the REPEAT phase of the Three Angels, found in the last half of Revelation 14, beginning with the message of 1930, the repeat of the First Angel (WHR37). But M.J. Bingham does not present the Bashan pasture as a separate sealing message, that is, “ANOTHER Angel” of Revelation 14. Brother Bingham never claimed prophetic authority, same as Victor Houteff, …yet he did, in a roundabout manner, without being direct and straightforward. The “Exeter-Bashan” teaching on this point is unclear at best and intentionally evasive (deceptive) at worst. When I visited
Bashan Hill in August of 1978, I inquired of Jemmy Bingham in her kitchen one day, concerning the Bashan organization leadership. I asked if there was a president or vice-president. She did not give me a straight answer, or a real answer. Her response was, after hesitating, “well, do you want to know the man’s name”? She never told me his name. She obviously did not want to tell me because of prevailing Davidian culture to never claim the office of “President.” Today, Jemmy and M.J. Bingham’s son, Trevor, claims the top mantle of leadership in Bashan today, as president, without the election (?) or approval of the Bashan executive council. Of course, an executive council CANNOT elect the office of president, as every Davidian knows, but some members are calling for that. Trevor Bingham knew the truth of the Bashan organization structure all along. This is a current schism in the Bashan Association. Either an association “president” has a message, true and straightforward, based on the 430 year prophecy, or he does not. The “message” proves the office, when accepted by the people, the membership and the executive council. Any new message is self-evident and need not be indirect or evasive of critical tests of validity.

10) M.J. Bingham claimed he brought in the next phase of The Rod message, as “Bashan”, but the prophecy of Ezekiel 19:14 states that there would be “no strong rod to be scepter to rule.” This is exactly the historical condition of the Davidians and the various Davidian groups, many groups, that arose after Victor Houteff died in 1955. No one Davidian could bring unity, just as the prophecy states. There were many competing individuals (“Rods”) with their self-interests after Brother Houteff’s passing and still are today. There is no “strong rod” to bring unity, exactly as Ezekiel 19 revealed.

11) Why would any Davidian think, believe or teach there is a subsequent Rod-Bashan pasture when The Rod clearly taught that only “The Branch” would being “revival and reformation – this great change” (1TG8:24). The Branch is the Gilead pasture, the pasture that conquered the Bashan territory, King Og, in the historical type, the third and final “good spiritual pasture”. All THREE “good spiritual pastures” are accounted for since 1844, but Bro. Bingham disregarded the first spiritual pasture (1844), the very foundation of the Second Advent faith. The history books record that the territory of Bashan was annexed by Gilead tribes of Manasseh and was no more. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashan

12) Any new message must have or present a typical application based on TIME to substantiate its claims. That is, there must be a 430 year application for each and BOTH of the remaining “good spiritual pastures” (left to be defined), Bashan and Gilead, as Victor Houteff presented for his message in 1929-1931.
Paradoxically, Bro. M.J. Bingham was able to bypass this test of a new message by not claiming to have an actual new message, supposedly claiming fulfillment of the Bashan spiritual pasture nevertheless, and leaving the Gilead spiritual pasture ‘hanging’, so to speak, a future fulfillment. Very convenient kind of reasoning. Ellen White also presented a TIME application for the 1844 message based on Daniel 8:14. In the REPEAT phase of the Three Angels there must be a TIME application also, that being of Ezekiel 4 – 430 years, beginning in 1930. Every messenger must present TIME and TYPE for their message. A type, such as the Leah and Rachel applications, WITHOUT TIME, based on the Protestant Reformation, falls short of this requirement, failing the test of “weight of evidence”. Only a counterfeit movement would attempt to promote a new message without TIME as its starting point, based on the “Reformation by LUTHER and OTHERS…” (1SR126, 127). This would include both Martin Luther and John Knox in particular, the two key leaders of the Protestant Reformation in Germany and Scotland respectively, as noted by Victor Houteff. Ben Roden taught that 1955 was the next 430 year application on the prophetic time line. The fulfillment was a result of the actual beginning of the Protestant Reformation by Martin Luther, as the historians record, when he made his official break from the Church of Rome by marrying a Catholic nun by the name of Kathryn Von Bora in 1525. This was the real beginning of the Protestant Reformation. A new message, the Third SEALING Message since 1844, was to arise at that time, in the fall of 1955.

13) The New Name of Jesus and its TYPE, or prophecy (Rev. 3:12): This is where the TYPE of Jacob comes in. There are applications for the types of Leah and Rachel, Jacob’s two wives, but not as M.J. Bingham applied. Two distinct women represent TWO distinct church bodies, NOT of the same sub-movement(s) in Davidia. A woman represents a church. Two women represent two churches, not a group of associations in their continual state of dissolution and reconstitution to a new group, as Bro. Bingham taught. Brother Bingham was capitalizing on the disunity, on one hand, but attempting to bring unity on the other hand, which could not be accomplished because the Davidians rejected “revival and reformation” (1TG8:24) a “reorganization” after Brother Houteff’s passing in 1955.

14) Those who teach “100% Rod ONLY” are NOT teaching The Shepherd’s Rod Message but striving to continue a movement that was ordained to “whither” as we find in the Book of Amos 1:2, that “And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion (in a message), and utter his voice (the messenger) from Jerusalem (“the ancient men before the house”- those with the most light in 1955); and the habitations of the shepherds (competing uninspired Davidian groups) shall mourn, and the top of CARMEL (Old Mt. Carmel) shall WHITHER.”, because the Davidians under
Florence Houteff refused to “(this movement would) **MERGE** with a greater...” 1SR234. This means, according to TYPE, the Elijah-Christ Movement, The Branch, was the “greater one” that Davidians should have “merged” with. **Both John the Baptist and Jesus were the Elijah Message together**, both preaching an interconnected message – “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”, that is, in the opening of the Judgment for the Living that began in October of 1955. The Rod message teaches that “The Branch” will bring “Revival and Reformation” --- NOT the Bashan pasture, which was past (1844 thru 1930), but still “good spiritual pasture”.

15) The Jacob TYPE reveals the name change for the Firstfruit harvest, the 144,000, when the Davidians become overcomers by accepting Jesus New Name (Rev. 3:12) in a message bearing that New Name (The Branch- GC415 and 1TG8:24) and thus receive the new name, The Branch, or “Branches”. This is the typology of Jacob that the Davidians were to pass through, but unfortunately failed, the majority of Davidians. This is the message in three parts that was revealed to Sister Ellen White in Early Writings page 15, that the 144,000 had received the THREE-FOLD seal, of 1) God (Sabbath and Sanctuary Truth) and 2) The New Jerusalem, the Kingdom message of 1930 through 1955, and 3) “a glorious star containing Jesus’ New Name” which has the EFFECT to bring the Firstfruits of being “SEALED and perfectly UNITED”. You see, brethren, you cannot bring UNITY and the SEALING with only The Rod message! It is not in prophecy. Look at the prophecy of The Branch in Zechariah 3 and Zechariah 6. It is The Branch that BUILDS the spiritual temple, the 144,000 and the future Temple in Jerusalem and it was The Branch that announced the beginning of the Judgment for the Living, the purification of the church, beginning with a literal separation, separation of groups from/outside The Branch, in the late 1950s. Concerning Jacob, Bro. Houteff states:

“As Jacob was the father of the twelve tribes of Israel, -- the type; just so he is the father in type of the anti-type (the 144,000--the true). The section represented by Jacob is the only fitting symbolical period to give birth to the 144,000. As soon as this number is made and sealed, this particular section is to pass away and usher in the next.” {SR1: 227.2} Thus, the experience of Jacob comes BEFORE Ezekiel 9. This is the type. This is what took place in 1955. This is our collective history, our collective destiny.

16) Brother Bingham’s dream of the “branch bees” is a very interesting dream, and perhaps the LORD was trying to reach Brother Bingham, or show him what he was doing, the abject futility of attempting to defeat bees with a “flit gun”. Bees are the
very foundation of all agriculture or food production and bees make honey, one of the necessary ingredients of the Isaiah 7 prophecy of “Butter and Honey”. That dual symbolism alone should speak to us about the nature of the last two messages beginning in 1930. Why would M.J. Bingham use a squirt gun, a water pistol (“flit gun”) to try to stop bees? No one in their right mind would do such a thing. It would not work in the first place and secondly it would likely provoke an attack, not wise. Yes, it was an object lesson to M.J. Bingham to not attempt to defeat the “branch bees” with a useless plastic pistol. Truth cannot be defeated, and neither did Bro. Bingham accomplish his goal with his squirt gun. Yes, Davidian brethren, the “branch bees” are buzzing. That is how they make honey and other products of the bee hive. In fact, the very prophecy of Isaiah 7:15-21 shows a two phase movement that began in 1930, first “the butter” and second “the honey”. Why “honey” the last symbol? Because the message of Christ, the Righteousness of Christ – The Branch, is indeed sweet. Davidians since Florence Houteff have always attempted to make Brother Houteff and his message a complete message, all in one, with nothing after it, no more truth and no more prophets. This was never taught by Brother Houteff. Therefore, some Davidians engaged in what they felt the next phase of The Rod message was, that of Bashan, skipping over the foundation message of 1844, and then saying that the Gilead pasture, pasture #3, was yet in the future.

17) The “Line of Truth” in the Second Advent Movement must recognize ALL THREE sections of the message beginning in 1844, of which The Shepherd’s Rod message was the “SECOND PERIOD” (1SR32), that is, the Carmel Pasture was the “second period”, then comes the third period or third phase that began in 1955, which is Revelation 18:1 Angel, the “Loud Cry” message, as 1SR32 reveals. Many Davidians today attempt to merge the second and third phases into The Rod message ONLY, but this would violate, dismiss or ignore the coming of the promised “revival and reformation” by “The Branch” (1TG8:24), just as the Isaiah 11:1 prophetically unfolds, as Brother Houteff taught in Tract 8. In M.J. Bingham’s rendition of the movement since 1930, he begins the movement, in the symbolic three spiritual pastures, overall in 1930, but ignorantly dismisses the 1844 Movement as the first “good spiritual pasture”. Again, many Davidians today merge the Revelation 7 Angel with the Revelation 18 (Loud Cry) Angel, as one Davidian in California has done, actually graphically altering a direct dual symbol of two angels on several of V. T. Houteff’s charts, depicting the Revelation 18 Angel as The Rod Message, which is not true. Such an actual depiction attempts to defeat and alter The Rod message as was shown on pages 10, 11, and 12 of this study, the actual charts of Brother Houteff’s, that show the Revelation 7 Angel, and the Revelation 18 Angel as TWO Angels, two DISTINCT Angels. Brother Houteff’s
message announced the Revelation 18 Angel, but he, or his message was not that Angel, no, not in a theoretical second phase of The Rod spiritual pasture. AND, if this is not enough, as there are THREE “OTHER” Angels brought to view in Revelation 14, beginning in verse 15 (The Rod message), we have TWO OTHER Angels to account for after verse 15, that is, TWO OTHER Angels to arise AFTER The Shepherd’s Rod Message. Davidians of today have no answer or clue to either of these other angels, not just one angel, but TWO, as we finally approach the number of perfection, NUMBER SEVEN. Angel number seven is found in Revelation 18:1. The Branch Message itself unfolded in THREE PHASES, … Three Angels’ Messages, that completed the perfect fulfillment of the Ensign of Isaiah 11:1. Therefore, ALL ANGELS Messages since 1844 are accounted for and validated in The Branch. The Shepherd’s Rod Message is Angel (message) NUMBER FOUR in the total count, the Fourth Angel, that Ellen White saw in the upward progression of Truth. Friends, the “Line of Truth” is SEVEN-FOLD, not four (angels) only. If you choose to be a “100% Rod ONLY” Davidian, then you will not receive the Seal of God, the Three-fold seal, of the 144,000, that was shown to Ellen White in Early Writings page 15. Brother Houteff stated that the New Name would be given and that it would be a six-letter name, just as Jacob’s name was changed to “Israel”, a six-letter name. Bashan is not that New Name of Jesus, the “Branch” is.

18) Here is the statement:

“Israel is spelled with six letters. Had this name been more or less it would spoil the picture. Why? Because the six letters indicate the sixth section. Israel the true (the 144,000) are sealed at the close of the fifth section. 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. Read Isa. 62:2. Whatever that name may be, we are sure it will be perfect, to finish the picture of probationary time, as well as to indicate the end of all the redeemed, or close of probation. Woe to him who may think all these wonderful designs in the beauty of perfection are just a chance, or an accident. Such a one is denying the Master Mechanic of all creation. He is paying homage to evolution (chance).” See chart on page 224. {SR1: 233.3}

19) Also, remember that the New Name comes at the end of the 430 year period:

“Isa. 62:2: "A new name." Indicative of the new experience they have passed through, which is the separation, or sifting, as explained. God Himself with His own mouth gives the name so it can not be counterfeited. The time the name is received is at the end of the 430-year period as explained on the chart on pages
112-113. **Thus, the church is reorganized under a new name. The old name, being polluted, could no longer be retained.** There is no one to go by the old name, for the ones who were not worthy of having the new name have perished under the figure of the five men with the slaughter weapons of Ezekiel 9. **The name only remains for a curse.** In Isa. 65:15, we read: "And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto My chosen: For the Lord God shall slay thee, and call His servants by another name." **The old order of things being changed.** The watchmen who were unfaithful have perished."  

{SR1: 155.1}

20) **Also, that the 430-year period is based on “Martin Luther and OTHERS”** (1SR126,127), based on the actual beginning of the Protestant Reformation, beginning in 1525, as the history books validate. Ben Roden was careful to quote from historical sources on the Reformation on this point in various studies, beginning with Branch Lesson #2 (1958). The 1500/1501 date was Martin Luther’s personal reformation and personal awakening in the Reformation, but not the actual beginning of the Protestant Reformation, which was 20 plus years more. Again, here is the statement:

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{SR1: 155.1}

21) **Why is the church in need to be “reorganized” (1SR155) in 1955 under a new name?** Because the former messenger had died, passed off the scene in 1955. 1525 + 430 = 1955. 1955 was the TIME that the New Name of Jesus was received in the Second Advent Movement, beginning the Third General Section of the 1844 Movement, the Revelation 18 Angel. Basically, every mainstream Christian today knows that the Prophecy of Zechariah 3 and Zechariah 6 of “The Branch” refers to Christ, Who is the One to build the spiritual temple, the 144,000 of Revelation 7. Yet, Davidians have denuded even rejected the meaning and urgency of the Branch prophecies, making an idol of John the Baptist in antitype (VTH). Brother
Houteff announced the New Name of Christ, and the new organization to come, as did Ellen White (GC415) but neither of them instated or inaugurated the New Name because the Judgment for the Living had not yet begun any time prior to 1955. The type of Jacob is the type of the name change to “Israel”, which is a SIX letter name, but in the antitype revealed as “Jesus New Name” (Rev. 3:12).

22) The statement of 1SR155, quoted in point #18 & #19 above, relates that the purification had begun when the New Name was received. It was a test for the Davidians and the actual beginning of the Ezekiel 9 separation into bundles of false associations from 1955 onward, beginning of the purification of the church, a separation of religious bodies, beginning with those brethren with the most light, “the ancient men which were before the house” Ezek. 9:6. There was no purification that began in Brother Houteff’s day. The statement also relates that there would be “no one to go by the old name”, that is, the name of the DSDA Association under Brother Victor Houteff, the original name, not a copy name of attempted DSDA associations that came after. There is no such thing as a spiritual kind-of ‘life support’ (same name or equivalent) of an organization after the president (prophet) dies. With the death of the inspired leader is also the death of the spiritual organization. THEN must come “reorganization” by “revival and reformation” (1TG8:24). A purification began in 1955, which culminated with the judgment on the false organization under Florence Houteff, a copy name organization, that brought the judgment revealed in Ezekiel chapters 19, 23, 24, that antitypical Ezekiel’s wife would “die”, a corporate death of an organization, and that the “top of Carmel” would “wither” (Amos 1:2), and that finally, there would be “no one to go by the old name”. Then the rise of the two sister churches, Aholah and Aholabah. This came to pass, not only in the proclamation given to the Davidians on April 22, 1959, to spiritual Jerusalem, New Mt. Carmel, but also the official legal dissolution (END) of the DSDA Organization. The original DSDA Association did end, and there was “no one to go by the old name”, beginning in October 1955, and in finality in March of 1962, the date of the original DSDA Association legal dissolution. It need not have happened, the DSDA legal dissolution, the final sell off of all association assets and the theft of the tithe, by Florence and her cohorts, had Florence and her council accepted “The Branch” Message, the promised “revival and reformation” (1T8:24) and “reorganization” under the New Name of Jesus – The Branch. And, finally, please understand brethren, that there was “no one to go by the old name” (DSDA Association). All the Davidian groups that arose after 1955 were “offsshoots” … not UPSHOOTS of the parent organization, not an upward growth, but sideways growth. The Ensign depiction of Isaiah 11:1 proves this reality. Sprigs are cut off, of no value to the up growth of the tree, the antitypical fig tree of Judah. This is why the Ezekiel 9
judgment prunes back the unproductive branches, or sprigs (Luke 13:6-9) as was given in the parable of the unfruitful fig tree. All Davidian groups that arose out of the 1961 Davidian Session organized by M.J. Bingham were counterfeits, and were not the original DSDA Association, by any means or any stretch of the imagination, and thereby fulfilling what Brother Houteff wrote, that there was “no one to go by the old name.” The original Davidian organization DIED, and no one can bring it back no matter how hard they try or regardless of what Davidian offshoot name they choose, there is no one to go by the old name. Read the prophecies given to the Davidians from 1955 to 1962, in Ezekiel chapters 19, 23, 24. “Study to shew thyself approved….” Davidians stop fighting prophecy! You cannot maintain or resurrect a dead Rod organization. The Ensign depiction again proves this reality. The message lives on as our foundation, but the organization is dead and gone.

23) The “Line of Truth” is an interesting point made in the Bashan history article (link posted at beginning and end of this study). The author, V.T. Bingham states: “Even though there is not a straight line marked out for us as individuals, speaking of the message as a whole, Sister White tells us that “a line of truth extending from that time [“after the passing of the time in 1844…”] to the time when we shall enter the city of God was made plain to me…” (1SM, p. 206). The line that Sister White saw in vision stretching all the way to the Kingdom was not said to be a line of truth mixed with error but, rather, was described as a “line of truth” (just truth) extending all the way to “the city of God.” End quote.

What is very strange is that the author includes the 1844 message of the Third Angel, quoting Ellen White in 1SM206, that there is indeed a “line of truth” going back to 1844, however, the Bashan Davidians begin their THREE spiritual pastures in 1930, leaving OUT the 1844 message altogether, as if it is not a “good spiritual pasture”. Micah 7:14 was worded the way it was by Inspiration to be a TEST to the Davidians in particular. Since the Micah 7:14 prophecy begins in 1930 with the Carmel pasture, revealed to Brother Houteff first which is why the Carmel pasture was presented first, it is clear that the “line of truth” must be actual prophetic messages which must be based on TIME, every time, all three phases or all three movements since 1844. We must view the messages since 1844 “as a whole”, as the article above states, thereby including the 1844 message as “good spiritual pasture”. The messages of Micah 7:14 do not need to be in their historical order, just as Ellen White taught in her statement in the prayer thought of this study. There is a “line of truth” to the Holy City, and that line of truth must include “The Branch”, the only message that could bring “revival and reformation” (1TG8:24), according to Victor Houteff, and the only
message that answered to the THIRD SEAL of Revelation 3:12, after the Fourth Angel messenger passing in 1955.

24) The “line of truth” diagram in the opening chapter of the Bashan summary, and in the conclusion, is speculative, not linear to the development of the messages as the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy clearly teach, a “Root, a “Rod”, then finally, “The Branch”, which is NOT speculative, but the unfolding of the revelation of the “Three Great Divisions of the genuine movement” (LI 306, 307), just as Isaiah 11:1 depicts and as the Micah 7:14 prophecy also shows, but not in their perfect order. Since the Carmel pasture was revealed first in 1930, it came first in the prophecy itself. Therefore, the last two pastures of Micah 7:14 are revealed in their order of development since 1844, the first spiritual pasture then the last spiritual pasture, the only way they could be, perfectly acceptable.

25) In V.T. Bingham’s summary, we read:

“After the shepherd was smitten in 1955 and the sheep were scattered (1TG 18:18), Davidian history records that the “Timely-Truth Educator,” published by Brother and Sister Bingham, was the only effective Davidian voice opposing Sister Houteff’s erroneous teachings.” End quote.

Another point raised by this statement is written in the context of the verse in question, partially quoted, not fully quoted or mentioned in the summary, which is critical to know, else the unlearned reader may think there is only ONE shepherd that is “smitten”. Here is the whole verse, in Zechariah 13:7 “Awake O sword against my shepherd, and against the MAN who is MY FELLOW, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn my hand upon the little ones.” This verse in Zechariah 13 makes it clear there is NOT JUST ONE SHEPHERD --- BUT TWO. This according to type, John the Baptist, then Christ. Since Victor Houteff was one shepherd, then the question arises, WHO is the OTHER SHEPHERD, that is, quite apparently, a contemporary fellow shepherd, in succession? The Rod and Branch messages both had shepherds, Victor Houteff, and Benjamin Roden, who knew each other. Victor Houteff died on February 5, 1955. Ben Roden died October 22, 1978, 23 years later, and both men died under unusual circumstances. What is the TYPE in question here? The type of John the Baptist and Christ, which is the primary application of the Zechariah 13:7 prophecy. There was NOT just one shepherd!

Key Applications – A Closer Look:
Throughout our study expose we have endeavored to show the contrast between the position of the Bashan association, Exeter, Mo., and The Branch, that arose under the leadership of Benjamin Roden in Odessa Texas, just a very few months after Brother Houteff's passing in 1955, then moving to east Waco in 1965 (New Mt. Carmel) to the essentially abandoned New Mt. Carmel, Waco, the only remaining organizational and physical property of, or connected to, Old Mt. Carmel, showing a continuity of the message through its headquarters but under a “reorganization”. We have presented the real development of the last two messages since 1930 leading into the announcement of the opening of the Judgment for the Living, an actual date as it was in 1844 under the Judgment for the Dead. The Judgment for the Living begins with an “Investigative" phase, meaning, a judicial separation between former brethren, an organizational judgment and direct literal judgment on that organization, as it was leveled against the Davidian’s under Florence Houteff in March of 1962. This organizational judgment was based on the Ezekiel prophecies in chapters 17, 19, 23 and 24. In the final phase of the Judgment for the Living (Executive phase), far future from 1962, it was individuals that were judged and, difficult to say, a harsh Divine judgment leveled against the idol worshipers (man worship), a literal slaughter according to the historical type of Jerusalem of old, upon individuals, those with the most light who should have known better (and many did) bringing about a literal slaughter, an execution by “fire and sword” (Isaiah 66:15:16), that Divine Providence orchestrated in The Branch.

The 1888 Message of Minneapolis, as most students of prophecy know, was rejected by the SDA leadership, but promised to return one day. Ellen White commented extensively on that sad chapter in Advent Movement history. The 1888 Message began to return in 1930, however, since there were three more messages to arise in Adventism, beginning in 1930, based on Revelation 14, the REPEAT of the Three Angels, from verses 15 to 18 of which The Rod message was ONLY the REPEAT of the First Angel (WHR37), how is it that “Rod ONLY” Davidians think that Victor Houteff’s message would be the LAST, being that there were OTHER Angels (messages) were still pending, ready to unfold, after the repeat of the First Angel in 1930, ending in 1955? The Shepherd’s Rod message represented the return of Righteousness by Faith message to the church, but The Branch message brought The Righteousness of Christ message, bearing the New Name of Jesus in connection with the Heavenly change in ministration, as it was in 1844, when Jesus’ ministration turned to the Judgment for the Living! This topic was the beginning and the core of The Branch message through Ben Roden. We do not see any warning or announcement of this all-important topic through M.J. Bingham in his “Educator” publication, the actual opening of the JOL, this all
important topic for the church, both SDA and DSDA. Ben Roden wrote Seven Letters of warning and announcement of this great event, greater than the 1844 message because the JOL involves the LIVING saints, living church members, beginning with the Davidians in 1955. Victor Houteff spent many chapters and pages on this vital topic to announce the impending opening of the Judgment for the Living (such as 2SR220 and many other lengthy statements by Victor Houteff). The Branch message of 1955 was the REPEAT of the Second Angel’s message, evidenced by “(And) Another Angel” that arises in verse 17. Then came the REPEAT of the Third Angel in verse 18, based again on the 430 year applications “by Martin Luther and OTHERS” (1SR127).

- The Bingham “Bashan pasture” (so called) presented NO 430 year application from Ezekiel 4 for its beginning, the very basis of a new spiritual pasture, and furthermore did not even claim to be another message, a new message, from the Golden Bowl, but rather a message of a Bashan pasture based on a new definition of “president” and “porter” that is NOT found in the Shepherd’s Rod Leviticus. There is no such thing as an “indirect” president, or “interpretive” message, or “homiletic” porter based on a theoretical continuation of the Carmel pasture. The Carmel pasture “withered” according to Amos 1:2! A valid message (Carmel pasture) YET ‘no new message’ (Bashan), according to M.J. Bingham. Quite a paradox in teaching. The truth is, all THREE “good spiritual pastures” are similar in nature, lineal prophetic messages, each based on TIME and TYPE. M.J. Bingham presents much typology, not rightly applied, for his “interpretive” message but no TIME, yet very much implying inspiration at work. A message based on TYPE (Leah and Rachel) but without TIME --- is NO MESSAGE,... not from the Golden Bowl. The Branch message of 1955 brought forth TIME and TYPE for its basis, as well as the actual time for the opening of the Judgment for the Living, clearly based on the historical Advent TYPE of the 1844 message of the Judgment for the Dead. This was the purpose of the First, Second and Third Angels’ message from 1840 to 1844 and the same purpose and timing of the repeat of the First, Second and Third Angels beginning in 1930, through 1955, and finally in 1977, thus fulfilling the THREE ANGELS’ messages in their REPEAT phase. Ellen White stated that she saw these messages repeated, with “distinct utterance”1. As Ellen White shows in the statements below in the footnote, “I was

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1 “The fourteenth chapter of Revelation is a chapter of the deepest interest. This scripture will soon be understood in all its bearings, and the messages given to John the Revelator will be REPEATED with distinct utterance.” (R&H Oct. 13, 1904)

I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps— the first, second, and third angels’ messages. Said my accompanying angel, “Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of
pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus." EW 258. Davidians today say they accept the latter-day Elijah (Elijah-John the Baptist), but in their teaching and practice do not accept Elijah-John of our day, V.T. Houteff, when they ignore his direct announcement of the Revival and Reformation that was to come after The Rod message (Elijah-John’s message), rejecting Christ in a message (The Branch), a message bearing His New Name in 1955, the repeat of the Second Angel (Rev. 14:17). “Who is to bring this revival and reformation, this great change – The Branch” (1TG8:24). Where is there a TYPE for a second Elijah-John message in the type, the Gospel account, or the antitype? Instead, attempting to create a new office of a “homiletic” prophet, or “interpretive” office of president-porter? Bashan brethren, that idea is not found in the Golden Bowl. How is it that the Davidians post 1955 not only forgot Christ in the Gospel, the foundation of the 1888 Message, but also forgot the Gospel TYPE itself, that of Christ Himself, preceded by Elijah-JOHN. This is precisely what Brother Houteff taught in 2AB80, the TYPE of the last two message-movements since 1930.2 In the very next

these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.” I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and they with humble look again stepped upon it. { EW 258.3}

I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. EW 259

The second angel’s message was to go to Babylon [the churches] proclaiming her downfall, and calling the people to come out of her. This same message is to be proclaimed the second time. ‘And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. TM59

“If this is true then all FIVE ANGELS brought to view in this chapter (Rev. 14) represent FIVE DISTINCT MESSAGES prior to the Advent or we are left without a rule to interpret this chapter.” James White, WLF 10-11.

2 “With each approaching hour for the Truth to advance, came first one prophet, then another, in a long succession ending with John the Baptist. Then came Christ, the apostles, the reformers, William Miller, and Sister White, each
sentence, the very same breath, Brother Houteff states, “THEN came Christ...” How could Davidians miss the whole point of the work and prophecy of Elijah-John, from 1930 to 1955, the whole point and purpose of the TYPE of John the Baptist? John the Baptist was NOT the “last prophet” or last message, according to TYPE, since “Christ Himself is also a TYPE” (12SC1:6) and too the 12 Apostles, who represent the 144,000. But Christ Himself was the whole purpose and whole focus of the New Testament, and the Old Testament.

- According to the diagram in the Bingham historical summary, an interesting historical review nevertheless, it shows a “line of truth” as is taught in the Exeter Davidian group, as copied below.

The “1961 Session”, organized by M.J. Bingham, and the “Unknown Association”, obviously the Exeter Davidians, does not present the New Name of Jesus, a SIX LETTER NAME that V.T. Houteff announced would come (1SR155), ... as is required by Ellen White’s statement in EW15, that the 144,000 must have to be “sealed and perfectly united”. Nor is the Exeter- Davidian group’s message based on a time prophecy as the Carmel pasture message was. Therefore, how could the “line of truth” from “Mt. Carmel” – The Rod Message of 1930, lead the faithful ones to “The City of our God”? The diagram is not a pattern found in The Rod message, or a line of truth found in Scripture, nor does the diagram reveal the actual unfolding of the messages presented in Revelation 14, a total of SIX actual Angels, “And ANOTHER Angel...”, brought to view, and a Seventh Angel presented in Revelation 18:1 who repeats the Second Angel for the second time, a total of three times since 1844, that is, only for the Second Angel’s message. Since the Davidians after Florence Houteff ignore (deny) the 1844 message of the Third Angel as ONE OF the THREE “good spiritual pastures”, the Exeter Davidians want to promote the idea that the Carmel pasture, or The Rod message ALONE ... is the entirety of the “three good spiritual pastures”. Such an idea is patently

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one in turn teaching truths which could not be borne out entirely by the writings of any one predecessor. To find all the Truth thus progressively revealed, the writings of all must be collaborated.” {ABN2: 80.4}
false. Isaiah 11:1 is the actual prophecy and Divine pattern of the messages that unfold from 1844 to the present day, The Root, The Rod, and The Branch. This true pattern is what Victor Houteff taught in Tract #8 and other places. No Davidian can get around that fact. But they try diligently to avoid it. Davidians today avoid the term and title of The Branch as if that Name is some kind of plague, but it actually is the New Name of Jesus and the 144,000 will have “Jesus’ New Name” written in their foreheads, else they will not be “sealed and perfectly UNITED”. Davidians speak and act as if the New Name of Jesus is bad, unbecoming, not needful, not politically correct, but we must understand that Isaiah 4 tells us – “In that day shall The Branch be beautiful and glorious … for them that are escaped of Israel.” So, brethren, there can be NO UNITY without the New Name of Jesus, a six-letter name according to Victor Houteff.

I have had Davidians tell me that the new name of Jesus does not come until the Kingdom. The Rod message does not teach that idea. The Rod teaches that the New Name comes at the end of the 430 years period and the 144,000 will have that New Name of Jesus written in their minds and hearts. The New Name of Jesus is known before Ezekiel 9 Executive falls. There is a complete THREE PHASE and SEVEN-FOLD message before the Kingdom begins. There is a complete message to the church …THEN to the world. And the “mark of the beast” comes first in the church also …. then to the world, as taught by Victor Houteff and Benjamin Roden (references available). NOWHERE in The Rod message is presented a line of truth that includes a special Davidian session (1961), nor an “Unknown Association” (Exeter Davidians) in the “line of truth.” ONLY Divinely Inspired messages compose the “line of truth”, messages based on TIME and TYPE. And, we must remember, according to the historical type, the Bashan territory, east of the Jordan River, was conquered by the Tribe of Manasseh and annexed into the Gilead territory, and so it is today in the antitype. This history was all in the Divine order of the messages, that Carmel would “wither” (DSDA), and then Bashan, its pagan king, would be conquered (SDA) but Gilead (The Branch) would lead us into the Kingdom through a “Joshua of today”. This is a completely sensible progression of the messages since 1844, inclusive of all the messages covering THREE MESSAGE-MOVEMENTS, three “good spiritual pastures”. A Simple and direct progression of Truth and simple development of the messages, regardless of all the Davidian apostasy and continual splintering and merging of the Davidians groups since 1955. The 1961 special session organized by M.J. Bingham was irrelevant, even hurtful to the movement overall, attempting to defeat the prophecy, because the prophecy in Ezekiel 19 predicted that: “…so that she hath no strong rod [to be] a sceptre to rule. This [is] a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.” Because -- “… fire is gone out of a rod of
her branches, [which] hath devoured her fruit,” as it was fulfilled in 1955 when Benjamin Roden, ‘a Rod’ (with the name “Rod” in his actual name) immediately began to protest the actions of Florence Houteff and her executive council beginning in September of 1955, the beginning of the Seven Letters to Florence Houteff and her executive council, long before the Bingham “Timely Truth Educator” began to be published. The prophecy is clear, there would be no “strong rod” (among Davidians who would not progress to the next message, The Branch) to bring leadership or unity to the Davidians. Benjamin Roden gave this prophecy to Florence Houteff and the Davidians before M.J. Bingham even began to organize the Davidians and attempt to unify them.

The Exeter-Bashan historical summary states:

“In referring to “those who oppose this position,” Sister Houteff was speaking primarily of Brother M. J. Bingham and the “Timely-Truth Educator.” Brother Roden and Brother Samuel Licayan also opposed Sister Houteff from their respective positions as teachers of the Branch and Root messages, but the Educator was the only real Rod publication opposed to Sister Houteff at that time.” End quote.

The above statement is doublespeak, but ultimately untrue, since Ben Roden began to protest the actions of Florence Houteff and her executive council near the end of September of 1955 (Sept. 23, 1955), the date of Ben Roden’s first of Seven Letters to Florence and her illegal council. Ben Roden provided Davidians with regular key executive council minutes (Florence Houteff’s council) and reports of legal proceedings during the sell-off and dissolution phase of the Waco DSDA Association. These were regular mailings to Davidians by Ben Roden beginning in 1955. The author of this study has all of the published EC minutes published by Ben Roden at the time.

Concerning the Harvest Feasts – the Feast days. The summary by V.T. Bingham states: “There are many vital truths which we can never compromise on, but there are also many non-essential points on which we may with fidelity to the message permit a difference of opinion. Regarding truths in the first category, such as keeping the typical feasts today (clearly a part of the ceremonial law), for example, we are specifically told that “this law, of course, we today must not observe, except in antitype, for it foreshadowed things to come, particularly Christ’s first advent” (2TG 37:14)”

The Branch never observed the yearly Feasts in any other way than “in antitype”, that is, the application and observance after the Cross of Calvary, without any animal sacrifices. The animal sacrifices and temple service was the TYPE, but
WITHOUT the animal sacrifice – the temple service and the Feast Days are the antitype. The Feasts, beginning with the Passover Communion service, represent the beginning of the harvest in the Judgment for the Living, a time of literal separation of groups long before the Executive phase of Ezekiel 9. Ezekiel 9 has an “Investigative” period, same as the MARKING of Ezekiel 9. The INVESTIGATIVE phase of Ezekiel 9 began in October of 1955. The first Passover observance in The Branch was in April of 1960, at the beginning of the time of the Judgment for the Living that Benjamin Roden announced that the separation, the Judgment for the Living, had begun, which is what Passover represents—in antitype. The Feasts teach the harvest in antitype. This is why The Branch initiated the Feast Days in 1960, and why Brother Houteff could not initiate the Feast Days, “in antitype” in his day because it was not TIME, and he did not know how.

WHY “THREE”? “THREE GREAT DIVISIONS…” Life Incidents 306, 307

Three divisions of the message since 1844.
Three “good spiritual pastures” since 1844.
“Three parts of the great whole” since 1844.

The Significance of the number three (confirmation) in the various related prophecies brought to light since 1955 that reveal the “Genuine Movement” (James White, Life Incidents, 306, 307).

Branch Lessons 4, 5 & 6 –
An Overview of The Branch Message by Ben Roden:

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 rejectors 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
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.


(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).
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).

Prayerfully,
Ben L. Roden

LESSON 5

May 7, 1958

Subject: THE BRANCH in the Light of Zechariah 1 and 2.

The 3rd Angel's Message in the light of the four-fold symbolism of Zechariah 1:7-17 and the three-fold symbolism of Zechariah 2:1-5.

Purpose:

To identify each fold of these two symbolisms and show that the "fourth-fold" and the "third-fold" represent THE BRANCH as it joins the 3rd Angel of 1844.

Gem Thought:

"The true understanding of these messages are of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received." E.W. Pages 250-259. Thank God for "These messages (3 Angels) … an anchor. Those who understand and receive them will be kept from being swept away by the many delusions of Satan." E.W. 256:2.

Zechariah 1 - Four-fold Symbolism  Verses 7-17 disclose three groups:
1. 3 horses......................verse 8
2. Zechariah and the angel.......verse 9
3. Man on red horse.............verse 8

Group 1:
According to "Why Perish" as found in Tract #6, pages 60 - 66.
Horses represent messages and movements. Horses "walk" through the earth three times.

**First time:** Horses represent Millerite movement as it warned (1831-1844) the earth of "the end" and then came to rest, thinking the work finished.

**Second time:** After the disappointment, the horses were told to (1844 - on) "cry again" (Zech. 1:17), or to prophesy again (Rev. 10:11). "...its (S.D.A.) 1844 commission, was not 'all' (nations), but simply to 'many'." -- Tract #6, page 66.

**Third time:** "Necessarily, then, it must receive another commission, one to go to 'all nations.'" -- Tract #6, page 66, paragraph 1.

"There is...another message...to join the Third Angel"--three horses." -- Tract #6, page 66, paragraph 2.

E.W. 277 and T.M. 300 describe Angel of Rev. 18:1, who directs 3 horses on their third walk.

**Question:** Is the "addition" that joins the "three horses" and subsequently directs their walk to all nations, represented in this symbolism of Zechariah 1:7-17?

**Answer:**

**Group 2:**

The Rod is silent concerning these two: Zechariah & angel. It is now time to reveal their identity.

Zechariah questioned the angel about the horses, vs 9. The angel answered, "I will show thee what these be."

Notice: The chart on page 61 of Tract #6 shows a shepherd's rod in the angel's hand. The angel is interested in Jerusalem, vs. 12.

Therefore, the angel represents the Shepherd's Rod message -- new Jerusalem, the Kingdom, and Zechariah represents V.T. Houteff.

Yes, the anti-typical Zechariah (V.T.H.) tells us in Tract #6 what the angel told him about the horses.

**Question:** Does Zechariah and the angel, now identified, hold the reins - direct - the 3 horses on their walk to all nations?

**Answer:** Evidently not, for the Symbolic Code, Oct-Nov-Dec. Issue, 1930, tells us that the Lord did not then have the reins in His own hands, but that at some future time He would.

Further, since the Rod of Rev. 7 ascended, while the "directing" Angel descends (E.W. 277; Rev. 18:1) then Rod not the Answer.
We must look further into Zechariah's symbolism for the identity of the One who directs the 3rd Angel's message in its final "walk".

Group 3:

Where the Rod is silent concerning "Man on red horse", the BRANCH now speaks:
Man riding red horse variously termed: 1. Man, vs. 10; 2. Angel, vs. 11; 3. Lord, vs. 13.
Man is very interested in Jerusalem, for He has returned with "mercies" to build and prosper her. (verses 14-17)

Man is depicted on chart, Tract #6, page 61, as holding the "reins" of the red horse in His hands.

Man is the Lord, returned to direct the work and take the "reins in His own hands." (T.M. 300; E.W. 277, C.O.L. 79)
"Christ shall inform His 'citizens' that He is taking the reins in His own hands 'to set up His Kingdom." Tract #8, page 71:1. Read Tract #8, all of pages 70 and 71.
Revelation 18:1............"...angel come down...."
Isaiah 66:15............"For, behold, the Lord will come..."
Ezekiel 9..............Lord comes to threshold of House.
Isaiah 6.............Lord comes in traveling throne.
Revelation 14:14, 15....Lord comes on cloud to harvest.

THE BRANCH comes to reveal Himself in the Branch Message (October 1955).
Yes, the Answer: THE BRANCH joins and directs the 3 horses (3rd Angel's Message) on their third walk throughout the earth, beginning at God's House. (1 Peter 4:17).

"I (THE BRANCH) will send these that escape of them unto the nations. ... And they shall bring all your brethren...out of all nations.” Isaiah 66:19, 20.

MAKE NOTE: The red horse says nothing.

"those … within should know better than to tempt themselves..." to tell THE BRANCH how to teach His message. (G.C.S. 44-45).
Red Horse..................Becomes, White Horse...........
Red - Before Ezekiel 9...... -1- .....Purity, white...Isaiah 1:18
Righteousness as filthy rags… -2- .....C.O.R...........T.Gr. 1:8:23
Before purification.............. -3- .....After purification...Isaiah 4
Doesn't speak.................... -4- .....Speaks.........Revelation 9:17.
See the Scale Chart: BRANCH, second Adam rides White Horse. (Rev. 6:2; P.K. 725).

Identity reveals:

Group 1. Miller-White...First and Second Phase...3 horses fused one movement (6th and 9th hours) or 3rd Angel...W.H.R. 19:3.....9th hr.
**Group 2.** Davidian...Third Phase... Zechariah & Angel...pre-11th hr.

**Group 3.** Branch....Fourth Phase...Man on red horse....11th hr.

**Two Mergers:**

**Group 1. Type -- Judgment of the Dead:**

The two phases -- 6th and 9th Hour Calls, were "...FUSED into ONE..." White House Recruiter, page 19:3.

"...We have walked.." Zechariah 1:11.  
(They speak as one unit, one purpose: 3rd Angel's Message).

**Group 2 & 3 Antitype -- Judgment of the Living:**

This same movement (Rod) will merge into a greater one (1 S.R. 234).

**GREATER ONE ..........................The Branch (1 S.R. 233:3).**

Shepherd's Rod - antitype of John the Baptist (1 T.Gr. 36:4:1; 1 T.H. 42:19, Unrevised). Elijah John the Baptist (Davidians) must DECREASE and Christ (BRANCH) must INCREASE.

"But the work of John was not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian church. When he had fulfilled his mission, another work was to be done, which his testimony could not accomplish. His disciples did not understand this. When they saw Christ coming in to take the work, (take the reins) they were jealous and dissatisfied. The same dangers still exist." D.A. 181.

David (Davidians) prepared material for Temple, and Solomon, David's son (Branch) builds the Temple. (Zechariah 6:12; 1 T.Gr. 8:24:3; Tract #8:62:0, 1).

Thus it is:

**These two mergers produce groups.**

1. Third Angel's Message in its former phase...For Dead (Rev. 14:6-11).
2. Third Angel's Message (Branch) in its latter phase...for the Living. (Rev. 18:1; Rev. 7:1-8; G.C.S. 41:1; -- Merge - one).

Therefore:

BRANCH........................joins........................3rd Angel.  
And Branch -- 4th phase.... joins........................3rd Angel.

God's Servants can clearly see that this symbolism, beginning with William Miller, reveals The Branch as the 4th phase, joining the 3rd phase.

**Zechariah 2 -- Three-fold Symbolism:**

Verses 1-5 also discloses three groups:

1. Young man.................(verses 1, 4).
1. Angel that "went forth"....(verse 3).
3. Another angel............(verse 3).

Rod says:
1. Young man represents S.D.A.
   He tries to measure the Kingdom: limit its inhabitants (1 T.G. 12:16).
Zechariah talks to the young man (verse 2): the Rod message has for many years told
the young man -- S.D.A., through V.T. Houteff (Zechariah) that there would be at least
144,000 in the Kingdom -- Mt. Zion -- Palestine.

Now revealed:
2. Angel (who gave Zechariah his information - Shepherd's Rod Message)
   went forth and was met by another angel -- message (Zechariah 2:3). "...this
   same movement (angel that went forth) would merge into a greater one
   (another angel)." 1  S.R. page 234.

3. Another angel runs! (quick work in church -- harvest shortest time) and tells young
   man not to measure (limit) Jerusalem to only 144,000.
   "Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to earth, to unite his voice
   with the third angel, ... This message seemed to be an addition to the third message."  
   E.W. 277.

Thus it is: The "another" angel is THE BRANCH, the Man on the red horse, Who runs
   to the young man (S.D.A. -- 3rd Angel's Message of 1844) - (2nd commission for
   Davidians to give Kingdom message to young man under New Name - Branch).

Hence:

   YOUNG MAN ........S.D.A.....Received first "addition" of Kingdom News from
   ANGEL who went forth.....Davidians.....then.....ANOTHER ANGEL.....The Branch
   runs (quick work in church) .... to young man with final "addition" of Kingdom News.
   (G.C.S. 26; Zechariah 2:4).
   Therefore: It is clearly seen that since The Rod, the angel of Rev. 7, did not DESCEND,
   but rather ASCENDED, another must finish the work and appear according to prophecy
   "...another angel...he DESCENDED..." E.W. 277. It can't be other than CHRIST, THE
   BRANCH, Who descends from heaven as the Angel (Message) of Rev. 18:1; Ezek. 9.

The angel in Zechariah's symbolism, verse 3, and the angel in Early Writings, p. 277, have one
identifying name that shows they are the same:  ANOTHER.

Identify revealed:
Young Man...S.D.A....-1...Rev. 14:6-22..."...one..." (3rd Angel of 1844) (W.H.R. 19:3).
Angel...D.S.D.A.....-2-...Rev. 7:1-8...ASCENDED -- went forth with message of the Kingdom, sealing of 144,000 to S.D.A.

**Another Angel**

Branch D.S.D.A.....-3-...Rev. 18:1...Judgment of Living first in the church. (V.T.H. Jez. Let. #2:5:5) DESCENDING angel meets angel that went forth - they merge into a greater movement and join third angel in a message to be given to the world.

**Conclusion:**

God's Servants further see that this symbolism, beginning with 1844, reveals THE BRANCH (2nd angel - Zech. 1:11) as the 3rd Angel of the Judgment of the Living (G.C.S. 41:1, 1950 edition; 1954 reprint 38:5) joining the 3rd angel of 1844. And therefore is the 3rd Angel's Message. (2 S.R. 231:0; T.M. 59:1).

**SUMMARY**

Zechariah 1: Four-fold

Zech. 2: Three-fold

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1 & 2. Miller & White. 3 Horses...Rev. 14:6-11..S.D.A..Young man
3....Davidian...Zechariah & Angel...Rev. 7:1-8... D.S.D.A....Angel
4....Branch...Man on Horse...Rev. 18:1, Branch D.S.D.A... Another Angel

**THREE PERIODS**

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4th & 3rd = BRANCH -- latter phase of 3rd Angel

Thus: **BRANCH in dual role as 4th and 3rd joins**
the 3rd of 1844 -- former phase of 3rd Angel

Latter plus former = Complete whole: **BRANCH - all in one.**

**Warning!**

This four-fold phase Truth plus the three-fold phase Truth equals a perfect Truth - 7, which if received in the heart will be watered by the Trinity - 3, to produce the Universal Church -- the 10th. (4 plus 3 = 7 plus 3 = 10).
"...a solid, immovable platform." E.W. 259.
"WOE to him who shall move a block or stir a pin.." E.W.  258; 4 T 17:1.

Yours to see that the reins are in His hands,

Ben L. Roden

Note: All emphasis in quotation ours.

LESSON NO. 6       May 21, 1958

Subject: The Family Tree Isaiah 11:1:

Purpose To show 3 great divisions of the Genuine Movement - (Life Incidents 306-307).

1. Jesse (Stem C.: Roots)
2. Rod
3. Branch

Gem Thought; Jesus depicted as a green Tree. (D.A. 743).

1. Jesse - Roots & Stem - Foundation of Tree.

These were:

Fused into one - Seventh-day Adventist ... Rev. 14:6-11 ... Judgment of Dead.

"...work of William Miller and that of Sr. White deeply rooted in the 'more sure word of Prophecy.'... " Tract #6, 69:2, (6th and 9 hours).

Three in one .........................As the 3rd Angel's Message of 1844.

2. Rod -- Shoots up from the Stump.
   a. Angel from the East -- Rev. 7:1-8 -- Type of John the Baptist. 1 TG 42-19:2.
   b. John:
      1. Last of the Old Testament prophets.
      2. Received no priestly training in Rabbinical schools (D.A. 101:3).
c. John baptized the Christ, (Lamb of God) - out of the common order of things --- not authorized by the Sanhedrin.

"The work of John was not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian Church." D.A. 181:5.

d. V.T. Houteff (Elijah-John, in antitype, Unrevised 1 TGr 42-19:2; 1 TG 36-4:1) received no training in S.D.A. or other theological schools-

Only: 1. -- - Layman Sabbath-school teacher.

2. -- - Like John the Baptist he was called as a reformer.

3. -- - And ... like John, was denounced as false by leaders.

A Comparison:

John:  "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

V.T.H.:  "Who is to bring this ... great change? - The BRANCH - 1 TG 8-24, 25:3.

"...Joshua is in charge, not the angel of Laodicea." Para. 2.

"Joshua ... (authorizes) his helpers whom the Lord names ... Here is seen an organization having a leader and an under leader - the Lord (BRANCH) and Joshua." 1 TGr 8-26:2.

John:  "He must increase but I must decrease." D.A. 182; John 3:30.

V.T.H.:  ".....this same movement would merge into a greater one." 1 S.R. 234:2.

".....let the Recruiter anoint their eyes" ...that 'In that day the Branch

".... (God's denomination of today)". W.H.R. 53:2.

John's work: "not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian Church." Desire of Ages 181:5.

V.T.H.'s work - S.R. Message: Not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Kingdom Church.

For: The BRANCH builds the temple, (Zech. 6:12; G.C. 415:3).

John: Brought about no purification -- only reform.

V.T.H: Brought about no purification -- only reform.
"Church ... led and preserved by a prophet, she can continue on in no other way from here on. Unrevised 2 TG 26-25:1; 2 TG 26-23:3.

"Shintoism ... Nothing less than making the dead prophets God's last word." Unrevised 2 TG 26-24:2; (2 TGr 26-22:0).

"Worshiping the dead prophets and killing the living ones, is a brutal effort to block the progress of Truth, to deceive self and others. 2 TGr 26-23:1.

3. **Branch - grows out of his roots - (Roots of Rod and Jesse).**

That is, the Branch message has its roots in both the Rod and S.D.A. Messages and movements.

Branch repeats truths of former messages with the addition truth – the judgment of the living. (Rev. 18:1).

It is to be expected that the new message will make its way against opposition and will be denounced as false. (G.C.S. 7:2).

CONCLUSION:

1. **JESSE ............... The Stump ............... Judgment of the Dead. Revelation 14:6-11:**
   a. Third Angel's Message - Threefold message - S.D.A.
   b. Three horses (red, speckled, and white, Zech. 1:8, 11, 17, see chart).
   b. Young man -- Zechariah 2:1, 2.
   d. Eagle - cropped off twigs from cedar of Lebanon and planted it in a fruitful field by great waters and set it as a willow tree - grew - became low spreading vine with roots under him. Eze. 17:1-6. (Cropped suggests first harvest – judgment of the dead).
   e. First lion whelp learned to catch the prey - devoured men -- taken captive by Egypt. Eze. 19:1-4 (Read 5T 217).

2. **ROD .............. Out of the Stump .............. Pre-judgment of the Living. Revelation 7:1-8.**
c. Angel with shepherd's rod in his hand -- talked to Zechariah - Zech. 1:9, (see chart).

d. Angel that talked with me went forth - Zech. 2:3.

e. "Another great eagle ... this vine did bend her roots toward him, he watered it in the furrows of her plantation (reform in the church - water - no harvest) ... great waters that might bring forth branches ... bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

f. Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it shall, wither (top of Carmel shall wither - Amos 1:2) in the furrows where it grew. (Eze. 17:7-10) pre-judgment of the living.

The symbolism here depicts a church-wide, not world-wide movement - it withers where it started -- within the S.D.A. Church.

"And also, I have withholden the rain ... yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: the place whereupon it rained not withered." Amos 4:7  Top of Carmel - withered in 1955. Davidians admit -Latter Rain stopped -- Symbolic Code V11 #1, p. 14 (November 1955).

g. "Now when she saw ... her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion." Eze. 19:5-11.

"... learned to catch the prey ... he knew their desolate places (hunting them out of the rocks and mountains - 1 TGr 9-11:0; V.T.H. Jezreel Letter #4:5; Jer. 16:16). "... the nations - set against him ... he was taken in their pit."

"... in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel." Eze. 19:5-9.

This is a figurative prophecy. If it had an application to ancient Israel it has a more direct application to the church at this time. "Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. We are repeating the history of that people." 5T 160:2.

Lioness – Millerite.
1st lion’s whelp -- S.D.A. -- "Judah is a lion's whelp" - Gen. 49:9.

2nd lion’s whelp -- Davidian S.D.A.


a. Second Angel (Judgment of the Living) descends - (Rev. 18:1).

b. Man on red horse holding reins - Zech. 1:8, 11, 12, (see enclosed chart on Zech. 1).

c. "... another angel (message - Branch) went out to meet him (to meet the angel with shepherd's crook that talked with Zechariah that went forth).

"And said unto him (said to the angel that talked to Zechariah - Zech. 1:9 - the angel with the shepherd's crook) run speak to this young man (Zech. 2:1, 2 - S.D.A. Brethren) saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein." Zech. 2:3,4.

The Davidians (symbolized by the angel holding the shepherd’s rod - follow enclosed chart on Zech. 1: read Tract #6:61) have been telling the church about the sealing of the 144,000 for over 25 years, and now, that it is about time to start sealing the great multitude they are to run, tell the S.D.A. about the marking by the Branch and the time of the slaughter by Ezekiel 9.

TIME IS SHORT: "WHAT IS DONE MUST BE DONE QUICKLY." E.W. 118.

There may be some who have not studied "Why Perish" -- Tract #6.

All should weigh the evidence herein presented. There are a number who can see at a glance that it is not the Shepherd's Rod movement that sets up the kingdom. Anyone can readily see that the reins (to set up the kingdom) are not in the hands of that movement (angel with rod, Zech. 7:9) and never have been. Brother Houteff told us that the Lord did not have the reins to set up the kingdom in his day - Code Oct.- Dec. 1938. This simply means that the Lord would call someone after Brother V.T. Houteff to rule for Him. (Tract #8:71.).

THERE ARE OTHER REASONS:

1. The man on the red horse has the reins.

2. This symbolism depicts another message -- movement after the Rod. Tract 6:61.

3. That the man on the red horse is an Angel (Zech. 1:11), which signifies a message.

4. There are two angels in the entire symbolism Tract 6:61. The Second Angel is on the red horse - (The Branch).
5. It is the second angel (Rev. 18:1) - that joins the 3rd angel by-which the Lord takes the reins in His own hands. T.M. 59:1; 2 S.R. 231:0.

6. The Symbolism of the Man on the red horse depicts the Branch message movement.

THERE ARE FOUR POINTS TO WHICH ALL SHOULD TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE:

1. That angels represent messages.

2. The Lord uses one messenger through whom he unfolds the 3rd Angel's message. Judgment of the Living - G.C.S. 41:1, also pages 34 and 35.

3. Anyone who attempts to give an explanation of the symbolism of the plan on the red horse, other than the interpretations the Branch gives, is claiming Inspiration and is therefore a false prophet.

4. The Branch has a chain of prophecy to prove authority to interpret this symbolism.

LORD TAKES THE REINS  See Tract #6:61.

Second angel (Zech. 1:11; Zech 2:3) joins 3rd angel in message to be given to the world. (T.M. 300).

"Christ shall inform His 'citizens' that He is taking 'the reins in His own hands' to set up His kingdom . . . they upon hearing the announcement shall refuse to submit themselves to the one through whom He is to rule." Tract #8:71:1 - "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." Luke 14:18.

Note: The reins are not in the hands of the angel with the shepherd's rod in his hand. The reins are in the hands of the man (the Lord - the BRANCH) on the red horse.

[Editor’s Note: The Lord can only “take the reins into His OWN Hands” TM300, when HIS NAME (Jesus’ New Name - The Branch) is on the actual message, THE LORD IN A DIRECT PARTNERSHIP OR CONNECTION WITH THE MESSENGER, UNLIKE THAT OF PREVIOUS MESSAGES AND MESSENGERS. This is a logical conclusion, both spiritual and legal, as the “Him whose right it is” Ezekiel 21:27. The THIRD sealing message is the time that the LORD “takes the reins...” and “the workers will be surprised.”]

This represents a great challenge to S.D.A's and Davidians, ("... both houses of Israel.... Isa. 8:14).

Three-Fold Seal:

(1) Sabbath seal by S.D.A.

(2) Kingdom seal by Davidian S.D.A.

(3) New Name seal by the Branch (E.W. 15; Rev. 3:12).

EZEKIEL 17:22-24:
Represents the 2nd harvest – the Judgment of the Living. "... the Lord God ... takes of the highest branch of the high cedar tree (the cedar that came up as a result of the water of the second eagle verse 7). I will "crop" (harvest) off from the top of his young twigs a tender one.

"In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it and it shall bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing;" (Gentiles grafted into the Branch).

"And all the trees of the field, (Isa. 2:3; D.A.583:1) shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree (the tree that came up as a result of -the labors of the 2nd eagle) have exalted the low tree (low willow tree verse 5 - 3rd angel's message) have dried up the green tree, (Amos 1:2; 4:7 - Davidian movement to the church only) and have made the dry tree to flourish." (loud cry of the 3rd angel’s message by the 144,000 guileless servants).

A DESCENDENT OF ISRAEL: "THY MOTHER LIKE A VINE IN THY BLOOD." Ezekiel 19:10.

John baptized Christ. The Rod says that the "BRANCH" brings the great change. "And according to Isa. 11:1-5, the Branch is the Lord, the Son of David." 1TGr. 5-24:3. The rod represents David the son of Jesse in the first place- and God's word in the second - the Davidian message - a message of David's Kingdom. Therefore, Jesse the stem would represent the father of David and also a message or parent movement - S.D.A.

Likewise, the "BRANCH" would represent Christ, the Son of David. Since Jesse and the rod have double applications, then it is obvious that the Branch means a message that reveals Christ and His truth - the Word of God. (1TGr. 16-29:1).

"And she, had strong rods (strong Scriptures, and princes of the house of David) ...that bare rule, .... the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them ... And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground." (Latter Rain stopped) Eze. 19:11,12,13.

"And fire (symbol of the Holy Spirit ) is gone out of a rod (a spirit-filled message, out of one of the members of the house of David - out of Davidian S.D.A.) ... which has devoured her fruit, ... she hath no strong rod (Scripture or prince) to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation...." (Eze. 19:10-14, (no strong leader now). [Editor’s note: M.J. Bingham could not bring unity to Davidians in 1961 and thereafter.]

The symbolism under observation here depicts in each instance the three great divisions of the genuine S.D.A. movement, all climaxing in the Third, by the revelation of Christ’s new name "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh". This movement is to climax in the revelation to the world that Christ, the hope of glory, has come in the flesh. (Saviors - Obadiah 1:21).
ONE TREE  TWO PHASES  THREE STEPS  FOUR MOVEMENTS


1. Rev. 14:6-11
2. Rev. 7:1-8
3. Rev. 18:1

FIVE ANGELS

FIVE ANGELS – “FIVE DISTINCT MESSAGES” WLF 10-11

“Five distinct messages prior to the Advent or we are left without a rule to interpret this chapter.” Thoughts on Revelation 14, James White.

FIVE – Christ in word – produces the White house - 144,000 guileless servants.

Yes, God’s servants in three steps. WHITE HOUSE RECRUITER!

Yours to let the Lord have control of the reins.

Ben L. Roden

THE RISE OF THE LATTER-DAY ASSYRIAN CONFEDERACY

The final major topic that must be addressed in summary is also the most intense and historically validated in modern Advent history, since 1955. This topic is the Confederacy of Isaiah 7 & 8, which Benjamin Roden gave extensive light upon, picking up where Victor Houteff left off in The Rod message. These events in the second half of the 1950s, and 1960, evidenced the arrival of the long awaited Immanuel Movement (the Movement “born of the Spirit” and born of a virgin movement) of Isaiah 7 & 8, as well as the arrival of the “Mahershalalhashbaz” class of individuals (those “born of the flesh” – not of the Spirit), that Victor Houteff had predicted that had to come on the world stage in prophecy to expose and finally defeat the church-state confederacy that was arrayed against modern spiritual Judah in the Advent Movement. The promised “sign” of Isaiah 7:14 had only limited fulfillment 2000 years ago in the miracle birth of Jesus, as Victor Houteff and Benjamin Roden taught, since there was no “Assyrian” nation at that time, only the Roman occupation of Judah. When the Immanuel Movement came into being in 1955 it is certain that the Isaiah 7 & 8 Confederacy would also begin its initial phase.
Therefore, the promised “sign” of a “virgin” “to conceive and bear a child”, without an earthly father has a latter day fulfillment in the prophetic movement that would bear the end-time Name of Messiah, the New Name of Jesus, a testing truth, but moreover the manner in which this end-time movement would be birthed, only in the present day application, through a virgin movement, in the spiritual application, pointing directly at the Fourth Angel Movement, the Davidian Movement, the movement that stayed home to teach the mother church, SDA, never going to the world or the apostate churches. The Fourth Angel’s message gave birth to the Fifth Angel's message, which was the repeat of the Second Angel of Revelation 14, verse 17. The Davidian Movement did indeed providentially give birth to The Branch Movement in 1955, right on time, according to the 430-year prophecy. This is our starting point, 1955, to the present-day second phase of the Assyrian power and its coming collapse, "For through the VOICE OF THE LORD [the actual Seventh Angel's Message - Revelation 10:7] shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod." Isaiah 30:31.

"Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the Ensign,..." Isa. 31:8-9.

What is the “Ensign”?

“The Ensign” Defined (V. T. Houteff)

The Scriptures show that the kingdom is set up before, rather than at, the beginning of the millennium, for "in that day [in the day the kingdom is set up and peace reigns]...a root of Jesse [the rod and the Branch]...shall stand for an ensign of the people [of the kingdom]," says Isaiah, and "to it shall the Gentiles seek." Isa. 11:10. And as after the close of probation, the doors of the kingdom will be shut to all, the ensign must therefore be set up before probation closes: the only time that the Gentiles will have a chance to be converted to the Lord and to His kingdom, -- a conclusion common to the following scriptures: {TN9: 45.3}

In this illustration there are three persons brought to view: Jesse (the father of David), the rod (David), and the Branch (Christ). The relationship shows that David (the rod) is not Christ (the Branch) for the "rod" sprang from the stem of Jesse, and the Branch from the rod -- a fact which is born out in the cry of the multitude when Christ entered Jerusalem. They shouted: "Hosannah to the son of David." Matt. 21:15. Plainly, therefore, the "rod," coming from the stem of Jesse, is symbolical of David; and the Branch, coming from the rod, is symbolical of the son of David -- Christ. {TN8: 45.1}

Upon this "ensign" (Branch and rod) "the Spirit of the Lord shall rest,...the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his
ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.” Isa. 11:2-5. {TN8: 46.1}

So though the "ensign" emblematizes the connection of three persons (Jesse, the root; David the rod; and Christ, the Branch), yet the power and wisdom of Christ is its underlying and controlling force. Wherefore says Christ: "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star" (Rev. 22:16), bearing out that He is all and in all.

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 shall "in that day" -- in our time -- constitute the "ensign," and "to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest [or His resting place, -- the location where the "rod" or ensign stands -- the kingdom] shall be glorious." Yea "I will make the place of My feet glorious" (Isa. 60:13), saith the Lord. {TN8: 47.1}

The concept of the “Ensign” as described by Victor Houteff is a three-part symbol, identified as 1) Jesse the Root, 2) David the Rod, and 3) Christ The Branch, representing something important that must be fulfilled, quite apparently, BEFORE the Kingdom or as a pre-requisite for the Kingdom, or stated otherwise, as three individuals in prophecy in the TYPE and three messages in the antitype. It is obvious that the Ensign represents three messages that are not only required for the sealing for the 144,000 but also for the defeat of the latter-day Assyrian power that oppresses Gods' people, modern Judah, therefore should be of great concern to all Davidians and Seventh-day Adventists alike.

It is important to know just WHAT IS the Ensign in the Isaiah 11:1 prophecy, for by it, the Assyrian is beat down so that Gods' people are delivered. The “Ensign” is the key that unlocks the truth of the Confederacy and its final defeat.

The Loud Cry
E.G. White

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.” The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel’s message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared
to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel’s message. \{EW 277.1\}

Let us now look at the historical and prophetical evidence that the former messengers brought to light and the greater validation of today, to better understand the modern-day Assyrian Confederacy --

In opening to us a greater understanding of the Confederacy of Isaiah 7 & 8, in its three phases according to Benjamin Roden, going back to the birth of the latter-day Immanuel in prophecy, we should first understand just how or why the religious and political power of the Assyrian power is broken, through “the VOICE of the LORD”. For when the Assyrian is beaten down by the VOICE of YHVH (God) it is then that the Kingdom is established or is already beginning to be set up.

Here is a statement by Lois Roden, the REPEAT of the Third Angel from Merkabah Part 3, page 27, that is most enlightening:

> At the time of the Reformation in Europe and in Germany particularly, evidences begin to surface as to the identity of the 12 tribes as represented in the Apostolic church, taken captive by the Romans and absorbed into their economy. The voice of Luther broke the power of Rome in the Dark Ages and the State of Germany officially recognized the work of the Reformation in 1555.

The next man on the scene of action, Luther’s contemporary, was John Knox, a Scottish reformer, who was instrumental in gaining state recognition for the Reformation in Scotland in 1560.

> With the appearance of these two men and those who followed, Assyria (ten tribe Israel) the Protestant nations, England, Scotland, Ireland and Scandinavian countries, completely broke up the church - State confederacy of the middle ages \{(Tr. 14:34).\}

"While the prophecy of the 430 years (of Eze. 4) finds its beginning with the reformation by Luther, and others (Knox, etc.) the lesson is for this time, and the people of this age. Never before has this prophecy been understood, and until now, no one ever received much from it, but when the time is fulfilled, God makes it known." 1 S.R 127.128.

> "According to the days (years) of the coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvelous things." Micah 7:15.

> "Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years." Ex. 12:40, 41.

> "And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after (coming out of Egypt), cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect." Gal. 3:17 Read Verse 16.

That is, the covenant promises are yet to meet their fulfillment. All Israel is yet to possess the land promised to Abraham and his seed – Palestine. Luther being a type of Abraham, with a
message of justification by faith, was a type of another messenger to **announce** the latter-day church - state confederacy and the One to break it, and deliver Israel into their own land from whence they have so long been absent.

As the 430 years applied to the Reformation under Luther, and others, we look at the date of its recognition in the type, by the State of Germany in 1555 and add 430 years, which brings us to 1985 – an indication of recognition for a Reformation in our day.

Likewise, we may add 430 years to 1560, the date Knox's Revival by the Spirit was accepted in Scotland, **which brings us to 1990, the long 'hoped for' recognition of the latter day message of Reformation by the Holy Spirit (to the "lost sheep" of the house of Israel), the twelve Star-Crowned woman in heaven, Revelation 12.** End quote.

Here we see that Martin Luther and John Knox of the German Reformation and the Scottish Reformation respectively, were the Divinely appointed reformers to bring down the church-state power, a civil-religious confederacy, of the middle ages, that was at that time greatly weakened, but not yet completely defeated. The whole topic of the latter-day Assyrian Confederacy is a big topic, in fact, perhaps the most expansive topic in present truth, as it was in Victor Houteff’s publications, and moreso in Benjamin Roden’s publications. It will take time to learn and assimilate. The history and prophecy of the Confederacy was there all along since 1955, when the “Immanuel” (Movement) was born, the true “born again” believers (the Wavesheaf Company, not 144,000), born of a virgin movement (1930 to 1955), and that itself would develop through three stages, 1955 to 1977; 1977 to 1990 and finally from 1990 to the present day, the final last Three Angels' Messages beginning with Revelation 14:17, then Revelation 14:18, and finally Revelation 18:1,2. Learn and be sealed with the Third Seal of Revelation 3:12 with the spiritual “butter” AND “honey” that “Immanuel” “the Branch Himself was fed”. Victor Houteff introduces the spiritual Butter and Honey, but it is the Immanuelites who actually feed on the “Butter and Honey”, growing quickly on the rich spiritual message, beginning in 1955.

Here, you see, the Immanuel (Movement) is REAL, and was to come after Brother Houteff’s time, **right after**, according to the types of John the Baptist and Christ Himself. Victor Houteff gives an introduction to the Immanuel, The Branch, that was to arise after him:

**True Christianity is a growth. It is plant-like. Christ Himself is represented as a Branch (Isa. 11:1), and His kingdom as a mustard seed (Matt. 13:31, 32) which after it is planted becomes a tree, the greatest of its kind. But since the literal tree must necessarily feed on physical food, likewise the spiritual tree must necessarily feed on spiritual food, on such as the Branch Itself was fed:**

{2TG45: 3.1}

"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall He eat, that He may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good." Isa. 7:14, 15. **{2TG45: 3.2}**

Surely all of us agree that this passage of Scripture is a forecast of the Emmanuel of Matthew 1:23 -- Christ at His first advent. The fact, however, that Christ ate all manner of lawful food, and was even accused of being a "gluttonous man, and a winebibber" (Luke 7:34), eating with "publicans and sinners" (Mark 2:16), makes it transparently clear that this diet of "butter and honey" is not literal. Moreover, the fact that butter and honey possess absolutely no virtue to
endue one with wisdom and will to choose the good and to refuse the evil, no, no more than do other articles of food, shows conclusively that this "butter and honey" are figurative of something special, just as the fly and the bee of Isaiah 7:18 are figurative of Egypt and Assyria. And of what else could it be but of spiritual food, the kind that builds up moral character, that makes one "refuse the evil, and choose the good?" And from what source other than the Scriptures could such food come? And what else, moreover, could the honey represent but the sweet Spirit of God that blesses everyone's sincere study of and simple faith in the Word? {2TG45: 3.3}

Manifestly, therefore, this butter-and-honey symbolism infallibly tells us that Immanuel, Christ, was enabled to discern and to overcome sin by His study of the Bible -- by digesting Its contents and allowing them to become a part of Him. This was His sweetest delight, as the symbolical honey reveals. Thus it was that "He said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (John 4:32), and, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. {2TG45: 4.1}

Accordingly, the truth is evident that Christianity is a spiritual plant, feeding on the Word of God as unfolded by the sweet Spirit of Truth. Consequently if Christ our Examplar thuswise "increased in wisdom..., and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52), then it is even more essential that we, His followers, live on the same Word, on the same butter and honey, if we are to possess true, life-sustaining, life-preserving Christianity. Indeed we are told precisely that in the next verses of Isaiah's prophecy: {2TG45: 4.2}

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; and it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land." Isa. 7:21, 22. {2TG45: 5.1}

In these verses Inspiration directs our attention to three butter-producing creatures -- two sheep and a young cow, and forewarns that only those who eat of their products will have the right to live in "the land" -- in the land of God's people. None others, no, not another one, will be there. {2TG45: 5.2}

Since, therefore, only those who eat of the butter, those who thus learn to refuse the evil and to choose the good, are to be permitted to live in the holy land, all the more obvious it is that the butter is figurative of spiritual food. And since its source of supply is the two sheep and the young cow, it is of absolute necessity that we explore in the realm of this Bible symbolism to find what they are. {2TG45: 5.3}

The two sheep, of a kind and not young, are manifestly symbolical of the Old and New Testaments, the Word, which enables its recipients to "choose the good and to refuse the evil." And the cow being young, and therefore of later origin than the sheep, and its also being of larger size than they, it can accordingly only be figurative of inspired writings of later origin and of greater volume than the Bible Itself. The only such besides the Bible are those which bring to us "the testimony of Jesus:....for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy" (Rev. 19:10) -- the inspired interpretation of the Scriptures. It is also to be noted that this butter and this honey are produced in the Christian era, in the time when both sheep, both Testaments, are in existence, and also in the time when the Spirit of Prophecy is at work. {2TG45: 5.4}

So, as any Davidian can see, or should see, the Immanuel Movement comes WHEN, or AFTER the virgin movement gives birth, and according to the TYPE of Rachel, that movement dies in that birth, clearly a spiritual birth in this application. Without the Immanuel Movement, there can be
no church-state confederacy and no further use of the spiritual “butter and honey” because Victor Houteff states clearly that the “butter and honey” is what the “child”, “the Immanuel” (Movement) feeds on. Here is the statement in 2TG45:3:

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So, you see, the dream given to M.J. Bingham was actually providential, even a warning to him and to Davidians, that his dream about “the Branch bees” gives a direct connection, apart from Benjamin Roden’s message, to evidence the source of “honey”, which are BEES! The Branch Message itself brought the spiritual “honey” to go along with the spiritual “butter” of The Rod message, and the two messages thus “merged” (1SR234) became the “greater one” Movement, which is according to the type of John the Baptist and Christ Himself!

The Confederacy and the birth of the Immanuel Movement is possibly the most critically important topic of our time in the Davidian and Branch messages and must be studied and assimilated to get the spiritual value out of the “butter and honey” diet that we are admonished to feed upon.

This is your privilege and duty to study this topic, to “shew thyself approved…”

The Birth of the Immanuel Movement – 1955

From Signs and Wonders in Modern Israel, Part 1, by Benjamin Roden:

The Confederacy: part 1.

Subject: Isaiah 7 and 8----The Confederacy---Immanuel--- Mahershalalhashbaz

Purpose: To identify the "children" and the "confederates".

Gem: “Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me…” Thought: are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion."
Isaiah 7 and 8 are very enlightening Scriptures regarding the development of Christianity beginning with Christ our Savior who was born of a virgin in Bethlehem. (See Tract 14:34) Since these Scriptures give information on the general development of Christendom it is possible that they, if properly understood, are capable of giving light to God's children to the supreme development of His church.

The Lord's servant has taken pains to lay out step by step [Isaiah 8:1--man's (VTH) pen (Rod message)] the development and progress of Christendom from the virgin birth of Christ to 1955--read the Rod publications; therefore, we will not go into that portion of these prophecies. Since these chapters of Holy Writ give His people information of the progress of the church of God to its purified state, we shall confine our lesson mainly to the very latest developments of these wonderful Bible truths so that His people may (1) be warned of the traps of the devil and (2) march on with the Truth as it is in Messiah Jesus.

This lesson will deal specifically with detailed events of the development of the church, beginning with the time of the coming of the BRANCH, to the time of the purification of the church; also the confederacy against Judah.

I. The Confederacy against Judah: Isaiah 7:1; 5-10.

"And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz...king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah...king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it." verse 1.

Here we see: Ahaz, king of Judah--two tribes
Pekah, king of Israel--ten tribes
Rezin, king of Syria--heathen nation

Making a present day application of each, we find Pekah, king of Israel (S.D.A.--leadership) confederating with Rezin, king of Syria (U.S. Gov't) to make war (verses 5-10) on two tribe Judah (Davidian S.D.A.).

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Note-- JUDAH - The fact that the 144,000 represent all 12 tribes reflects a division in the church from whence they came, namely: Judah--2 tribe and Israel--10 tribe. If S.D.A. were Judah, the other 10 tribes would have to come from the fallen churches: this cannot be. Therefore, our only right conclusion is that Judah is Davidians and Israel S.D.A. As illustrated in ISR 62:1; 63:1; 5T 160:2.

Conclusion:

Our only honest one is that of all the offshoot and upshoot bodies of the Advent movement before 1955, there is only one born of inspiration: the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists--created by the unrolling of the scroll or giving of the Law, hence, Judah, the Lawgiver.
ISRAEL -- Pekah, king of S.D.A. boast of his confederacy with the U.S. Gov't--the Selective Service, Civil Air Patrol, etc., as well with the A.M.A. and the N.R.A.

II. Immanuel: Isaiah 7:10-14.

"Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord my God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but ye weary my God also!" verses 10-13.

Here we see

1-Ahaz, king of Judah, house of David--ians
2-Ahaz, super-Laodicean: "I will not ask"

It is plain that Ahaz will not ask a sign (truth) of the Lord because he thinks:

"I am rich (have all the light) and increased with goods (Spirit of Prophecy and Shepherd's Rod) and have need of nothing..." Truth or prophets. Door closed.

"Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." verse 14.

Here we see:

1- **Immanuel** -- "...Syria, Judah, Israel, and Assyria are types, so also Immanuel must be." Tract 14, page 34.

"...it must be that not only Israel, Syria, and Assyria are types, but Christ Himself is also a type. We learned that Immanuel (meaning 'God with us') could represent only His true followers, the born-again Christians." Symbolic Code, 12:1:6.

"...virgin-birth prophecy...the birth and development of Christendom." Tract 14, page 34.

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Thus it is that Immanuel typifies Christendom and since "...modern Assyria reaches to our day..." 14 Tract 34, likewise Immanuel reaches down to our day and typifies those who are being weaned from Laodiceanism.

2- Mary--the Virgin-Mother of Immanuel

Since Immanuel is a type of born-again Christians today, then logically Mary must represent-typify, the movement that gave birth to the "Immanuels".

A. The Virgin Mary, WHO DOES SHE TYPIFY?
1- S.D.A. could not be the present-day "Virgin" movement for she is represented in Hosea 2:2, as a mother.

2- Hosea 2 shows that the mother's children (laity) stay home and plead with her to return to God their Father.

Yes, the children stay home to plead with mother:

"...the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association exists SOLELY to accomplish a divinely appointed work WITHIN the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, wherein it therefore STRICTLY confines it activities." Leviticus, Preface.

ANSWER:

The Virgin Mary typifies Davidians (1930-1955) who stay at home to plead with her mother (S.D.A.). So it is clearly seen that it could be said of Davidians only, that she is the one movement this side of the cross that is a perfect antitype of Mary. Davidians remained a virgin to stay at home to help her Mother reform.

B. The Immanuel, son of the Virgin (Davidian), WHO IS HE TODAY?

1- Just as Christ followed Mary, Joshua followed Moses, just so Immanuel typifies that which follows the virgin Davidians.

"...this same movement (virgin-Mary--Davidians) would merge (give birth) into a greater (Christ-Immanuel--BRANCH)." 1 SR 234:2.

"Who bring this revival and reformation, this great change?--The BRANCH." 1 TG 8:24.

"...here (The BRANCH) is seen an organization..." ID. page 26.

ANSWER:

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Today's Immanuel is the BRANCH, an organization made up of individuals who have opened the "shut door" to Christ, the BRANCH.

Davidians have given birth to no other child (movement) who can show the date of his birth from the Bible as can THE BRANCH:

1525  Beginning (birth) of Protestant Reformation. Luther by Dallman, page 253.
+430  Eze. 4
1955  Birth of Immanuel's Reformation
October 10, 1955: Eze. 24:1--10th day, 10th month, 9th year.

C. **Another type.**

"Our own name; Davidian Seventh-day Adventist shows outright that there is another Seventh-day Adventist Church." 1TG 42:12.

1. Seventh-day Adventists.........a church.


"Let Leah represent the true church of Christ, Seventh-day Adventists..." 1SR 62:1.

**Thus:** Rachel........Davidian S.D.A.

(Jacob had two wives)

Leah................S.D.A........10 tribe Israel
Rachel............D.S.D.A..........2 tribe Judah

**Note:** Rachel died at the birth of Benjamin.

"Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day. And utter a parable unto the rebellious house...

"So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died..." Eze. 24:1-3, 18.

Ezekiel delivered his message to Mt. Carmel on October 10, 1955.

That same day, Davidians (Rachel) gave birth to The BRANCH (Benjamin) and "at even" she died.

It is interesting to note that Benjamin means "son of my right hand" which of course Immanuel-The BRANCH is.

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Davidian's inspired work was finished, so like Rachel, she died:-------

"Because it is a trial, and what if the sword contemn even the rod---(Rachel-Davidians) it shall be no more (Rachel-Davidians die), saith the Lord God." Eze. 21:13.
"and the top of Carmel--Rachel-Davidians--shall wither (die)..." Amos 1:2.

A Family Portrait of Mothers and Sons:

Mary.....................Rachel...................Davidians
Immanuel.............Benjamin...............The BRANCH

III. Mahershalalhashbaz  Isaiah 8:3-4.

"And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry my father, and my mother..."

Here we see:

1- Mahershalalhashbaz, an orphan in his own sight
2- The Prophetess, his mother
3- Isaiah, his father

A. Mahershalalhashbaz, WHO IS HE TODAY?

1. Since "...Immanuel manifestly represents the 'born-again Christians... whereas... Mahershalalhashbaz can only symbolize these not 'born-again'--that part of the church membership which cannot be represented by Immanuel..." Tract 14, page 35.

thus:  Immanuel........'born-again' Christians ..... Mahershalalhashbaz, not 'born-again' Christians

2. "...both were to be born into Judah the Church...living at the same time." Id.

Note: Since the unconverted in S.D.A. know who their mother (church) is, Mahershalalhashbaz could not be applied to them.

Davidians, being "...another S.D.A. church..." (1 TG 42:14), shows that Mahershalalhashbaz could not be applied to them.

ANSWER:

Today's Immanuel's "...must necessarily feed on spiritual food, on such as The BRANCH itself was fed... Butter and Honey..." 2TG 45:3.

Who is eating "BRANCH" food today? - the Branches!
Who is refusing "BRANCH" FOOD TODAY? - Mt. Carmel Davidians!

Clear it is that Mt. Carmel Davidians are Mahershalalhashbaz, those who refuse to be 'born-again' - that is, accept the message of The Branch.

B. The Prophetess, mother of Mahershalalhashbaz, WHO IS SHE TODAY?

Come, and let us reason together, saith the Lord......Judah, the house of David---the Jews in Christ's day, refused to be 'born-again' - accept new light - because they listened to their leader who opposed Christ-Immanuel- The Branch.

So Today: The house of David-ians--the Judah of today, refuses the 'born-again' --accepting-new-light-experience--because the "prophetess" tells him, Mahershalalhashbaz, that there is "no more light, no more prophets". She does this to counteract the possibility that Mahershalalhashbaz might be influenced to become an Immanuel - a "butter-eating Branch".

IV. Butter and Honey: Isaiah 7:15; 21-22.

"Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good...And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land."

Here we see: 1- Butter, honey and milk. The Word (Tract 6:29)
2- Man who nourishes.......V.T.H. (Id. p. 44)
3- Young cow....Spirit of Prophecy (Id. p. 30)
4- Two sheep....Old and New Test. (Id. p. 30)

It will be noted that "a man", not a woman, nourishes these animals.

[Editor’s note: the above statement was in context of Florence Houteff and her false position to lead the Davidians in the way of great apostasy after the passing of Victor Houteff in 1955, that she did not have the Divine authority to “nourish” the “young cow and two sheep” as did Victor Houteff.]

thus: The prophetess, not being a man, is not bringing forth the "butter" NECESSARY TO MATURE the Immanuels.

vice-versa The messenger of The Branch being a man, not a woman, could not be the prophetess who feed Mahershalalhashbaz uninspired fleshly doctrines of men.

Come, and let us reason together, saith the Lord-----Some may make a shipwreck of their faith by insisting that Bro. V.T. Houtess is the only man this side of the purification who can nourish these symbolic animals. Let the Lord's servant speak for himself: "...this very restricted
representation (the Rod) of the 'additional message'..." (W.H.R. 39:1) coupled with the declaration
that Elijah (who never dies) is "imminent", meaning future, (Jezreel Ltr. #9:1:6), shows that the
"butter" of the Rod was limited--restricted, and that more "butter" would come with the future
appearing of Elijah. Tract #8:1, states that God will "continue to speak (give butter) to her (His
church)” until she is purified.

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thus: A man, V.T.H., gave us "very restricted" "butter", leaving much "cream" to be yet made
into "butter".

Another man, The Branch messenger, shakes-- interprets, the "cream" of the Rod and now we
have the "butter" that gives us our spiritual maturity.

"Woe to him who may think all these wonderful designs in the beauty of perfection are just a
chance, or an accident." 1 SR 233: bottom.

further: "...John's work the type, our (Davidians), the antitype." 1 TGr 36:4.

"But the work of John was not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian church. When
he had fulfilled his mission, another work was to be done, which his testimony could not
accomplish."  D.A. 181-182.

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SUMMARY OF LESSON

Mahershalalhashbaz--Mt. Carmel Davidians! Awake! Awake! Arise! Eat of the "butter and
honey" that Immanuel The Branch has presented in this timely and revealing lesson.

Awake to the fact that you are Mahershalalhashbaz, the "42 Month Prophecy" child conceived not
by the Holy Spirit as you think, but by your uninspired prophetess, Sr. V.T. Houteff. It is a tragedy
that you have not realized that your mother is Sr. V.T. Houteff; but God holds mercy a little longer,
so that you may yet see you are following flesh, not the Spirit.

Arise! Arise! If you "be left in the land", you must take God's counsel that you "...MUST
NECESSARILY FEED ON SPIRITUAL FOOD, ON SUCH AS THE BRANCH ITSELF WAS
FED...BUTTER AND HONEY..." (BRANCH FOOD). 2 TG 45:3.

Mahershalalhashbaz---Mt. Carmel Davidians: you will soon need the strength that only THE
BRANCH BUTTER can give you. Pekah, king of S.D.A., has formed a confederacy against you,
and you shall not stand unless you are "born-again".
Tract #14:34, commenting on Isa. 7:14, says: "...Wherefore, the virgin-birth prophecy does not refer alone to the birth of Christ, but even more significantly to His followers—the birth and development of Christendom." Also, "...it must be that not only Israel, Syria, and Assyria are types, but Christ Himself is also a type.

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We learned that Immanuel (meaning 'God with us') could represent only His true followers, the born-again Christians." 12 Symbolic Code #1:6.

Christ is a TYPE. Immanuel means not only the development of "Christendom", but is easy to see that the above study is designed to point out the development of Present Truth--(Christendom). This unrolling of the scroll comes to God's people to teach all that God is still leading His people the same way He has always led them--by the Spirit of Prophecy (Hosea 12:3), and that He will continue to lead them in this very same manner.

Please let it be understood that this lesson is not meant to slander, speak evil or lightly of, or minimize the efforts of others. Christ died for all. The Sabbath keepers lot is a hard one as he faces the world with this glorious Sabbath Truth, but it is a coveted one. So, rather than attempt to face Laodiceanism divided, let us unite our forces under the banner of the Inspired Revelations of God's word, laying aside our own opinions, whatever they may be. It is our prayer that all, from the highest to the lowest, will catch the vision of this solid and all important fact.

Yours to follow the LIVING Voice, rather than "private opinions", that ALL may be saved, Benjamin L. Roden

And now, Benjamin Roden explains the complete development of the Confederacy in the Advent Movement that arose after Ellen White’s day and after Victor Houteff’s day. We are nearing the final development of the Confederacy, phase 3, and the fall of the Assyrian power, which brings in the actual beginning of the Kingdom in the Promised Land, Israel and the rise of the final apostate church – “Babylon the Great” (Revelation 17:5). Take note of the three phases of the Confederacies as Ben Roden presents in the below study, in phase 1 beginning with the local confederacy between modern Israel (SDA-Ephraim) and the civil government, then the Davidians associating with civil government to overthrow The Branch, the promised Immanuel, “revival and reformation” (1TG8:24) then in phase 2 the western alliance between the western ally powers, a political union, and finally in phase 3 the world-wide east-west alliance in the rise of Babylon the Great when the false woman of Revelation 17 rides on the beast:

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Subject: Parallel Development of the Confederacies, Immanuel & Mahershalhashbaz.

Aim: Review of the three phases of this parallel development, Isa. 7 & 8 and Rev. 17.
"While the enemy has succeeded in confusing the written Thought: Word, God lightens the earth with His glory by these symbolic revelations; and by which He discloses the entire Truth and uncovers the traps of the devil! Thus through types and symbols He makes wise the simple and confounds the prudent by showing that were there is no type there is no truth."  2SR page 10:2.

"...there is a type for every incident of vital interest to the church of God..."  Id. p. 255:2.

"A close study of the type is the only possible way to clear the truth..."  Id. p. 266:5.

"A great searchlight by the power of the Spirit shining through the types, is the only medium that can remove the obstruction and clear the way to an understanding..."  Id. p. 267:0.

**Introduction:**

Since the pen of a man (V.T. Houteff), Isa. 8:1, has recorded in detail the development of the Confederacy, Immanuel and Mahershalalhashbaz up until 1955, and since the confederacy prophecies in Isa. 7 & 8 have proven the up-to-the-minute identity of Syria (U.S.A.), Judah (D.S.D.A.), Immanuel (The Branch) and Mahershalalhashbaz (Davidian since Nov. 9, 1955), we shall confine our study to their three-phase development:

1. **The Local Confederacy-----Syria (U.S.A.) and Israel (S.D.A.) Isa. 7:2.**
2. **The Western Confederacy-----Assyria (U.S.A., England & Allies) Isa. 8:7-9.**
3. **The East-West Confederacy-----U.S.A. and Russia-all nations. Rev. 17:12, 13.**

   (and the corresponding growth of Immanuel & Mahershalalhashbaz).

**PHASE I. The Local Confederacy-----Syria (U.S.A.) and Israel (S.D.A.)**

"And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz...king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah...king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it... And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim..."  Isaiah 7:1-2.

**clearly:** The name "Davidian Seventh-day Adventist" is mute proof as to the identity of the present day House of David.

Israel (S.D.A.) is strengthening her alliance with Syria (U.S.A.) by preparing her young men for war despite the counsel of the Lord.  1T 361:2.

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**I. While Seventh-day Adventists prepare for war, God says to Davidian:**

A. "Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz (Mt. Carmel leaders after death of V.T.H.) said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, And bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."  Isa. 7:10-14.
"...Syria, Judah, Israel and Assyria are types, so also Immanuel must be...." Tract 14:34.

"...Immanuel (Christ in the person of His people)...." Id. 35.

**ANTITYPE:** Strictly speaking, the virgin Mary would have to be a type of that which gives birth to the Immanuels of today. The only virgin movement today who stayed at home to "plead with Mother" (Hosea) is the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.

"...exists solely to accomplish a divinely appointed work (pleading with mother) within the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, wherein it therefore strictly confines its activities." Leviticus, Preface of D.S.D.A.

Therefore: As the events of 1955 show, Davidians (Mary) gave birth to the Immanuel of today, The Branch, on October 10, 1955 (Eze. 24:1-2).

The following month, Sr. V.T. Houteff, the prophetess, of Isa. 8:3, having told the Lord they (leaders) of Mt. Carmel (House of David) did not want a sign (more Truth--butter), gave birth to her own child, Mahershalalhashbaz on Nov. 9, 1955. This child is born of the flesh and represents those Davidians who lean upon "an arm of flesh", instead of upon the Spirit of the Lord. Sr. V.T. Houteff's "arm of flesh" pressed the "42 month theory" of "no more light, no more prophets" upon the Davidians to counteract the "sign" (Truth) that the Lord brought with the birth of Immanuel, The Branch. The lack of a Biblical "birth record" for Nov. 9, 1955, shows beyond doubt that Mahershalalhashbaz is not of the Spirit, but of the flesh.

**Note:** "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch...and this is His name whereby HE shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jeremiah 23:5-6.

**TYPE:** As in the type, before the purification of the twelve, Jesus Messiah revealed Himself to the House of David, the Jews, so that they might take hold of His righteousness and be saved.

**ANTI:** So today, Jesus Messiah reveals Himself before the purge, Eze. 9, that we might take hold of Him, The Branch and be covered with His righteousness. 2 Ans. Book 34:1.

After the purification, those left become the Lamb's Bride, as God, as the angel of the Lord (Zech. 12:8), and then of her it is said:

**Conclusion:** The "searchlight" shining through the type shows that even though the followers of Christ were not called "Christians" until after Pentecost (at Antioch, A.A. 157:1), the name "Christ" was revealed long before that time. So today, the new name "Branch" that the Bride...
receives when she becomes as the angel of the Lord, is revealed long before that time, even before
the purification of the antypical Judases. Thus "HE" is The Branch, Christ in the Word, while
the virgins are getting the extra oil--"righteousness of Christ", then after the marriage "SHE"
becomes "one" with Christ The Branch, His righteous Bride.

B. "Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil and choose good..." Isa.
7:15.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; And
it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter
and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land." Id. 21-22.

TYPE: John the Baptist brought a limited amount of "butter" to the Jews, but it was Christ
who brought the abundance of "butter" that matured the Apostles for their gospel commission.
"But the work of John was not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian church...another
work was to be done, which his testimony could not accomplish." D.A. 181:5.

ANTI: "John the Baptist was given a work similar to TYPE: ours..." uTG1:42:19.
"John's work the type, ours (Rod) the antitype." 1TGr 36:4:1.

The Rod (Rev. 7:1-8---2nd. period of 3rd. angel) is a "...very restricted representation...of the
judgment of the living..." (Rev. 18:1---3rd. period, ISR 32:2) W.H.R. 39:1.

clearly: Bro. Houteff, as antitypical John, brought a very restricted amount of "butter", which,
as pointed out in the type, not sufficient to lay the foundation, i.e., finish the call of the 144,000.

Conclusion:

Brother V.T. Houteff, now dead in the grave, is perfectly typified by John the Baptist and not of
Elijah the Tishbite, who was translated without seeing death. Having received just a restricted,
insufficient amount of "butter", yet knowing that Elijah is to "...open to our understanding ALL
the prophecies...pertaining to the...day of the Lord..." G.C.S. 21:1 1950, we see clearly that Bro.
Houteff, as was John, is followed by one who will bring an abundance of "butter". The Rod
confirms this in It's declaration that the Elijah who restores all things is "imminent" or future from
Bro. Houteff's time. See Jezreel Letter #9:1:6. The type points out that from the work of John
clear through Pentecost, there was an ever-unfolding interpretation (butter) of the Scriptures; so
today, as the type demands, beginning with V.T. Houteff--John, "...God will continue to speak
give butter) to her until she become...light in all the world..." Tract #8:3:1. With V.T.H.--John
dead, with nothing restored, with God's declaration we "still have" a prophet when Ezekiel 9 comes
(uTG2:45:9 & uTG2:24:23), even perhaps now many Mahershalalhashbazes will cast the "arm of
flesh", (private interpreters) from him and accept THE BRANCH, the organization that brings the
"revival and reformation". (ITGr 8-24:3; 26:3).

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What happens to the S.D.A.--U.S.A. Confederacy?

"For before the child (Immanuel) shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. The Lord shall bring upon thee...even the king of Assyria." Isaiah 7:16-17.

"For before the child (Mahershalalhashbaz) shall have knowledge to cry, My father (God), and my mother (the church), the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away from before the king of Assyria." Isa. 8:4.

TYPE: History points out that ancient Assyria overthrew the Syrian-Israel confederacy and scattered the Israelites.

ANTI: The above quoted Scriptures bear out the truth revealed TYPE: in the type that modern Assyria (U.S. & allies) will overthrow the local alliance between U.S.A. AND S.D.A.. The merging of the Western nations into one solid "bloc" will be brought about by the lamb-like beast in his dragon-like phase and the false prophet, and will replace all local church and state powers (kings). Hence, the "riches" of Damascus (Washington D.C.), which has made her a "king" and the "spoil" gained by Samaria (S.D.A.) from being American born, which made her also a "king", are taken away as the individual nations and churches yield up their powers to the Assyrian church-state confederation. This happens before Immanuel becomes completely Christ-like; before Mahershalalhashbaz realizes fully that he has been following the prophetess, not God.

What happens to Immanuel during the U.S.A.--S.D.A. confederacy?

"...prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place (Texas, California, Florida, Oregon, Canada, et.) to another place (Palestine) in their sight; it may be they will consider, though they be a rebellious house." Ezekiel 12:3.

"...for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel..." Ezekiel 12:6.

we see: Immanuel (wave sheaf section) "removes" or journeys back to Palestine "in their sight"--everyone in S.D.A. is to have knowledge of this unusual move.

[Editor's note: Ben Roden and Lois Roden obtained land in northern Israel in 1958, an agricultural village established with the permission of the fledgling State of Israel at the time, for Davidians to come and set up homes that were already built for the first group and a means of support, but the Davidians did not accept the invitation. Many early Branch message believers did go however and were part of this initial phase of The Branch work, thus fulfilling Ezekiel 12:6.]

As the "vanguard" (Leviticus, of D.S.D.A., page 3:2), Immanuel--wave-sheaf--goes before (Webster: vanguard--front of army) as a sign to Judah and Israel.

"Say, I (wave-sheaf--vanguard) am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them; they shall remove and go into captivity." Eze. 12:11.
Note: God is now calling for His vanguard, those who are willing to push forward into Palestine so that the army of first-fruits, 144,000, may follow.

PROOF: "...the first of the first fruits (wave-sheaf Ex. 23:19) of the living, the vanguard from among the present-day descendants of those Jews who composed the Early Christ Church. With the emergence of this vanguard and its army, the first fruits...the 144,000..." Leviticus of D.S.D.A. 3:2. "...the Lord's feet...prepare the land for the returning of His people (army-144,000)." ITGr 19:4:3.

What happens to Mahershalalhashbaz at the end of the U.S.A.--S.D.A. confederacy?

"For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria." Isaiah 8:4.

we see: Despite the efforts of Immanuel to share his butter and honey with Mahershalalhashbaz, Mahershalalhashbaz refuses to believe that the prophetess, and not the Holy Spirit, has conceived and nurtured him. Not until the Assyrian period of war, famine and pestilence does Mahershalalhashbaz-Davidians, wake up to the awful truth that Sr. V.T. Houteff, (and Ahaz-Ex-Council), has indeed been their mother. Remember the fate of Hagar and Ishmael.

[Editors note: the “Mahershalalhashbaz-Davidians” are not only the Davidians under the leadership of Florence Houteff from 1955 through 1962, but also ALL DAVIDIANS since that time, those who did not become “born again” through the Immanuel Movement and Immanuel Message, The Branch, that was born through antitypical Rachel.]

"Forasmuch as this people (Davidians) refuseth the waters (message) of Shiloah (Christ, The Branch)...behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them...even the king of Assyria..." Isaiah 8:6-7.


"Associate yourselves, O ye people...gird yourselves...gird yourselves...take counsel together..." Isaiah 8:9.

TYPE: Ancient Assyria broke up the Syrian-Israel confederacy.

ANTI: Today those whose "ear is on the ground" can hear the deep TYPE: rumblings of "confederation" as the Western nations led by U.S. and England, through fear of Communism, move to "associate" "gird" and "counsel together". The emergence of a Western bloc church-state confederation will bring to an end the local alliance (U.S.A. & S.D.A.) and usher in the Assyrian period, which is after Eze. 9. (See Harvest Period & Close of Probation chart).
A. "O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation." Isaiah 10:5.

"...the Assyrian...which smote with a rod." Isaiah 30:31.

we see: Assyria, the-2-horned-beast-U.S. makes an image to the beast and "smites God's people, Jacob, with a "rod"--Sunday law.

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"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble:" Jeremiah 30:7.


Note: "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name (BRANCH), and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints..." Rev. 13:5-7. (the 42-mo. period is the Assyrian period)—Time of Jacob's trouble, time of war.

B. "...and he (Assyrian) shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O, Immanuel." Isaiah 8:8.

"...I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains..." Id. 14:25.

"And he shall pass over to his (Assyrian) stronghold..." Id. 31:9.

we see: These Scriptures clearly indicate that the Assyrian-U.S., England & Allies, are brought into Immanuel's land, Palestine. There is war among the nations.

PROOF: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem..." Zech. 14:2.

What happens to Immanuel during the Assyrian period?

"For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness (no war or Sunday laws) and confidence shall be your strength: AND YE WOULD NOT...But ye said, No; for we will flee..." Isaiah 30:15, 16.

"THEREFORE saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee...for yet a very little while (42 mos. Rev. 13:5)..." Isaiah 10:24, 25.

we see: Immanuel, 144,000 section, the army of the vanguard, will not return with the Immanuel-wave-sheaf-van-guard section in a time of "rest", "quietness", and "confidence". They
tell the Lord "No", they want to go when they have to "flee"--time of war. So the Lord brings the Assyrian's "rod" (Sunday law) upon him.

Then "...in that day every man (144,000) shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin." Isaiah 31:7.

What happens to Mahershalalhashbaz?

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"The beast we are told is a man, Rev. 13:18. The demand to worship, obey the beast's command, therefore, is a demand to worship, obey, man in place of God." Jezreel Letter #2 page 5:5.

we see: Those Davidians who refuse to accept the Branch "butter" in place of the prophetess' with her advisors' private theories, will receive the mark of the beast instead of the mark of God.

"And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers." Jeremiah 24:10.

What happens to the Assyrian confederacy?

"Associate yourselves...and ye shall be broken in pieces...gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand..." Isaiah 8:9, 10.

"That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountain tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders." Isaiah 14:25.

"For through the VOICE OF THE LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod." Isaiah 30:31.

"Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign..." Isa. 31:8-9.

we see: Plainly, the period when the Assyrian--U.S., England, and allies, unite Church & State, the land is forsaken of both her kings (Isa. 7:16), ...taken away before the king of Assyria...." Isa. 8:4.

"...the Assyrian will control the land just so long as God's people continue in idolatry. But, just as soon as all idols are cast aside, yes, as soon as the great revival and reformation (The Branch brings it--1TGr 8:24) takes place in the hearts of the people.--then the Assyrian...shall certainly fall..." 1TGr 33:4, 5.
NOTE: History points out that ancient Babylon became a world power after ancient Assyria overthrew the ancient Syrian-Israel confederacy. So today, the daughter of Babylon will take over when the Assyrian yoke is broken. God puts it in the hearts of the ten horns (the kings of the earth) to give their power to the beast (Revelation 17:12).

"But there is another thing that is to happen between the setting up of the confederacy (Assyrian) of Isaiah 8:9 and the rise of Babylon: it IS THE SETTING UP OF GOD'S KINGDOM. God's people are to be taken to their own land and made free," Symbolic Code 12:1:7.

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PHASE III. The East-West Confederacy...All nations--Babylon the Great.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast...For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." Revelation 17:12, 13, 17.

we see: Plainly, the period when the Assyrian--U.S., England & Allies, Russian & Satellites.

"...they (10 kings) shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:3.

But these 10 kings of one mind (at peace among themselves):

"...shall make war with the Lamb...", "...and there shall be a time of trouble (for the great multitude), such as never was since there was a nation..." Revelation 17:14; Daniel 12:1.

Immanuel during the period of Babylon the Great:

"...the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them." Zechariah 12:8, "...and this is the name wherewith SHE (Lamb's Bride) shall be called The Lord our righteousness." Jeremiah 33:16.

"And saviours shall come upon mount Zion to judge..." Obadiah, verse 21.

"And they (144,00) shall bring all your brethren (great multitude, Rev. 7:9)" "...out of all nations.. to my holy mountain Jerusalem..." Isa. 66:20; Rev. 18:4.

"...the Lamb shall overcome them (Babylon the Great)..." Revelation 17:14.

SUMMARY: Bro. Houteff's chart, "The Harvest period and the Close of Probation", shows that the federation of churches (woman sitting on heads) comes after the sealing of the 144,000 and slaughter of Eze. 9. Then the church-state rule of two-horned beast and false prophet
During the Assyrian period there is a gigantic war. In the time of Babylon the Great there is no war among the nations (Micah 4:1-4), for they unite to make war on the Lamb"...the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords and King of kings...” Revelation 17:14.

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In chart "The World's History in Prophetic Symbols", the Church Federation (woman sitting on heads) is after the two-horned beast. This shows us that we are in the period when the two-horned beast is still lamb-like; whereas, chart "The Harvest Period and Close of Probation", shows the two-horned beast is dragon-like after the woman sits on the seven heads. This aspect gives Davidians and all, a new look at these two charts. Study prayerfully.

Heretofore, the Branch lessons and charts have been dealing with Spiritual Jerusalem (D.S.D.A).

This present lesson, however, is dealing with literal Jerusalem, Palestine, which is the time of the Assyrian in his second phase, the time after his fall, church-state rule. (Daniel 11:31; Matthew 24:15).

This present lesson also proves that Russia does not drive Assyria out of Jerusalem as some have privately interpreted "FOR through the VOICE OF THE LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod." Isaiah 30:31. "The period we are now in is antitypical Assyria." 12 Symbolic Code no. 1:7--first phase.

Yours to hear the "Voice of the Lord" and with power proclaim His glorious new (BRANCH) name,

Benjamin L. Roden

In the above two landmark studies by Ben Roden, Signs and Wonders in Modern Israel, we are shown the three phases of the development of the Assyrian Confederacy, a religious-civil alliance, that confronts modern spiritual Judah (the Tribe of Benjamin, the Gilead Pasture), The Branch. It is truly a "sign" to our generation. Ben Roden and Victor Houteff state that it is a time of great military preparation in the key world powers, particularly among the modern Assyrian allies, “England and her allies”, during the World War 2 period, ... THEN the USA takes the lead in the prophecy, after WW2 as "USA and
her allies”, the phase of the “military industrial complex”, the “Deep State”\(^3\) Complex, that was announced by President Eisenhower in his farewell speech of January of 1961 as a warning to all Americans the danger of the hidden crypto government, global in nature, but based in London and controlled ultimately by the Vatican. But remember, it is “the VOICE of the LORD" that defeats the Assyrian and her allies. A great war is described, but it is not all military. This whole prophetic scene develops in our day on a whole new level, behind the scenes, but very real, with tremendous consequences to the people of the United States in particular, a vast political--economic—media--congressional — military industrial complex war going on right under our noses. The political divisions in the United States today (2019) are palpable, near the brink of civil war at times between competing political views. Please avail yourself to carefully investigate and pour over the foregoing two studies to know where we stand in the stream of prophecy today.

Now, we shall better understand the development of the Confederacy from 1960 forward, another fulfillment of the 1840 prediction relating to Turkey, fulfilled in 1960 --

From, The Judgment, by Ben Roden, pages 10-13:

**STEP #1 OF THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING**

The first step of the judgment of the living- message begins 430 years after the time Luther was called to study the Bible, which was in about 1500 A. D. 1500 + 430 = 1930, the final phase of the First Angel's Message. (WHR 37). This is the Elijah message to the church GC5 25, 1950 Ed. "This is the pre-harvest period." 1TG 21:19.

[Editor’s note: This was the announcement of the impending Judgment for the Living to open]

**STEP #2 OF THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING**

The second step of the judgment of the living message begins 430 years after the establishing of Luther's reformation, the Augsburg Confession in 1530 A. D. 1530 + 430 = 1960, the year of the Antitypical Passover time to leave Egypt, - worldliness. (2SR 216:3) This is the Second Angel's Message. (TM 59; 446; EW 277; 6T 406; GC 390:604) the Elijah message to the 144,000 and the great multitude. (Rev. 7:9: Isa. 60:1-5; Luke 14:21, last part, 22, 23; GCS 31:0, 1954 reprint). This is the harvest period. Harvest, Judgment of the Living. (ITG 21:13).

[Editor’s note: This was the beginning of the literal harvest separation for the Judgment for the Living at Passover 1960. The Judgment for the Living itself opened October 20, 1955]

"The prophet Jeremiah's prediction that the Jews were to spend seventy years in Babylonian captivity had ended although they were still in Babylon. But since THIS symbolical prophecy finds its fulfillment IN OUR DAY INSTEAD of in Zechariah's DAY, '... If the people of God had gone to work as they should have gone to work right after the Minneapolis meeting in 1888, the world

\(^3\) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military%E2%80%93industrial_complex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military%20industrial_complex)
could have been warned in TWO years and the Lord would have come.' General Conference Bulletin. 1892" ITGr 11-7, 8.

-underscoring theirs-

Look! 1888 + 2 = 1890 + 70 = 1960, the third decree to leave Babylon, Zech. 2:7.

"... typical Elijah was to do away with the prophets and priests who served Baal instead of God, those who led ancient Israel (ten tribes)... antitypical Elijah's ("messenger of the covenant" 2SR 241) work, being in the spirit and power of typical Elijah..., in itself is the separating of the chaff from the wheat - the work of the Judgment for the Living." GCS 30-1, 1954 ed. It rained not on Ahab's kingdom for a period of 3 1/2 years and then came rain.

Look! From October 1956 (Eze.29:1-8; 1SR 77 read General Conference Letters) plus the 3 1/2 years of the Antitypical Elijah's message to the ten tribe division (SDA) of the 144,000 would bring us to the purification of the church, - Judgment of the Living – 1960.

"In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest.

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"... Besides being a place of refuge to God's faithful ones, He is also to be a rock of offense to BOTH the HOUSES of Israel --Judah, and Israel--and a gin and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the ruling city of Judah. From this it is plain that through this confederacy (Isa. 8) God is to be a GIN and a SNARE (verse 14) to antitypical Judah.

"This prophecy (Isa. 8:15) declares that the confederacy will be a SNARE --a TRAP-- and that MANY will FALL and be TAKEN in it. It will be a FEARFUL trap and will SEPARATE God's PEOPLE, Thus is the Lord going to test ALL His people and let them reveal just how much FAITH each of them has:

"The confederacy... commences BEFORE the Loud Cry and BEFORE the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. It is not the Image of the Beast, for this association PRECEDES the Image of the Beast, and the confederacy is formed when the nations are girding themselves for war. Put another way, the confederacy will COMMENCE AFTER the SEALING and perhaps JUST BEFORE the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. Moreover, it is in the TIME when the Christian nations are UNITED that the
WOMAN 'Babylon' will SIT on the seven 'heads' (Rev. 17:9), parenthesis theirs - depicting also the union of the churches under Babylon.

"All those who are not expecting the confederacy, but instead are expecting next the reassertion of Roman church supremacy or the battle of Armageddon or something else, are going to fall into this SNARE, for it will appear to them harmless and perhaps even a good thing. But it will be their TRAP." 13 S. Code No. 3, 4:9, 10.

Here we see:

1. **The Lord is a rock of offense to BOTH houses of Israel (SDA and DSDA),**
   Judah and Israel. He is also a gin and a snare to His people.

2. On the other hand, the confederacy of the nations is a fearful trap to those who will not permit themselves to be snared by the Lord.

3. This is the separation, those who see no light in the Judgment of the Living – the extra oil of national laws of Israel- will fall into the trap set for them by Satan through this association of the Christian nations. Here is a test for His people, either serve God by keeping all His commandments, statutes and judgments, or serve man and his laws. Which side will you be on Brother, Sister?

4. **The confederacy commences after the sealing and before Ezekiel 9.** It is not the Image of the Beast in its beginning. This is a more fearful trap for the church than the Image of the Beast would be at this time, and Satan knows this for many are looking for the reassertion of the Roman church supremacy. This is why they fall into the trap formed by the confederacy of nations. It appears to be harmless and perhaps even a good thing.

5. **This confederacy commenced a few months ago.** and since it is to separate God's people, we are to conclude that it will, and not something else. Let us beware, lest we fall into the trap.
Conclusion:

Those who are eating the butter and honey (Isa. 7:22) will be left. We may not have a full knowledge yet (Isa. 7:16) even when there is an abundance of cream to him who nurses a young cow and two sheep, (Isa. 7:21). As the shaking of the cream continues, the butter will float to the top. This butter and honey may be added to the manna (Rev. 2:7) and those who continue to partake of it may be left in the land - kingdom (Isa. 7:22). Butter and honey on bread, - manna.

Therefore:

1. **Fall of the Turks in 1840 + 120 years in this generation = 1960, the coming of that which is to separate - the confederacy of the nations.**

2. Also the coming of that which is to save, the Judgment of the Living - the national laws.

"Now that time and Truth have locked arms and are hastening on together, we must quickly take hold and follow on, too." WHR 30:1.

"... The world's condition of today is the only condition that meets the challenge of these prophecies (Zeph. 1, etc.). Since this is true, then this is the day in which the Lord is to SEARCH Jerusalem with CANDLES. This is the day, in which he is to CLEANSE His PEOPLE FROM SIN and SINNERS. It is the 'GREAT and DREADFUL DAY of the Lord'." 1TGr 21:18,19.

"At the time LABOR and CAPITAL are in a CLASH, THEN it is that JERUSALEM (the church -parenthesis theirs- shall be SEARCHED, as it were, with CANDLES. " Id. 20

"...'I will search (Jerusalem, 'not carelessly and in darkness, but carefully with CANDLES of LIGHT." 2A 37.

The plain facts are:

1. In the great and dreadful day of the Lord, in the judgment of the living, the Lord will search the church with candles of light (2 Pet. 19). The center reference on day star means Branch. Read G. C. 415:3 ; Rev. 22:16.
2. The church being searched with candles suggests that the work is done at night, in the dark part of the day (Isa. 60:1, 2), The use of candles suggests that the church is to be searched with the light of the Sanctuary Truth - the Judgment of the Living - since candles were used in the sanctuary service.

SUMMARY:

1. Augsburg Confession in - Prophecy to Abraham (the type) - 1530 A. D. = 1960 +430 years

2. The three decrees to build the temple: 70 years in our day. First decree: Second 40 years in wilderness - 1888 + 2 = 1890 A. D. + 40 years = 1930 + 30 = 1960

3. Elijah type to ten tribes in SDA church - 1956 autumn - 1960 spring No rain to ten tribes in SDA - + 3 1/2 years

4. Fall of the Turks - 1840 A. D. In this generation - +120 years = 1960, confederacy

Separation of the wheat and tares; Association of the Christian nations, a trap to separate God's professed people, (the tares). 1960.

The extra oil is the establishing the national laws (Mal. 4:4) of the Kingdom (Eze.36:26-28), and is a stumbling stone to both houses of Israel (SDA and DSDA); it is a gin and a snare to the righteous, wheat.

Note: The 2300 year prophecy pointed out the beginning of the judgment of the dead. Here is pointed out that it providentially so happens that four times as many prophecies point to the time of the purification of the church, the beginning of the Judgment of the Living, (the 144,000) than pointed to the time of the judgment of the dead in 1844.
"... While interpreting Zechariah's vision, the angel spoke of Zerubbabel, saying: 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house: his hands also shall finish it' (Zech. 4:9). That is, the founders of the ANTI-TYPE ["are here"? "were here"? - not legible] TYPIFIED by Zerubbabel, LAID the FOUNDATION in 1844. Zerubbabel being 'a signet' to the ANTI-TYPE (by laying the foundation and finishing the house), denotes that the finishing of the spiritual house (the COMPLETENESS of the CHURCH of God - NUMBERING of the SAINTS) is to be accomplished in ONE generation (in the LIFE of MAN, COMMENCING in 1844.)" 2SR 280.

"... My spirit shall not always strive with man,' for that he also is flesh: yet his DAYS shall be an HUNDRED and TWENTY years. " Gen. 6:3.

These statements tell us:

1. The foundation of the antitypical house was laid by antitypical Zerubbabel in 1844.

2. The house is to be completed and the saints numbered in the life of a man, which is 120 years (Gen. 6:3).

3. But since none of the founders in 1844 of the Spiritual house are living to-day, then, for Zerubbabel to be a signet and for his hands to finish the house, there would necessarily have to be some one in our day who is an antitype of Zerubbabel who is building on the foundation. His hands shall finish it.

[Editor's note: It is the Holy Spirit that laid the foundation of the work in 1844 and the Holy Spirit will finish it in our day, as the “Messenger of the Covenant” – Elijah, “in the last analysis” 1AB79. Zerubbabel is a signet of the Holy Spirit – The Branch-She (Jer. 33:15,16), the civil and religious ruler of the Kingdom, the “visible King David”, the One appointed to sit on David’s Throne in Jerusalem. The people are to “appoint” Her, which is to recognize Her, calling for the end of warfare against Her (Isaiah 40:1-5.)

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"... In the Scriptures the figure of the erection of a temple is frequently used to illustrate the building of the church. Zechariah refers to Christ as the Branch that should BUILD the TEMPLE of the Lord. He speaks of the Gentiles as helping in the work." A. A. 595.

Here we see:

1. That the hands of the Branch movement is to finish the house and number the saints in this generation, in the life of a man - 120 years from 1844.

2. The harvest period for the 144,000 is four years from the time of the offering of the wave-sheaf in 1960, which points forward to the harvest of the first fruits,
(PP 539-40) the 144,000 (AA590-1). After this the Gentiles will help in the work.

[Editor’s note: The statement above, point #2, is regarding the 1st Wavesheaf offering in the Advent Movement, at Passover 1960, by Benjamin Roden, in the third section of the whole Advent Movement – The Branch, the “Gilead” Pasture, the actual beginning of the latter-day “harvest.” The Wavesheaf offering precedes the Firstfruits, 144,000, although the whole Firstfruit offering may have been offered at that time, in figure, at Passover and Pentecost of 1960]

End quote BLR

We can now see that Ben Roden’s prediction in the above study of the political alignment of Turkey toward the western powers (NATO), rather than with Russia, came about in May of 1960, right on time, as validated in the article below. The western alliance of nations (NATO) was very concerned at the prospect of Turkey moving politically and militarily in the direction of the Soviet Union, in the reasons stated below⁴.

⁴ From Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1960_Turkish_coup_d%C3%A9tat

The 1960 Turkish coup d'état (Turkish: 27 Mayıs Darbesi) was the first coup d'état in the Republic of Turkey. The coup was staged by a group of 38 young Turkish military officers, acting outside the Staff Chiefs’ chain of command. It was orchestrated by Alparslan Türkeş and ultimately led on May 27, 1960 by General Cemal Gürsel, against the democratically-elected government of the Democrat Party. Alparslan Türkeş was a member of the junta (National Unity Committee).

Background

The incident took place at a time of both socio-political turmoil and economic hardship, as US aid from the Truman doctrine and the Marshall Plan was running out and so Prime Minister Adnan Menderes planned to visit Moscow in the hope of establishing alternative lines of credit.[⁵⁶⁷]⁸

Coup

Colonel Alparslan Türkeş orchestrated the plot. He was a member of the junta (National Unity Committee) and had been among the first 16 officers trained by the United States in 1948 to form a stay-behind counter-guerrilla. As such, he explicitly stated his anticommunism and his faith and allegiance to NATO and CENTO in his short address to nation, but he remained vague on the reasons of the coup. On the morning of May 27, Türkeş declared the coup over radio, which ultimately announced “the end of one period in Turkish history, and usher in a new one”:

The Great Turkish Nation: Starting at 3:00 am on the 27th of May, the Turkish armed forces have taken over administration throughout the entire country. This operation, thanks to the close cooperation of all our citizens and security forces, has succeeded without loss of life. Until further notice, a curfew has been imposed, exempt only to members of the armed forces. We request our
Again, from - The Judgment, by Ben Roden, a prediction concerning the confirmation date of the events in Turkey, in 1840 and in 1960, we see:

"In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest.

Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown 'in A. D, 1840' .... At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the PROTECTION of the ALLIED powers of EUROPE, and thus placed herself UNDER the CONTROL of CHRISTIAN nations." G. C. 334-5. This date (1840) seems to be significant, considering the trouble Turkey is having at the present time and the peace conference coming up in May. She may again in the life span of a man place herself under the protection of the so-called Christian nations. End quote.

The fulfillment of this geopolitical event in May of 1960, critical to the western allies of the time (NATO) set the stage for the beginning of the Investigative Judgment for the Living, as the initial event in 1840 signaled the last four years of warning, a major prophetical event predicted by Josiah Litch, before the opening of the Judgment for the Dead, and, in 1960, in the critical balance of world power and particularly the balance of power in the middle east, the forces of communism, were held in check by this military coup in Turkey in May of 1960. This is our connection, in The Branch, to the early Second Advent The Movement showing the Divine Providence was leading the Movement still, by the Gift of Inspiration in The Branch, a TIME PROPHECY Movement.

The reality of the modern day “Deep State” Complex that began to form an alliance between U.S. Government power and special business interests which include many sectors of American major business interests that are controlled by the world elite bankers, the ultra-wealthy power brokers that controls American government, known by other names, such as “Military Industrial-Media Complex” as seen in the diagram to the left, citizens to facilitate the duty of our armed forces, and assist in reestablishing the nationally desired democratic regime.

— Alparslan Türkeş, Radio broadcast May, 27th 1960

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5 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military%E2%80%93industrial%E2%80%93media_complex
Figure 1 – the Iron Triangle of power, which is the core economic and political power behind the “Deep State”, otherwise known as the modern day Assyrian of the Isaiah chapters, beginning in chapter 10, just before the RISE of the end-time “Ensign” of Truth (three major message-movements since 1844) which constitutes “the Voice of the LORD” in the messages of the Second Advent Movement, and the Book of Nahum chapter 2 and Book of Micah chapter 5.

The modern day “Assyrian” began its new phase, “phase 2 (historically, not prophetically), at the beginning of World War 2, with the rise of the “military industrial complex”, well understood by President Eisenhower.

Victor Houteff taught that World War 2 had not ended with the defeat of Hitler and Germany, but would go on to fulfill the prophecy of “him that dashes in pieces”, as he stated in Tract 14 pages 52 through 54. Victor Houteff describes “another wide spread power that exists “in the time of the end”” This “wide spread power” is the Assyrian, USA, England and their allies, and the now revealed power that is in control of the western alliance, that is now called the “Deep State”, the economic and political elite of the western powers. In the first application of the Assyrian powers of World War 2, and the “he who dashes in pieces, fades into history as we move out of the World War 2 time period and into the mid and latter 1950s when the Assyrian Confederacy takes a decided turn in events to the USA becoming the political head of the Assyrian Confederation of western nations which then develops the civil-religious confederation period as explained in Ben Roden’s two main studies, “Sign and Wonders in Modern Israel” parts 1 & 2, copied previously in this study. Since World War 2 there has developed, or become more prominent, the real power brokers within the Assyrian ruling elite, that of the economic powers that have allied with the congressional power of the United States and many other nations of the west, beginning with England. Not only did President Dwight D. Eisenhower present a direct warning of these powerful economic contracting powers in his farewell speech of January 1961, revealing publicly for the first time the “Military Industrial (Congressional) Complex,” but also his successor, President John Kennedy, as further exposed in his speech given about ten days before he was assassinated, November 23, 1963. His words to the nation were clear and direct, as were the words of President Eisenhower two years before, even more clear and open in the words of George H.W. Bush given from the White House and in his State of Union address in 1991, that of the
reality of “a new world order” that he was formally introducing to the nation. Various videos on this topic are in this following link, including President Eisenhower’s speech:

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=JFK+speech+Columbia+University&view=detail&mid=B7EE80A5D737B7FD8C44B7EE80A5D737&FORM=VIRE

At this point in the final long chapter of this study, we must make a fairly thorough review of the Assyrian Confederacy and how she falls and how God’s people are delivered, the key requirement, according to Scripture, and Victor Houteff, of how spiritual Judah in our day is delivered from the Assyrian yoke.

From 1TG33:4 (emphasis added - added comments in red):

*Isa. 31:5, 6* -- "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also He will deliver it; and passing over He will preserve it. Turn ye unto Him from Whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.” {1TG33: 4.1}

_Having now come to the time of their deliverance, the Lord is pleading with His people to turn to Him -- to reform. {1TG33: 4.2}_

*Isa. 31:7* -- "For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin." {1TG33: 4.3}

_To turn to Him, He explains, is to cast away every idol. When such great revival and reformation takes place among God’s people, He continues: {1TG33: 4.4}_

*Isa. 31:8, 9* -- "Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the Lord, Whose fire is in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem." {1TG33: 4.5}

[Why would the Assyrian power(s) be afraid of “the Ensign”? According to Victor Houteff the “Ensign” is the same Ensign of Isaiah 11:1, representing THREE MESSAGES, The Root, The Rod, and The Branch, the same messages that SEAL the 144,000, who will turn the world upside down in their presentation of the THREE ANGELS’ Messages of Revelation 14, all SIX Angels in two phases, initial and final phases. The reason that the Assyrian is “afraid of the Ensign” is because “the VOICE of the Lord is in the Ensign, the completed seven-fold Second Advent Message in “FIVE DISTINCT messages” that will gather in the Great Multitude of Revelation 7:9. This is the Revelation 18:1,2 Angel (Message) ... NOT the Shepherd’s Rod message alone!]

_Because of idolatry, the Assyrian was permitted to take God's ancient people and their pleasant land. And certain it is that the Assyrian will control the land just so long as God's people continue in idolatry. But, just as soon as all idols are cast aside, -- yes, as
soon as the great revival and reformation takes place in the hearts of the people, -
then the Assyrian (the power that now rules them) shall certainly fall, and God’s
people shall just as certainly return. The Assyrian shall thus fall, not at the sword of a
mighty man, and not of a mean man, but "through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian
be beaten down, which smote with a rod." Isa. 30:31. {1TG33: 4.6}

[The “VOICE of the LORD” would certainly point to a message that is being proclaimed at the time
the modern Assyrian falls because in the present day the “Voice” of the Lord relates to His
messengers. The casting away of one’s idols of “silver and gold” relates to the primary idolatry of
our day, that of following a man, many false shepherds there are today, rather than the Holy
Spirit and the prophetic lineage of Truth.]

Isa. 32:1-8 -- "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in
judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the
tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall
hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the
stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. {1TG33: 5.1}

[The VOICE, or message of the LORD for today, reveals that the KING who is to “reign” will be the
Holy Spirit, the Personal Representative of Christ the Son in the earth who was sent down to
guide the church through the ages 2000 years ago, and Who is to be “revealed” in our day (Isaiah
40:5) and as Ellen White stated that we are to “pray for the revelation of the Holy Spirit (8T251)
as well as accept the Kingship in the Kingdom of this Divine Representative of Christ, who will be
“visible”, the “visible David” in our day. Ellen White stated in 1901 to “LET the Holy Spirit be
KING”! GCB April 1, 1901, page 25]

1TG24 (emphasis added - added comments in red):

**IS WORLD WAR II YET TO BE FINISHED, SAINTS YET TO BE DELIVERED?**

*(By Nahum)*

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This afternoon we are to study the book of Nahum. The burden of this entire book, three chapters in all, is concerning two separate people. To ascertain who these people are, we shall begin with -- {1TG24: 11.1}

Nah. 1:1; 3:18 -- "The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.... Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them." {1TG24: 11.2}

Plainly, Assyria with her capital city, Nineveh, are the one people. {1TG24: 11.3}

Now to find who the other people are, we shall read chapter 1, verses 12, 13, and 15 (omitting those parts of the verses which pertain to Assyria). {1TG24: 11.4}

Nah. 1:12, 13, 15 -- "Thus saith the Lord;... Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder... Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off." {1TG24: 11.5}

[The first point we must recognize in this opening of the study is the call to spiritual “JUDAH” to “KEEP thy solemn feasts,...” meaning the restoration of the yearly sacred Feasts, just as Victor Houteff taught in Tract #3 and, Answerer Book 3:8-13 and his Sacred Feasts chart. Notice, the Feasts are to be KEPT BEFORE the Kingdom, even before the breaking of the Assyrian yoke from off the neck of Judah. This is an important aspect of our deliverance, along with the casting away of our human idols, even BEFORE Ezekiel 9 Executive.]

The people whom God has afflicted (by their dispersion among the nations) and whom He promises to afflict no more, and to break the Assyrian yoke from off their shoulders, are His people, His church -- antitypical Judah. They are, therefore, the other people. {1TG24: 12.1}

The title of God’s people, you note, is "Judah." They are counselled to behold the messenger of God who at the fulfillment of this prophecy brings to them good tidings, tidings of peace...the message of the Kingdom of peace (Isa. 11:6-9). The Lord counsels them to be honest with Him, honest in their profession of faith. They are, moreover, assured that at the fulfillment of this prophecy the destroying angels are to remove the wicked from the midst of the righteous. Thus will the wicked be "raptured" away and be no more. {1TG24: 12.2}

So it is that while Nahum predicts liberation and peace for God’s faithful people, he predicts disaster and humiliation for antitypical Assyria (the power which they serve) and for the wicked in the church. {1TG24: 12.3}
"The power which they serve" referencing the hidden power or elite masters of the western alliance, or Assyrian “Military, industrial, media, congressional complex” that the western powers were warned about in 1961 by President Dwight Eisenhower. The western alliance governments are far more than what they appear to be on the surface.

Three verses of chapter two will suffice to show the fate of Assyria: 1TG24: 12.4

Nah. 2:6, 10, 13 -- "The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.... She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.... Behold, I am against thee, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard." 1TG24: 12.5

This very scenario of a Divine judgment, in a modern context, a national and international awakening of the people, is taking place at the present time in what is termed the “fake news media” being exposed for what they are, not as the “messengers of the nation” (Isaiah 14:32) as Isaiah describes them, a legitimate function of the public media and national press, but rather presenting highly scripted narratives to the public as truth when it is not truth but only directives from a secret political-economic-media oligarchy.

Here the prophet predicts that Assyria’s capital city will be emptied, and her palace dissolved. Clearly, then, the kingdom of Judah is set up in time of war and turmoil. What additional signs will mark the time? -- Let us read from chapter two: 1TG24: 13.1

A great war is taking place at the present time, for the hearts and minds of the general public – the war for the mind of America, or Americans in particular, but in all of the western alliance nations of the modern Assyrian powers. The next few paragraphs present the time in which Nahum’s prophecy is fulfilled, beginning during and after World War 2, in full maturity today.

Nah. 2:3, 4 -- "The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings." 1TG24: 13.2

Since this prophecy meets its fulfillment in the day when the chariots are with "flaming torches"; when they run like lightning; when they jostle one against another in the highways and in the broadways, and since the automotive traffic of today completely and perfectly answers the prophet's description of it, then there is no other conclusion but that the day in which we are now living is the day in which Nahum's prophecy is to be fulfilled. 1TG24: 13.3
Now, in view of the truth that we are living in such a period as described by Nahum, together with the fact that preparations for Nahum's war are made during a time of such lightning-like travel, the evidence clearly stands out that Nahum's prophecy is to meet its fulfillment in our day, and that the "Assyria" here in prophecy, therefore, is not ancient Assyria, but another widespread power that exists "in the time of the end" (Dan. 12:9, 10) the time in which its yoke is removed from God's people. {1TG24: 13.4}

Moreover, since this antitypical Assyria's fall liberates God's people, and since from then on the wicked no longer pass through their midst, the time and the events are solidly clinched: All these predictions come to pass in the time of the purification of the church, in the Judgment day of the living, during the great and dreadful day of the Lord. {1TG24: 14.1}

Nah. 2:1 -- "He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily." {1TG24: 14.2}

It is plain to see that the one who dashes in pieces, and who comes before Assyria's face is the one who forces Assyria to prepare, to militarize herself mightily. Her forced military preparations, agitated by him that dashes in pieces, starts Assyria on her downfall. {1TG24: 14.3}

[At this point in the study, in a major prophetic update, we see that in the World War 2 application the “one who dashes in pieces ... (Hitler) who comes before Assyria’s face” can only be a first application. Victor Houteff states that World War 2 is “not actually ended” but to be continued in a future application. Here are the statements:

[And let us not forget that World War II has not actually ended, that it is yet to be finished. I say, in the face of these facts now known world-wide, it is difficult for one to deny what is here brought to light. {2TG7: 8.5} and

[Moreover, there has been no official declaration as yet that the war is over. No complete settlement with the powers which fought in the war has as yet been reached. Anyone can see that the world is fast getting ready to resume the war with a mightier and final blow if possible. Anyone can see, too, that the war was not won for the good of Great Britain, but for Russia, and that following the cessation of hostilities conditions have caused the world to consolidate into two great and hostile blocks, -- the Western and the Eastern blocks, -- not to mention the wars and rumors of wars all around us. This happened because Great Britain allied with atheistic Russia, a government that is against God and His church. Thus Great Britain put greater trust in God's enemy than in God Himself, and that is why the war is yet to be fought. {2TG41: 15.4}

[Then too, the defeat of Japan and of Germany has by no means ended the war. It has only deepened the international deadly wound. Thus the possibilities of fulfilling every phase of
truth contained in Tract No. 14, WAR NEWS FORECAST, are now brighter than before. As far as Inspiration is concerned, World War II has not ended. \(\{TN14: 54.2\}\)

[A man named Vernon W. Howell (a.k.a. David Koresh) also came up before the Assyrian’s face in 1993, provoking the Assyrian on multiple levels (firearms accumulation, computer surveillance of government agencies in the early days of computer hacking, and suspected child abuse). The activities on the part of Koresh and his lieutenants caused the Assyrian to fortify his army and descend upon (New Mt. Carmel, Waco) beginning February 28, 1993. David Koresh was the final application of the “he that dashes in pieces” on a religious level, a direct fulfillment of the “mark of the beast” in the church, predicted by Victor Houteff and Benjamin Roden many decades before the events of 1993 (reference available). “Koresh” came in to destroy The Branch and attempt to intervene in the harvest of the Wavesheaf section of the spiritual harvest, thus putting the entire end-time spiritual harvest at risk. There had to be a Divine intervention to “bring him to his end”. Intervention came at the hand of the Assyrian power, just at the Roman power of 2000 years ago brought an end to Jerusalem and the Jewish nation. The “mark of the beast” not only relates to the violation of the true Sabbath but also the violation or attempted annulment of the Marriage Institution, one of the “twin institutions” at creation, as Ellen White termed, thus fulfilling “the mark of the beast first, before the final application to the world. David Koresh lost the war with the Assyrian, but in the process of his defeat began the fall of Assyria because gross injustices, constitutional violations, were committed on the part of the agents of the Assyrian power at the time. These events were destined to be fulfilled through The Branch which is why the “fire and sword” judgment (Isaiah 66:15, 16) came to pass in April of 1993 on this movement to “prune back” the unproductive branches (Luke 13:6-9). David Koresh was NOT a member of The Branch Body (church), but rather an interlocuter, attempting to speak for The Branch, without authority or Inspiration, in other words, a “false christ”. This is a direct Gospel warning. Matthew 24:24]

Now, to find out what happens to the one who dashes in pieces -- he who compels Assyria to prepare mightily, we shall read-- \(\{1TG24: 14.4\}\)

Nah. 2:5 -- "He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared." \(\{1TG24: 14.5\}\)

His worthies (his mighty generals) stumble in their walk; that is, they make a mistake as they march on in hope of victory. In view of their disastrous blunder, and in view of the fact that "he that dasheth in pieces" is mentioned no more in Nahum’s book, it is evident that by his stumbling he loses the war. Nevertheless, according to the verses that follow in Nahum’s chapters, the fall of Assyria is certain. \(\{1TG24: 14.6\}\)

The question, then arises, if Assyria is to fall, and if the one that starts the war, the "he that dasheth in pieces," is himself to lose out first, then at whose hands is Assyria
to fall? For the answer, Let us turn to Isaiah 31, where this same Assyria is again brought to view: {1TG24: 15.1}

Isa. 31:6-8 -- "Turn ye unto Him from Whom the children of Israel have deeply revoluted. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited." {1TG24: 15.2}

[These “idols” are identified in the last message of “revival and reformation” (1TG8:24) in The Branch, that of “the kind that speak; that they are men” (1TG18:14) that the laity have made with their own hands, by their own support of false leaders, various kinds of support such as financial support and other forms of labor for their self-appointed leaders, those who are able to freely talk about the message(s) extensively, convincingly, yet without inspiration. How do you think David Koresh got as far as he did? These “idols” made by men (and women) also constitute the “mark of the beast” in finality, following a man rather than following the Spirit of Truth and the line of truth for our day.]

**Assyria is to fall and to be devoured, but not by the sword of a mean man, not by him who dashes in pieces.** {1TG24: 15.3}

Now the fact that God's people are admonished to turn unto Him against Whom ancient Israel revolted, shows again that Inspiration is speaking to antitypical Israel, to God's people in the Christian era. {1TG24: 15.4}

Isa. 31:7 -- "For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin." {1TG24: 15.5}

Obviously the prophet is looking down the stream of time, to a time of a thorough reformation, a time in which only those who forsake every sin and embody Truth and righteousness will be left in the church. None others will be found in the congregation of the Lord. Then Assyria shall fall and thus shall her yoke be removed from the neck of God's people. {1TG24: 15.6}

The Assyrian is to fall because of his wickedness, and because God's people return to Him, because of a thorough **revival and reformation**. {1TG24: 16.1}

[Again, a reference to “revival and reformation”. What other “revival and reformation” could be so indicated and true but the one that Victor Houteff announced would come (after his time), other than “The Branch” (1TG8:24)? The “revival and reformation” of today MUST BE “--- The Branch”. No Davidian organization will adopt the name “The Branch” because of a negative connotation in connection with Benjamin Roden, which was to be anticipated. So, it is true what Victor Houteff stated that the “NEW name cannot be counterfeited” (1SR155). He also states in]
the same quote, that the “The old name, being polluted, could no longer be retained.” The question is, why would any Davidian today go under the “old name”, that of DSDA Association, or any variation, since the prophecy is CLEAR as crystal, that the “old name” was polluted, could “not be retained” and could not be used anymore? Why do Davidians today still use the name of the old organization, without even a hint of a new name, that for the church purified, or reorganized after 1955? All Davidian efforts to reorganize under the old name have failed, or failed to bring unity, as all Davidian leaders have failed to do so. The whole reality of Ezekiel 9, though literal in fulfillment, also has a “figurative” application in the harvest, the Judgment for the Living, of a literal separation of groups before the final execution, a “fire and sword” judgment, “first in the church, then in the world.”]

Isa. 31:9 -- "And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the Lord, Whose fire is in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem." {1TG24: 16.2}

All these calamities overtake Assyria as soon as God’s people turn to Him, as soon as they cast away their idols. {1TG24: 16.3}

[Are you casting away your man-made idols, or are you holding on to them?]

What are the Lord’s fire in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem for? The answer we shall find in-- {1TG24: 16.4}

Mal. 3:1, 2 -- "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. 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." {1TG24: 16.5}

The prophecy of Isaiah, along with the prophecy of Malachi, make the subject very simple: According to these prophecies, during the Judgment of the Living and while the first fruits -- the servants of God, the 144,000 -- stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion, the headquarters of the gospel shall be in Zion and Jerusalem." {1TG24: 16.6}

Now before passing judgment as to whether Nahum prophesies the "World War II" it will be well to refresh our minds by summarizing the main points of the study: {1TG24: 16.7}

1. Two people are brought to view -- the church, and a nation comparable to ancient Assyria, to which the church is under subjection. {1TG24: 17.1}
2. **God’s people, Judah, are asked to behold the messenger of God, who at the fulfillment of this prophecy and at a time broiling with war brings them good tidings of the Kingdom of peace.** {1TG24: 17.2}

3. The prophecy is fulfilled in the day of unprecedented motorized vehicular traffic, the day when the chariots (automobiles) are with flaming torches and when they jostle one against another in the broad ways -- unquestionably in our day. {1TG24: 17.3}

4. In this day, "**he that dasheth in pieces**" wars with this antitypical Assyria. **He begins her downfall.** {1TG24: 17.4}

5. Assyria fortifies her power mightily after her enemy comes before her face. {1TG24: 17.5}

6. On the march to victory, Assyria’s enemy -- "**he that dasheth in pieces**" -- makes a mistake and consequently falls, loses the war. {1TG24: 17.6}

7. Assyria, nevertheless, later falls, too, but not by the sword of a mean man. {1TG24: 17.7}

8. The war, the fast-rolling chariots, and a revival and reformation such as the world has never seen, are signposts of the fulfillment of Nahum’s prophecy. {1TG24: 17.8}

9. **When God’s people cast aside all their idols, fully turn to Him**, then it is that Assyria falls. Then it is that the wicked are removed from the midst of the people of God, the Assyrian yoke is broken, and the servants of God, evidently the first fruits, the 144,000, stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion. {1TG24: 17.9}

   Let us now consider the already historic facts: {1TG24: 18.1}

   Hitler made his preparation for war in an era when the chariots were raging in the streets, running lightning-like, and jostling one against another in the broadways; that after the allies Hitler’s military might breaking everything in pieces wherever he took his guns then it was that they themselves begun to build gigantic war machines; **Hitler stumbled, as it were, by starting war against Russia while he was still engaged in war with Great Britain; although Germany lost the war, yet rather than taking deeper root since the downfall of Hitler, England is instead wearing away, and the crashing sounds of her empire are becoming louder with each passing day; Hitler’s war has dashed in pieces the whole world, and new chips and cracks are heard and seen right along -- that there are new partisan politics from within and from without in every nation and people.** {1TG24: 18.2}

[This statement of “new partisan politics” is present truth, a major current event in the news, in the United States Government, with the tremendous political war between the Executive branch of the government and the Legislative branch. There is no question that the USA and her allies...]

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are in a state of war with the USA Executive branch, the Presidency, in its war with the “Deep State” and the “industrial, military, media, congressional and technology complex” centered in the USA, and England, otherwise known as the “Deep State.” This is a massive and long-standing war of power, political and economic control, control for the minds of the people and a war on a deeply spiritual-religious level. This war is political but has tremendous military implications and preparations at the present time in the USA, her allies, and in the Middle East and Asia regions. A HOT war could break out at any time, or nearly, with the exchange of missiles etc., as it was a over a year ago with the nuclear capable intercontinental missile tests by North Korea.

Since Nahum’s description of the city and country traffic at the time his war prophecy is fulfilled perfectly fits the conditions of World War II, we are assured that the war which Hitler began will actually be finished when Assyria falls, and when her yoke is removed from the neck of God’s people. From then on the wicked shall no more be found in the congregation of the righteous. {1TG24: 18.3}

What is the over-all purpose of Nahum’s prophecy? It is to enlighten God’s people of the signs of the times, to make them aware that “the great and dreadful day of the Lord” is at hand, that the purification of the church, the "Judgment in the house of God" (1 Pet. 4:17) is soon to take place, that the wicked shall not much longer be in their midst, that the redemption of the righteous is at hand, that they must not fail to perform their God-given duties. Indeed, Nahum’s prophecy clearly identifies God’s people of today under the Assyrian yoke, and points to their liberation. {1TG24: 18.4}

Most important of all, though, the prophet Nahum plainly tells that all these things take place in our day, and that the fall of Assyria takes place while God’s people are turning to Him, while revival and reformation are successfully carried by him who "publisheth peace" (Nah. 1:15). If we, therefore, fail to take hold of the message, and if we fail to reform as it recommends, then it is not possible to survive the day of the Lord. {1TG24: 19.1}

[The “peace” here referred to by Nahum we read how we are to get the peace that is promised:

[Isa. 52:1 -- "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." {2TG42: 40.5}

[Inspiration here declares that after this call for revival and reformation, from then on the sinners will not be permitted to have any part among the people that have been cleansed. {2TG42: 40.6}

[The prophet Nahum, too, is a witness of this call for Reformation. He writes: {2TG42: 40.7}
[Nah. 1:15 -- "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off."  {2TG42: 41.1}

[Here you see that the announcement of this long-expected event is to be made by someone's publications.  Moreover, he publishes peace and thus announces the restoration of the Kingdom. This is the only peace that the world can have. There is to be no other. Those who keep God's solemn "feasts" and perform their vows shall have this peace. None others shall.  {2TG42: 41.2}

In our study today we have summarized some of the things which will take place during the time of the end, but the most important thing, so far as you are concerned, is the decision you are now left to make.  {2TG42: 41.3}

[Are there any Davidians today publishing such a message of “peace” through someone’s publications concerning the FEASTS, which brings the restoration of the Kingdom? No, there are NOT. In fact, essentially all, nearly all, Davidians militate against keeping the Feasts, as premature, not to be kept UNTIL the Kingdom. But the Gilead Pasture (message) is the Kingdom, though in its small beginnings, as Zechariah 4:10 states, not to “despise the day of small beginnings”].

[Again, this theme of “revival and reformation” in the context of the Nahum prophecy could not in the least be denied to be the SAME “revival and reformation” announced by Victor Houteff in 1TG8:24 – “Who is to BRING this Revival and Reformation, this great change – The Branch.” What other “revival and reformation” could here otherwise be referred to? Those Davidians that say they are “100% ROD ONLY” Davidians are clearly contradicting one of the foremost teachings of The Rod message, that of the coming “revival and reformation” that comes at the end of the 430 year period, as Victor Houteff taught, when the New Name is given, the New Name of Jesus, that cannot be counterfeited or denied (see 1SR155. How could any “revival and reformation” come about without the BIRTH of The Branch, the Immanuel Movement, since 1955?   Why do Davidians not teach about the “revival and reformation” that Victor Houteff predicted in 1TG8, that it was to come, after the passing of Victor Houteff? Davidians who are “100% Rod only” will in verity fail to receive the mark and the three-fold seal given to the 144,000 (EW15). The Rod message does NOT teach “100% ROD only” but rather 100% Ensign, The Root, The Rod and The BRANCH].

(For a detailed study of the book of Nahum, study Tract No. 14, "War News Forecast.")  {1TG24: 19.2}

The following study by Victor Houteff presents the purification of the church, and of course the fall of “the Assyrian” though not specifically mentioned, though mentioned in other
studies in the context of modern Judah casting away their idols ("the ones that speak"), their idols of "gold and the silver", the false "presidents" and "vice-presidents" of the various associations in a time of great awakening of the tribes of modern Judah (Levi, and Benjamin included representing a division in the original Davidian organization itself). This study presents the judicial purification of Ezekiel 9 in the three step process, quite apparently, of an Investigative Ezekiel 9, then a Judicial Ezekiel 9, then finally an Executive Ezekiel 9, a THREE part delineation of the Judgment for the Living, as the THREE parts of the last message-movement, The Branch, unfolds, and the "Fountain opens to the House of David" the healing Fountain is opened for sin and uncleanness, representing a particular phase of The Branch that reveals the final work of purification, the work of Sanctification, "the Revelation of the Holy Spirit" (8T251), as Victor Houteff presents in 2SR286 "a Heavenly Agency absorbing human weakness and imperfection into everlasting glory." "A glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:27.) A church that keeps "the commandments of God, and who also have the testimony of Jesus Christ." WHO is this "Heavenly Agency..." that brings the purification to the church, beginning with modern Judah (Davidian and Branch – those with the most light)?

This is the prophetic theme for the final message of purification that takes place in our day, the impartation of power, to be purified, sanctified, to those who have come UP, step by step, in ALL of the messages, all SEVEN messages since 1844, culminating with the glorious prophecy of Zechariah 13:1. The whole judicial process, a legal procedure, in the unfolding of Ezekiel 9 must of necessity be reconsidered, not only as a three part work, clearly implied by Victor Houteff, but that not all those who are left without the seal are brought under an executive slaughter, yet are separated OUT from the righteous, to be slain, just as Ellen White places Ezekiel 9 in the TIME of the final judgment on unrepentant humanity in The Great Controversy page 656, long after the time period of the purification of the church, two distinct periods of probationary time, the church then the world, yet there is a group in modern Judah that passes through or falls under the executive part of Ezekiel 9 for the church who are slain, in a "fire and sword" judgment (Isaiah 66:15, 16), because they would not let go of their human idol, those who would not keep pace with the light, who looked to a man to be their leader, rather than the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Truth, and Who was the promised One, in finality (Mal. 3:1-3; 4:5), to “lead us into all truth” – the Office of the Spirit of Prophecy Herself, represented in the Golden Bowl of Zechariah 4. Those who deny the coming of The Branch after the passing of Victor Houteff in 1955 CANNOT receive the judicial purification that the final Message brings and are left without the SEAL of God. The 144,000 MUST HAVE THREE sealing truths written in their foreheads as Ellen White presents in Early Writings page 15 (Rev. 3:12). The historical fact is that Brother Victor Houteff did NOT “turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers…” But SomeOne is coming Who WILL.

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This afternoon we shall study Zechariah, chapter 13. Let us begin with the first verse. {1TG18: 13.1}

Zech. 13:1 -- "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." {1TG18: 13.2}

The phrase "in that day" points back to preceding events, back to the twelfth chapter. There we find that the event is the great mourning in Jerusalem (chapter 12, verses 12-14). So "in that day," in the day of that great mourning, this fountain is to be opened. {1TG18: 13.3}

To find the time in which the mourning takes place, it is necessary that we go further back into the twelfth chapter. Better still, we should review the chapter from the first verse on, because there are brought to view seven groups of separate and distinct events, one following the other. {1TG18: 13.4}

The outstanding events of each group are these: (1) Jerusalem is to be made "a cup of trembling" and the nations of the earth are to be "in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem." (2) "In that day" the nations are to gather together against them. (3) "In that day" the Lord is to "smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness," and He is also to open His "eyes upon the house of Judah." The governors of Judah are then to say in their hearts, "The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God." (4) "In that day" Jerusalem is to be inhabited again. (5) "In that day he that is feeble among them" is to be as David; and the house of David is to be as God. (6) "In that day" the Lord is to seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. **He will then pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications.** (7) "In that day" there is to be a great mourning in Jerusalem. {1TG18: 13.5}
Thus one event is contingent upon another, the last of which is the great mourning in Jerusalem. In the day of these events, therefore, the fountain for sin and for uncleanness is opened. Let us now connect Zechariah 13:1 with verse 2. {1TG18: 14.1}

Zech. 13:1, 2 -- "In that day [in the day the great mourning takes place] there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land." {1TG18: 14.2}

Two things stand out clearly in these verses: (1) that the house of David must come into existence before the cleansing fountain is opened; (2) that the cleansing begins with cutting off the names of the idols, and throwing out of the land the false prophets and the unclean spirits. {1TG18: 14.3}

In our previous study of the tenth chapter of Zechariah, we learned that these idols are the kind that speak; that they are men. There is no doubt, therefore, that these are ministering brethren who preach themselves instead of Christ, and whom the laity idolize. As a result, the laity are blindly following them, and whatever decisions their "idols" make concerning what is truth and what is error, what is sin and what is righteousness, those are the decisions which the laity does carry out. These "idols," therefore are creating a situation similar to that which the priests, scribes, and Pharisees created in the days of Christ's first advent. Consequently, the idol-worshipers are not troubling themselves to personally investigate fresh messages, and they are thereby ignorantly following men rather than Christ and His advancing Truth. These, along with the prophets and the unclean spirits, shall pass out of the land. {1TG18: 14.4}

Zech. 13:3-5 -- "And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the Lord; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive: But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth." {1TG18: 15.1}

The name of the idols (the flattering titles of men) shall forever be forgotten: Men shall never again be known by such titles. Thereafter neither a false prophet nor an unclean spirit shall be tolerated in the land. In fact, not even a father or a mother will then tolerate their own son to pose as such, but they shall deliver him to the executioners. It shall come to pass that the men who even now are exalting themselves, and, worst of all, are preaching without having been "sent," shall be ashamed as they see their
foolish teachings, predictions, and private interpretations of the Scriptures. No longer will they wear deceitful garments. Rather, they will say, "I am no prophet, not even a pastor, I am only a herdsman, a common farmer." {1TG18: 15.2}

The prophet Ezekiel also was given glimpses of this situation: "Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it; albeit I have not spoken? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God. And Mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of My people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God. {1TG18: 16.1}

"Because, even because they have seduced My people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered morter: say unto them which daub it with untempered morter, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in My fury, and there shall be an overflowing shower in Mine anger, and great hailstones in My fury to consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered morter, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. Thus will I accomplish My wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered morter, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it." Ezek. 13:3-15. {1TG18: 16.2}

What a fearful responsibility rests upon those who carelessly handle the Word of God, who pose as soul guardians over the people! Both they and their abominations will fall in the ditch. Indeed, if any reform is needed in Christendom, this one is. {1TG18: 17.1}

Having now learned better, let us no longer make idols of men; let us no longer give place within us to unclean spirits. Let us rather give the Spirit of God a chance to lead us into His ever-advancing Truth with personal understanding. {1TG18: 17.2}

Let us be followers of Christ, never again of Paul, of Apollos, or of Cephas. {1TG18: 17.3}
Zech. 13:6, 7 -- "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends. 

Awake, O sword, against My shepherd, and against the man that is My fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones." {1TG18: 17.4}

I have no special comments to make on verses 6 and 7, other than what is commonly understood among Christians. It is plain to see, though, that after the Lord's shepherd is smitten, then it is that the Lord will separate His people. {1TG18: 18.1}

Zech. 13:8 -- "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein." {1TG18: 18.2}

**In this separation, according to verse 8, the people are divided in three parts:**

**Evidently they are the saints, the hypocrites, and the heathen.** The two latter parts are to be cut off (separated from the saints), and they are to die. Concerning the future of the former third, let us read-- {1TG18: 18.3}

Zech. 13:9 -- "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." {1TG18: 18.4}

In this connection, the gospel prophet was instructed to write: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. {1TG18: 18.5}

"Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger. And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword." Isa. 13:9-15. {1TG18: 19.1}

To this warning the prophet Zephaniah adds: "And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof. The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. {1TG18: 19.2}
"That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness. A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land." Zeph. 1:12-18. {1TG18: 19.3}

These scriptures are self-explanatory, and they make our subject as clear as crystal: As soon as the house of David is set up, as soon as the first fruits reach Mt. Zion and there stand with the Lamb, the cleansing fountain will be opened. Then it is that the great harvest will begin during which every grain of "wheat" shall be put into the "barn," but every noxious seed burned (Matt. 13:30). Then it is that every good "fish" shall be put into vessels, whereas every bad one shall be cast out (Matt. 13:48). Then it is that everyone having on the "wedding garment" shall be served the wedding supper, but everyone having not the garment on shall be cast into outer darkness (Matt. 22:11-13). {1TG18: 20.1}

In the terms of the parables all this can be summed as follows: Those who successfully aim to be spared as "wheat," as good "fish," and to put on the wedding garment, are those who have found the field of great treasure and the pearl of great price and have done all to purchase them. {1TG18: 20.2}

"So shall it be at the end of the world, the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 13:49, 50. {1TG18: 20.3}

Solemn times we have come to, Brother and Sister. Now is the time to put on the white garment. Now is the time to buy the field with the great treasure, and the pearl of great price. "Shall you? Shall I?" is the great question that we must quickly settle without other people's influence or interference. {1TG18: 20.4}

We should now be able to see how the gospel work is to be finished, and that the idea which we have had about it is merely a human fabrication. It is now clearly seen how sinners are made saints, how God's great fountain is capable of cleansing all of us, of making us as white as snow if we let Him. So it matters not what we were yesterday, the important thing is what we are to be from today on. {1TG18: 21.1}

We should not be among that class of people who quarrel over trivial matters, but who do not care to discuss weighty subjects such as this. If we do not come to the knowledge of the Truth, if we do not let it do its intended work in us, how can we ever be fitted to live in the presence of a holy God? You see, believing or not believing in truths
such as this, really means something. But to argue, as some do, over a point such as "the three days and the three nights" (Matt. 12:40) with nothing to do about it even if the argument be won, is worse than Pharisaism. The Devil would have us busy ourselves with unimportant matters and with things that we do not understand. \{TG18: 21.2\}

These events of the purification of the House of modern Judah revealed in the foregoing 1TG18 show the end of sin in the church, the fall of the Assyrian in our land. In the above sentence – "**how God's great fountain is capable of cleansing all of us**," THIS is the message for today and that message only comes through The Branch, the fulfillment that is, not the announcement, but the fulfillment. Without that cleansing fountain no man or woman will receive the SEAL of Jesus in their forehead. That “Fountain” did not open in Victor Houteff’s day, but it is about to open in our day, or is opening. The truth of it is here now. That Capstone Truth is found in the Third Sealing Message since 1844. You have read over a hundred pages of this truth already. Attempting to bring unity will be fruitless without this message, from 1955 until today. Take heed.

**IN SUMMARY**

In this lengthy review of our common history since 1930 and 1955, we have seen and should understand:

- The true nature of the THREE spiritual pastures of Micah 7:14, Carmel, Bashan and Gilead, that these three “good spiritual pastures” must include the 1844 Third Angel of Revelation 14. And, that prophecy is not always in exact order since the first spiritual pasture of Micah 7:14 was revealed beginning in 1930, nevertheless, to begin the three spiritual pastures in 1930 will leave out the FIRST sealing truth, the first sealing Message that is required for the sealing of the 144,000, as Ellen White states in Early Writings page 15, a THREE-fold Seal, 1) God, 2) New Jerusalem, and 3) “a glorious star containing Jesus' New Name”, referenced from Revelation 3:12. There is NO fourth spiritual pasture hiding in our past history, but ONLY THREE pastures. Failing to count the 1844 message of the Third Angel in the Micah 7:14 lineage of messages is to say, inferentially, that there are FOUR good spiritual pastures, which there are not. There are only THREE.

- By direct logic and clear reasoning, if there is an “extra oil” message, or a new spiritual pasture, of Micah 7:14, then by all that is true there must be a new messenger, with a new message, a new time and type application, even a sealing message that comports with the Revelation 3:12 sealing message(s) that Ellen
White validated in Early Writings page 15, concerning the 144,000. There is no such thing as an “interpretive” prophet, or a “homiletic interpreter”, an intermediate phase of a former message or former pasture that is represented as a new spiritual pasture. This is very much parallel to what SDA leaders teach about in their understanding of the Third Angel’s message today, that the pastors and leaders are continuing to interpret and sermonize Ellen White’s message, which is all sufficient to bring every SDA Church member to a completed saving faith and be sealed for Heaven. Not so.

➢ The TYPE of Jacob is our TYPE, as Brother Houteff stated in 1 TG47:15, but primarily in the progression of the message to the next step, the THIRD step – Early Writings 15, for the sealing of the 144,000 – 1) God, 2) New Jerusalem, and finally 3) “a glorious star containing Jesus’ New Name” -- which is our connection to the TYPE of Jacob, OUR connection in The Branch, that is, as he received a name change, a SIX letter name, as overcomer. We as a people receive the designation of ISRAEL only through acceptance of “Jesus New Name”, our test today, that is, the SEALING that the new name brings. The types of Leah and Rachel have their place in the application given by Brother Ben Roden, representing SDA and DSDA, but from the perspective of the THIRD person in this typology, the third perspective, that of Jacob himself, the one who received the name change. And let us not lose the most important truth that Jacob represents, that Christ Himself receives a NEW NAME, and that that “new name” COMES” at the end” of the 430 year application. See 1SR155:

“Isa. 62:2: "A new name." Indicative of the new experience they have passed through, which is the separation, or sifting, as explained. God Himself with His own mouth gives the name so it can not be counterfeited. The time the name is received is at the end of the 430 year period as explained on the chart on pages 112-113. Thus, the church is reorganized under a new name. The old name, being polluted, could no longer be retained. There is no one to go by the old name, for the ones who were not worthy of having the new name have perished under the figure of the five men with the slaughter weapons of Ezekiel 9. The name only remains for a curse. In Isa. 65:15, we read: "And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto My chosen: For the Lord God shall slay thee, and call His servants by another name." The old order of things being changed. The watchmen who were unfaithful have perished." {SR1: 155.1}

From The Leviticus:

“The Davidians are the upshoot from decadent Seventh-day Adventism prophetically envisioned in Ezekiel, chapter nine. Its members are in the main
those who have been cast out and deprived of the fellowship of their Seventh-day Adventist churches. Thus being separated from their church and denied its name because of their having given heed to the voice of the Rod, the voice of the Good Shepherd, they are called by the name imbedded in the work of the Rod, “Davidian Seventh-day Adventists,” until the time when they shall be “called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.” Isa. 62:2. {LDSDA: 12.1}

Why did M.J Bingham in particular, and Davidians in general, not teach the expectation or historical claim in 1955, of the “new name which the mouth of the LORD shall name.” Most Davidians banish the thought that the “new name” of the organization, the “revival and reformation” (1TG8:24) predicted by Victor Houteff, would begin in 1955, a very few months after Brother Houteff died.

➤ Yes, dear Brothers and Sisters and young people, "When the books of Daniel (Dan. 2:44) and the Revelation (Rev. 18:1) are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience." T.M. 114.

SUMMARY: Mark these points with care unto your salvation:

Rev. 18:1 lightens the earth with His glory ............... 6T406; EW277
Rev. 18:1 re-proclaims 2nd angel's message of Rev. 14:8........TM59
Rev. 18:1 is a message and a movement ......................GC604
Rev. 18:1 directs the last work of the 3rd angel ..............TM300
Rev. 18:1 is a message future from Sr. White ..............GC383 89'Ed.
Rev. 18:1 Angel is He – Jesus ................................. COL79
Rev. 18:1 The BRANCH "FINISHES THE WORK! ........ Zech. 6:12

5T472; TM300 Rev. 18:1 is Jesus, The BRANCH – (His New Name)

"Some have asked me if I thought there was any more light for the people of God. Our minds have become so narrow that we do not seem to understand that the Lord has a mighty work to do FOR US; for "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day," Counsels to Writers and Editors, p. 34—35.

"Jesus (The BRANCH) is coming in to give the individual members of the church the richest blessing (His New Name, Rev. 3:12), if they will open the door to Him." Remnant Church, p. 52.

"BEHOLD, I (The Branch) STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK:..." Revelation 3:20,
Yours to "open the door",
Ben L. Roden

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Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God’s people in the closing up of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress.

This statement by Ellen White directs our attention to Zechariah chapter 3, which is the “closing up of the great day of atonement” but also the time of the closing work for the church, which is the purification of the church. This is the TIME that Zechariah 3 tells us in verse 8 that Divine providence will “bring forth My servant The BRANCH”. Fellow Davidians, if you permit any man to teach you or claim that this servant “The BRANCH” is an event yet future, then you are permitting that man or woman to steal your crown, prevent your sealing and take your future hope of the Kingdom, and your place with the Firstfruits company. You will have failed to cast away your idols of silver and gold.

Mark this point with care; those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by the man in linen, are those “that sigh and cry for all the abominations that are done” in the church. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in an agony, even sighing and crying. { RH June 8, 1886, par. 2 }

The Holy Ghost message (8T251) is (represented by) the “Man in Linen”. Best learn about that message.

IN CONCLUSION

The whole typology of Leah and Rachel indeed is our type for today, going back to 1955. But let us not forget the type of Jacob, the patriarch who wrestles with an Angel and received the New Name of “Israel”. Jacob providentially became the father of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, so we MUST look for this providential DIVISION of the TRIBES in Modern Israel, when it happened and how, in 1930 and in 1955. Today we as Davidians must wrestle with an Angel, again, representing a message, that will confer upon us Jesus’ New Name, a SIX letter name, that denotes “harvest”, as Victor Houteff first taught. That New Name came in 1955, on time, according to the 430-year prophecy (1SR155). The
WHOLE HOUSE of modern (spiritual) Israel has now been made up, beginning in 1955, the final division of the Tribes, that of the TRIBES of Judah, three distinct tribes.

M.J. Bingham did not correctly delineate from the typology of Rachel to show when Benjamin, her last of two sons, was born, and she then died at his birth, according to the prophecy shown to Benjamin Roden in Ezekiel 24:18, as depicted by Ezekiel’s wife who died, and fulfilled in 1955 October when the “greater” merging Message was birthed, a Message about Christ. We not only have a TYPE on this point, but also a prophecy of the latter days when it would happen. The TYPE of Rachel was the TYPE of the providential Mother Movement that would give birth to The Branch in 1955 through a man named “Rod-en”, a man named “Rod”, a ROD who actually spoke, not just on paper. No Davidian can rightfully claim to be “100% ROD” and ignore or reject The Branch, for The Rod gave birth to The Branch.

The extensive weight of evidence of this very fact has been shown throughout this study. In this movement, names do mean something, oftentimes. Not only did Rachel give birth to Benjamin, her last son, but her first son, Joseph, was a TYPE of Christ. A double type for our learning. Yet, so called “Bashan” Davidians want to continually apply and recycle the Rachel and Leah types, without Inspiration, leading nowhere, no offspring, no new messages or movement to come, when the type of Rachel in particular, presents otherwise, what was to come next. It takes Inspiration to apply types and the message one presents must be not only according to TYPE, but also according to TIME. A message without TIME and TYPE together, at its beginning, is not a message from Heaven, not one of the last TWO Angels of Revelation 14, but an interpretive effort, thinking to desperately grasp at inspiration, but destined to fail.

Victor Houteff:

Joseph, Type Of Christ

Joseph stands as a perfect type of Christ. First of all, the name "Joseph" means "he shall add". So Christ added the human family to the heavenly. Had any sin been recorded against Joseph, it would have spoiled the type, for Christ is not a sinner. Joseph was loved by his father above all his brethren. Of Christ we read in Heb. 1:9, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." {SR1: 105.2}

Joseph was sent down into Egypt to preserve the lives of his brethren in the seven years of famine. Just so, Christ descended to preserve the lives of His brethren in this world of sin, in A.D. {SR1: 105.3}

[Editor’s note: The following statement shows that Brother Houteff initiated the sell-off of Old Mt. Carmel and apparently was considering the property east of Waco, nearly a thousand acres, not wooded, easy to access, that would accommodate the initial gathering of the 144,000.}
Florence Houteff did not choose the New Mt. Carmel property in “a vacuum” as the saying goes but was well informed by her husband what the plan was, which is WHY she initiated that final move to east Waco a couple of years after 1955 and also why she committed her sin of presumption in her false 42 month prophecy that ended April 22, 1959 at New Mt. Carmel. The sell-off clearly implied another headquarters in the works, a much larger headquarters. The old DSDA Association was not to be without a headquarters and property after the sell-off of Old Mt. Carmel.]

PREPARING FOR ALL- OUT EFFORT – V.T. Houteff

The Hunting Campaign launched last year initiated and heralded a new electrifying and progressive advancement of present Truth. {10SC1: 3.1}

Now again, with even greater emphasis toward reaching her goal, Mount Carmel Center makes the following announcement to all faithful Davidians who will realize that this good news is perhaps nothing short of a sign. Mount Carmel Center, by commencing to first sell its excess property, then the whole, is symbolically leading the way to the program that is outlined by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, in the words: {10SC1: 3.2}

As there was an important event with each succeeding section (at the close of the one, and beginning of the other), there must be something of no lesser consequence that would make the change of this section with which we have identified ourselves. That important event is none other than the purification of God’s church, and the separation of the tares from the wheat. Said Jesus, “Let both grow together until the harvest.” The separation will mark the harvest. Note the verb "until," meaning "up to." This most solemn time Jacob, our type, well knew that God had directed his return from Padanaram to the homeland, yet he trembled when he heard that Esau, with four hundred men were on the way to meet him. Besides, he was led to wrestle with the angel all night long. He prevailed only because he would not let the Angel go until He blessed him. The final result was that on the morrow, Esau, rather than destroying the whole company, very kindly greeted Jacob with a kiss, and cordially invited him to return home! So when it all worked itself out, Jacob plainly saw that there was no need at all to have ever feared. How encouraging that "all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Cor. 10:11. That which happened to Jacob is sure to happen to us, and how comforting to know all this ahead of time. Now, if never before we should see that where there is a type there is also an antitype, and that where there is no type, there is no Truth. {1TG47: 15.1}

The early part of the Christian church (apostolic time) could not be called Israel, for the history of the church then was typified by Isaac, according to Gal. 4:22-31, and as explained on pages 53, 54. Isaac was not called Israel, for he was the father of Jacob, and it was Jacob who was called Israel, therefore, Israel, whatever part of the church it is must come sometime later in the history of the church. Jacob was the father of the twelve tribes of Israel, and if Israel after the flesh is a type of Israel by promise (the true), then
let us study the beginning of Israel after the flesh, if we are to locate, or to know of Israel by the promise,—the 144,000. {SR1: 64.2}

"...if you are all for God and not at all for self or for the world, then, of course, you either are, or are beginning to be, a Davidian... then keep advancing in the light, and for certain you shall finally stand on Mt. Zion with the Lamb." 1TGr 8-28.

"Provisional in set-up as well as in name, the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association exists solely to accomplish a divinely appointed work within the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, wherein it therefore strictly confines its activities. As its work there within draws to a close, and the "servants of our God"...are sealed, its name will be changed." Leviticus of D.S.D.A. Preface

"Who is to bring this revival and reformation, this great change? --The BRANCH." 1TGr 8-24:3.

Have you “wrestled with the angel” to receive the name change, as did Jacob?

Fellow Davidians, if you do NOT have “The Branch” in your teaching as the message for today, not as some distant fulfillment, no real expectation, never to appear, thinking that The Rod message itself brings this “revival and reformation, this great change” (1TG8:24) then all you have is a dead “Rod” with no hope for the sealing, a three-fold sealing, no hope for the 144,000 to be “SEALED and perfectly UNITED.” (EW15). Those who ignore or push aside the clear statement of 1TG8-24, this very clear teaching of The Rod message, are headed for a very sad and very hard end of their journey, ... those who would not “cast away” their idols of “silver and gold”, their self-appointed leaders, presidents and vice-presidents, who are leading their followers to their end, never to be harvested with the righteous saints who have accepted the name change. The ADVENT and revelation of Jesus’ New Name - The Branch, is a required name change, both corporate and individual, to receive the garment change of Zechariah 3 and a requirement for the building of the spiritual temple, the 144,000. This "Revival and Reformation, THIS great change …" began in 1955 and continues today.

There can be NO “Joshua of today” (1TG8-24,26) without “MY servant The BRANCH” as Zechariah 3:8 presents in the time of the separation and final purification of the church in direct relation to Ezekiel 9. Where is “The Branch” .... TODAY? The Branch brings the purification of the church. It has, since 1955.

There can be NO latter-day Assyrian Confederacy, NO fulfillment of the Isaiah 7 & 8 prophecy, unless there is an “IMMANUEL” Movement, the antitype Movement of Christ Himself -- a Movement with the NEW NAME of Jesus (Rev. 3:12; Early Writings 15), reflecting the Elijah-Christ Movement in antitype, sequential and immediate with the Elijah-John (the Baptist) TYPE, that began in 1930! Christ Himself – IN A MESSAGE—bearing His New Name is “the Immanuel” of Isaiah 7 & 8. The “Immanuel” Movement was BORN in 1955, with the transition and departure of Victor Houteff and his Movement that announced the coming of the Immanuel! This is the greatest TYPE in prophecy and
its fulfillment in our day as clearly taught by Victor Houteff in Tract 14 and various other studies.

It is your choice brethren -

Choose wisely, prayerfully. “Take pains…”

“Study to shew yourself approved…”

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Cultivating a Teachable Spirit

God calls upon those who hold responsible positions in Sabbath school work to put away all egotism, all self-confidence, and pride of opinion; if a message comes that you do not understand, take pains that you may hear the reasons the messenger may give, comparing scripture with scripture, that you may know whether or not it is sustained by the word of God. If you believe that the positions taken have not the word of God for their foundation, if the position you hold on the subject cannot be controverted, then produce your strong reasons; for your position will not be shaken by coming in contact with error. There is no virtue or manliness in keeping up a continual warfare in the dark, closing your eyes lest you may see, closing your ears lest you may hear, hardening your heart in ignorance and unbelief lest you may have to humble yourselves and acknowledge that you have received light on some points of truth. { CSW 28.2}

To hold yourselves aloof from an investigation of truth is not the way to carry out the Saviour’s injunction to “search the Scriptures.” Is it digging for hidden treasures to call the results of some one’s labor a mass of rubbish, and make no critical examination to see whether or not there are precious jewels of truth in the collection of thought which you condemn? Will those who have almost everything to learn keep themselves away from every meeting where there is an opportunity to investigate the messages that come to the people, simply because they imagine the views held by the teachers of the truth may be out of harmony with what they have conceived as truth? Thus it was that the Jews did in the days of Christ, and we are warned not to do as they did, and be led to choose darkness rather than light, because there was in them an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. No one of those who imagine that they know it all is too old or too intelligent to learn from the humblest of the messengers of the living God.—Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work, 62-66. { CSW 29.1}
Appendix A:

1958 Branch Lessons 1-3 & 7

BRANCH LESSON #1

LESSON NO. 1

Subject: EZEKIEL 9 in the light of the 430 year PROPHECY.

First: Bro. Houteff tells us we will know the exact date of the Judgment of the Living.

Shepherd's Rod Vol. 2 page 220:3.

"Is there any way whereby we can determine the time of the opening of the seal, and the commencement of the judgment for the living? If God so faithfully revealed to the living the commencement of the judgment of the dead, it can not be possible that He would keep secret the time of the judgment for the living. If He did, we would have no present truth in the time of the last seal; neither could there be justice in such secrecy, nor could such judgment be legal. Therefore, a revelation of the judgment for the living, is of as great importance as the revelation of the gospel itself. For the judgment (blotting out the, sins) is the crowning act in the gospel of Christ. Thus we conclude that when the seal is opened, and the judgment for the living begins, we must know it. The Day of Atonement in its type proves the Israelites were well informed of the event, their duty and the consequence. Also read 2U TG. 11:13:1.

Second: It did not start in 1929 - Tract 3:43:3.

"As the cleansings called for in the parables and in Malachi's prophecy have never taken place, the... investigative judgment of the living is obviously, then; yet future."

Then: The clue as to when the judgment of the living starts is given in 1SR page 116-at the end of the 430 yea, prophecy of Eze. 4.

Note: Chart on page 133 of 1SR says the date of 1500 is not exact. Read 1SR page 116:2-3.

"We may suppose the 390 year period began in about 1500 A. D., (when Luther found the Bible), and ended in 1890 A. D. where the 40 year period began, which would end in 1930. However we cannot point out the exact day or month, or even the year, . . . . The prophecy by Ezekiel gives the information in detail from the beginning of Luther's reformation to Ezekiel 9, marking of the 144,000, and unrolling of the scroll, (not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll.)" Volume 6, page 17.

"It makes it clear that there is a 430 period from the reformation by Luther to the purification of the church."
So we reason:

1. Luther was only a boy of 17 in 1500.
2. He had just begun to study for the priesthood in the Catholic Church.
3. This date marked the reformation in his personal life.
4. The reformation against the Catholic Church did not begin then-1500.

Therefore: We find the first civil act in Luther's life (legal record) which indicated a reformation against the Catholic Church, was his marriage to an escaped nun, Katherine Von Bora, in 1525 (as recorded in "Guiding Lights" by F. E. Cook page 170) at the mature age of 42. This was contrary to the authority and principles of the Catholic Church which forbade either the priests or the nuns to marry.


Conclusion: 1955 is the beginning of The Judgment of the Living (investigative) to the house of God--The Sanctuary--Davidians who have the greatest light.

"The experience at Sinai is a symbol of the re-organization of the church-God Himself takes charge of the flock." 1SR page 100:0.

Now: What is the Investigation like? (Ezekiel 9.)


He classes:

1. Rev. 11:13
2. Isa. 66:16 All equal to Ezekiel 9. 3. E. W. p. 270

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

"... the truth stands out that the shaking takes place before the Gospel work is finished." 2TG15:12-

Before probation closes for the church!

Early Writing, p. 270:

"... Some will not bear this straight testimony. They rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's People."

FOR JUDGEMENT MUST FIRST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD. 1 Peter 4:17.

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Bro. Houteff places:

1. Matt 25
2. Eze. 1 All at Ezekiel 9, see Tract 3:43:3 and 47:3 3. Mal. 3:1-3

Quote: 3:43:3.

"As the cleansings called for in the parables and in Malachi's prophecy have never taken place, the investigative judgment of the living is obviously, then, yet future. This investigative work is therefore occasioned by the work of separation in the earthly sanctuary (church), as brought to view also in Ezekiel 9."

Quote: 3:47:3.

"Inescapably, therefore, the Lord's coming to His temple (Mal. 3:1-3), His coming with all His angels (Matt. 25) and His coming enthroned above the living creatures (Eze. 1).-all three representing the same event, as has been shown, take place at the beginning of the judgment of the living: the time in which the judicial activities of the heavenly sanctuary extend to the earthly sanctuary--the church." D. S. D. A. then S. D. A.

All of which:


"And he who does not reform at the moment he is convinced of the truth will not reform later." Ans. Book 2:34:1

THE BRANCH Box 2629 Odessa, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENT: All Branch-Groups are urged to utilize the second tithes locally in organizing and promoting Isa. 58 work - taking care of the needy among us first, then those who are not of the household of faith. This work is in connection with Ezekiel 9 set forth in Matt. 25:33-46.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Branch-Groups desiring to purchase Tape Recorders, send inquiries to Miami Branch for discount.

Send requests for BRANCH Sabbath School Lessons to Miami BRANCH, Secretary, 2575 N. W. 52nd St. Miami, Florida.

All believers having material they wish printed, send Manuscripts to head office, Box 2629, Odessa, Texas, before sending to the field, in the BRANCH NAME, please. The Trumpet is to give a certain sound.
ANNOUNCEMENT: The Ben L. Roden family is touring the Eastern States and ask that the BRANCH mail be sent to Meadows of Dan, Virginia, U. S. A., so that a more speedy reply can be made to all correspondence. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Recipes free from all animal products are welcomed as the new and timely Cookbook will be --- available to all in the near future. These recipes, accompanied by the sender's name and address, will be printed periodically, for the convenience of those who are eliminating these products.

POEM: Submitted by Nelda Grubbs-Author unknown.

VICTORY! VICTORY!

When you can lovingly and patiently bear with any disorder, irregularity, and unpunctuality, That is Victory,

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any society, any solitude and, interruption, by the will of God, That is Victory

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good work, when you never long for commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown, That is Victory,

When you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility and endure it as Jesus endured, That is Victory,

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your tastes offended, your advice disregarded, your opinion ridiculed and you take it all patiently and in silence, That is Victory,

When you are forgotten or neglected, or purposely set at naught and you smile inwardly, glorifying the insult or the oversight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer for Christ, That is Victory,
Lesson No. 2.  
June 20, 1958

Subject: REVIVAL & REFORMATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE 430 YEARS OF ABRAHAM AND EZEKIEL 4:

PURPOSE: To explain the upper half of the enclosed chart and show -

These two 430 year prophecies are designed to point out the cessation of the prophetic gift in the church and its re-manifestation in corroboration with the angel's message (E.W. 256:2) and now that the 2nd angel is joining "the third angel in a message to be given to the world" T.M. 300, there is to be "delay no longer". Rev. 10:6, R.V. margin. 2 uTG 10, 28:3, 29; Ans.#3, 60:2. That from the calling of Martin Luther (Revival) to the beginning of the sealing of the 144,000 (Rev. 7:1-8) in the church is 430 years. (1SR 116).

That it is clear there is 430 years from Luther's reformation to the purification of the church (1 S.R. 116).

Prophecy by Ezekiel gives information in detail from Luther's reformation to the marking of Ezekiel 9 and the unrolling of the scroll. (6T 17).

The typical 430 years of Abraham coincides with our time (1 S.R. 108:2) and runs parallel with the 430 years of Ezekiel 4.

The old prophecy (the type) gives details of the third angel's message to the fulfillment of Ezekiel 9 (1 S.R. 116).

The 430 prophetic years applied to Abraham and his seed overlap the 430 years of Eze. 4 and the perfect fulfillment is yet future, going out of Egypt at the antitypical Passover (slaughter of Ezekiel 9; 2 S.R. 275).

GEM THOUGHT:

"From the Crucifixion of Christ to the 'Augsburg Confession', ... constituted a period of 1500 years... So at the time appointed (1530), their power, Pagan and Papal, was broken... Therefore, the reformation by Luther falls under the fifth seal." 2 S.R. 212:1 and page 213:1.

REVIVAL AND REFORMATION: -- TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.


REFORMATION BLENDING WITH REVIVAL SIGNIFIES REORGANIZATION:

'God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children.

“A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life. Reformation signifies a reorganization a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices... and in doing this work they must blend.”  C.O.R. 121.

A. Moses started a revival that delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage, but ---

B. Organization came at Sinai, 430 years after Abraham's call to leave Ur.
   (Gal. 3:15-17; P. P. 760:3).

1. "... a symbol of re-organization of the church, - God Himself takes charge of the flock" 1 S.R. 100:1. The casting out of the antitypical bond woman and her son (Gal. 4:29) and giving of the new covenant. "... after those days (430 years), saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts;..."  Heb: 8:10

REVIVAL: -- must come before reformation can be established.

A. Follow closely the two roads to the kingdom (blue lines) on enclosed chart..

B. Start on top blue horizontal line:
   1. Revival by Luther when he found the Bible at Erfurt - 1500 A.D., 1 S.R. 116.
   2. "... 1500 - the time Martin Luther's call came, ... the time he started to prepare for the work of Reformation." 2 TG 39:18.

Ezekiel 4 Prophecy Divided Into TWO Parts -- 390 and 40 years.

A. 1500 A.D. + 390 = 1890 - S.D.A. rejects Righteousness by Faith, C.O.R. 42. (follow solid black line under the blue line).

B. 1890 + 40 = 1930 - this 40 years was one of the church's wandering in the wilderness of Scriptural speculation, yet the world was receiving light as Sr. White wrote the Conflict Series for the world.

1. 1930 date - sealing of the 144,000 - Rev. 7:1-8 starts -- a new message, begins in the church - the Lord's vineyard.
2. Thus, after 430 years from the 1st revival (by Luther) God starts another revival ................. 1930 in the S.D.A. Church.
3. Church is watered (spiritual light) while the world suffers a drought (result of rejecting the S.R. Message of Righteousness by faith by S.D.A. (1930 - 1955) world fasts 40 years from 1915 to 1955.

4. As a result, deadly wound was healed in 1929 (1 S.R. 217:1, 2; Rev. 13:3).

REFORMATION: brought by a revival.

A. Above blue line, find black line starting with 1525 date on chart.

1. Luther's reformation actually began in 1525.

2. 1525 - date people at Worms accepted Protestantism. See Funk&Wagnall's Encyclopedia, under the subject "Worms".

3. (civil) historical record (Luther's marriage to Kathryn Von Bora on June 13, 1525) of Luther's reformation.

"This (marriage on June 13, 1525) was the real beginning of the Protestant Parsonage, which has showered the world with the choicest blessings. All the world ... sat up and took notice." "Martin Luther" by Dallman, p: 253.

"Dr. Martin shook the foundation of Rome's claims upon his life by two radical steps... writing the Ninety-five theses and taking a wife. His mental break with Romanism came when he placed the theses on the Castle Church door, but it was not until he married that his physical severance became complete.' " Martin Luther - God's Man of Destiny" by Miller, p. 106.

"Luther felt that God commanded marriage as being right and honorable among all men and to sever forever his relationship with the Roman system he determined to cut short Katie's hood. Why Martin selected Katie a nun for his partner in this venture can well be seen from the fact that for him a former monk to marry a nun would make his testimony against the papal order the more decided and severe and the hostility of his enemies the more bitter" p. 110, same book as above.

B. Luther - papist of the straightest sort in 1517, G.C. 128 also 145-170. See Funk & Wagnall Enc., articles: "Luther." Worms

C. Luther started a revival in 1500 but it was not until 1525, that the reformation started - Protestantism accepted by the people of Worms, then

1525 + 430 = 1955 - GOD BEGINS THE REFORMATION THAT IS TO BEING EVERLASTING PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS:
D. Reformation (Judgment of the Living) now begins first at the house of God (1 Pet. 4:17), with those who have the greatest light.

1. "The prophecy by Ezekiel gives the information in detail from the beginning of Luther's reformation to Ezekiel 9, marking of the 144,000, and unrolling of the scroll. ('Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll' 6T17)". 1SR 116.

C. This statement tells us that when the marking starts the scroll unrolls.

THEREFORE: - 1525 + 430 = 1955 - Marking of the 144,000 starts and the scroll unrolls.

MARKING TIME IS JUDGMENT TIME: - The time when we are to know more about the mark of the Beast (6T 17).

Since 1955 - beginning of marking and the parable of Eze. 24:1-3, we understand more about the mark of the beast.


2. Nebuchadnezzar, minus his reason, was a beast (Dan. 4).

3. To follow man's interpretation of Scripture is to receive the mark of the beast (man).

4. The mark of the beast is first in force in the Church and then in the world. S.R. Jezreel Letter #2:5.

5. To receive God's mark (pure truth) is to accept the truth of the marking - Ezekiel 9 – His revealed truth. Even the mark of His Name by the man in Linen.

   a. New Name revealed at the beginning of the Judgment (harvest 1 S.R. 233:3; Isa. 62:2):

   b. "This time of Judgment is also called the time of harvests. 2 S.R. 164:2.

WE ARE SEALED BY THE TRUTH - 3T 267:0.

Three-Fold Seal of Early Writings p. 15 and Revelation 3:12 in prophecy:

1. **GOD - Seal in the Law (Isa. 8:16; Rev. 14:6-11) truth of the Three Angel's Messages.**

   A. God's name found in the 4th commandment.
   B. Shows His dominion and authority.
   C. Beginning of the 3-fold seal pointed out at the end of the 2300 day prophecy. (Dan. 8:14; Dan. 9:25) - a time prophecy movement showing when the Sanctuary was to be cleansed - Judgment of the Dead.
   D. Judgment message to be repeated for the Living. G.C. 383:0.

   A. Seal is in the message of Angel from the East (Rev. 7:1-8). Has truth about the Kingdom to be established in the East - Palestine.

   B. Angel (anti-typical 1st angel) has 2nd part of 3-fold seal for the 144,000. Israelites - 12 tribes.(Rev. 7:1-8).

   C. Beginning of second part of the 3-fold seal is pointed out by the 430 year prophecy of Eze. 4 - which began at the end of the 430 years - in our time.

      1. Note black line below "Kingdom Road" (wide blue horizontal line) on enclosed chart.

      2. Start with date 1500 - Revival by Luther when he found the Bible at Erfurt (1 S.R. 116; 2 TG 38:18).


3. **JESUS' NEW NAME** - final seal of 144,000.

   A. The third part of 3-fold seal - a message revealing Jesus' new name for the 144,000. E.W. 15.

   B. The antitypical 2nd angel -- Rev. 18:1 (T.M. 59) reveals message with "new name" "Behold, the Bridegroom (Christ- BRANCH) cometh".

   C. The beginning of the New Name seal is pointed out by the 430 year prophecy of Ezekiel - in our time.

      1. Note heavy black vertical line "above "Kingdom Road" (blue line) with date of 1525 at top, see enclosed chart. (1 S.R. 116).

      2. Start with date 1525 - Reformation by Luther (Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia, article on "Worms").

      3. ADD: 1525 + 430 = 1955 - time the message comes revealing Jesus' new name which marks one for deliverance during the Harvest, first in the church, then in the world.

SHOWING:
a. The Harvest-Judgment has begun in the house of God, (1 Pet-4:17; SR233:3).
b. Harvest is the Judgment (2 S.R. 164:1).
c. Judgment of the Living (date) made known in prophecy some as the other 2 parts of the 3 fold seal.

SUMMARY: Details of the Third Angel's Message.

ACCORDING TO EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY: 390 and 40 years.

1525 + 390 = 1915 - death of Sr. White, God's servant, who had a message to give to the world.

1915 + 40 years (light given for the church while world fasted) = 1955 beginning of the movement ...........

The Branch, which is to complete the reformation for the church and proclaim the "Loud Cry" (harvest-Rev. 18:1) - first to the church - then to the world.

ACCORDING TO ABRAHAMS PROPHECY: ..........400 and 30 years.

"We have first, a period of 400 years, and then it was extended to 430 years." 1 S.R. 109:2.

"... the old prophecy (the type) only gives the details from the beginning of the third angel's message to the fulfillment of Eze. 9. 1 S.R. 116. You will also note in 1 S.R. p. 222 "... that one (Ezekiel) overlaps the other (Abraham)". "... that the 430 prophetic years originally applied to Abraham and his seed, OVERLAP the 430 of Ezekiel 4. The 430 years of Ezekiel should terminate in 1929, or 1930, but the perfect fulfillment of the prophetic period of Abraham in its anti-type is yet in the future (going out of Egypt)". 2 S.R. 275:2.

Take two sticks that are the same length and lay parallel, one on the other, and if the one end OVERLAPS or extends beyond the end of the other, it necessarily would be shorter on the other end. So it is with the two 430 year prophecies --(Ezekiel & Abraham). For Abraham's prophecy (being the same length of time, 430 years), to overlap Ezekiel's, it would have to start at a later date.

"... Ezekiel's prophecy is intended to point forward to the announcement of the predicted reformation,

(1525 + 430 = 1955 ...............Read 1 TGr. 8-24:3) ........and the one through Abraham, to its completion (Ezekiel nine)". 2 S.R. 275:2.

The smiting of the first born (the priest) S.D.A. will release modern Israel from the bondage of sin. (Egypt).
"The Passover was to be both commemorative and typical, not only pointing back to the deliverance from Egypt, but forward to the greater deliverance... from the bondage of sin. We must appropriate to ourselves the virtue of the atoning sacrifice." PP 277:1.

"... If it becomes necessary for us to know ahead of time the day and hour of the purification of the church, the antitypical Passover, we will be told." 2 TGr.41-3:3. Read also Isa. 31:5; 41:11; 31:4; Zech. 14:1; Isa. 4:3.

It is evident the Lord wants us to know when Ezekiel 9 (antitypical Passover) is, for through the 430 year prophecies, it is made known by the antitypical 2nd angel Revelation 18:1.

"... The pale horse rider was to have power over a fourth part of the earth. We divide 6,000 into four equal parts, and we have 1500 years. Therefore, the cruel and unjust persecution by Rome was to lose its power at the end of the 1500 years or the fourth part. That is exactly what happened. At that time Martin Luther arose against the papacy and inflicted the deadly wound, by the instrument of truth 'the just shall live by faith'. And the result was that Protestantism came on the stage of action in opposition to the papacy. Up to the beginning of the fifteenth century the papacy reigned supreme as a king of kings, by the iron arm of the state in the garb of so called spiritual authority; but at that time her power was broken.

"From the crucifixion of Christ to the 'Augsburg Confession', a document compiled by Luther, constituted a period of 1500 years. This document was signed by the protestant states and adopted as their creed, and was a protest against the pope. So at the time appointed (1530), their power, Pagan and Papal, was broken... Thus perfectly fulfilling the symbolical prophecy that 'power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth'. Here is a truth that overthrows the idea that the earth has been in existence for longer than 6,000 years .......

"The closing of one seal and the opening of the other consumed a period of thirty years. Thus the fourth seal closed in 1530 A.D., up to which period the pale horse rider was to have power. Therefore, the reformation by Luther falls under the fifth seal." 2 S.R. 212:1, 2; 213:1.

CONCLUSION: "Augsburg Confession" -- inflection of the deadly wound to the Papacy 1530 + 430 = 1960............................ to the purification of the church (Eze. 9, Passover) - antitypical Israel, 144,000 going out of antitypical Egypt, according to the oil from the golden "bowl" (Spirit of Prophecy). 2 S.R. 275:2; see also chart on page 270.

The 430 years as it applied to Abraham in the type according to P.P. 760:3 says, "The period of four hundred and thirty years dates from the promise given to Abraham when he was commanded to leave Ur of the Chaldees. The four hundred years of Gen.15:13 dates from a later period ...not only a time of sojourning., but of affliction. This, according to the Scriptures, must be reckoned from thirty years later, about the time when Ishmael, 'he that was born after the flesh, persecuted him (Isaac) that was born after the Spirit'. Gal. 4:29” "We therefore have a 30 year period to deal with first… This coincides with Sarah protesting against Agar and Ishmael when 'they departed from the house of Abraham, and the assurance of the covenant of promise that was made with
Isaac." 1SR 109:2. In the prophecy in its type we have 30 years, (follow enclosed chart in upper left hand corner) and 400 years, or 430 years from the call of Abraham to leave Ur to the Passover.

"These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but as to the time. On the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, the very day and month on which, for fifteen long centuries, the Passover lamb had been slain, Christ, having eaten the Passover with His disciples, instituted that feast which was to commemorate His own death. G.C. 399:3. From the Passover in Egypt to the crucifixion is 1500 years.

The antitypical-when Israel by promise (144,000) goes out of modern Egypt, the world.

"From the crucifixion of Christ to the Augsburg Confession' (1530), a document compiled by Luther, constituted a period of 1500 years." 2 S.R. 212:1. Antitypical 430 years: "We have first a period of 400 years, and then it was extended to 430 years." 1 S:R. 109:2.

\[1530 + 400 = 1930\]

...to the revival in the church - antitypical Luther, (Righteousness by Faith) V.T.H., Prepares for the reformation. (6 T 21:1).

\[1930 + 30 = 1960\]

antitypical Passover for modern Israel - the church.  "We are repeating the history of that people." 5 T 160:2.

Fold the chart over at the cross and you will find that type and antitype are perfectly fulfilled. One side of the prophecy, as to years, perfectly matches the other side - one a perfect reflection of the other.

The cross of Christ (see chart) is the dividing line from the call of Abraham to the fulfillment of the promises to him.

The command is: "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Hab. 2:2,3.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass ever it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." Isa. 35:8.

"There is a great work to be done, and every effort possible must be made to reveal Christ as the sin pardoning Savior, Christ as the sin-bearer, Christ as the bright and morning Star; and the Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done. While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities.  We must bear our message without any delay... Human souls are hanging in the balance. They will either be subjects for the kingdom of God or slaves to despotism of Satan." 6T 20-21.
Yours to understand the PERFECT fulfillment
of the 430 years of Abraham & Ezekiel 4.

Ben. L. Roden.

Note:
Correction on Chart: Under “Egypt” reference is 1 S.R. 107.
Emphasis and parentheses in quotation ours, unless otherwise designated.

The Wise Shall Understand --

"We shall advance in true spiritual knowledge, only as we realize our own littleness, and our entire dependence upon God;

"It is sometimes the case that men of intellectual ability, improved by education and culture, fail to comprehend certain passages of Scripture, while others who are uneducated, whose understanding seems weak and whose minds are undisciplined will grasp the meaning, finding strength and comfort in that which the former declare to be mysterious, or pass by as unimportant. Why is this? -- It has been explained to me that the latter class do not rely on their own understanding. They go to the Source of light, the One who has inspired the Scriptures, and with humility of heart ask God for wisdom, and they receive it ..... But our success in finding it, does not depend so much on our intellectual ability as on our humility of heart, and the faith which will lay hold upon divine aid." 5T 704:1,2.

"Whenever men are not seeking, in word and deed, to be in harmony with God, then, however learned they may be, they are liable to err in their understanding of Scriptures, and it is not safe to trust to their explanations. When we are truly seeking to do God's will, the Holy Spirit takes the precepts of his word, and makes them the principles of the life, writing them on the tablets of the soul. And it is only those who are following the light already given that can hope to receive the further illumination of the Spirit. This is plainly stated in the words of Christ, 'If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.'

"Those who look to the Scriptures to find discrepancies, have not spiritual insight. With distorted vision they will see many causes for doubt and unbelief in things that are really plain and simple. But to those who take God's word with reverence, seeking to learn His will that they may obey it, all is changed. They are filled with awe and wonder as they contemplate the purity and exalted excellence of the truths revealed. Like attracts like. Like appreciates like. Holiness allies itself with holiness, faith with faith. To the humble heart and the sincere, inquiring mind, the Bible is full of light and knowledge. Those who come to the Scriptures in this spirit, are brought into fellowship with prophets and apostles. Their spirit assimilates to that of Christ, and they long to become one with him." 5T 705:1,2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Continue to turn in funds for passage to Holy Land until further notice.

Those going, but who are waiting to collect monies on savings, etc., write explanation so your name may be included on the passenger list.

Those sponsoring others on the trip send list and explanation to the Odessa Office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE DETERMINED TO GO TO THE HOLY LAND WHO DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS:

Submit to the Odessa Office the following information:

1. A complete record of tithe paid to the Branch for the past 12 months, with signature of Leader and Secretary locally, or from Odessa Office.
2. A complete record of tithes and offerings paid to other than the Branch for the past 12 months.
3. A verification of your passport permission to leave the Country. State if you have it already.
4. Record of income for the past 12 months.
5. Statement of how much you can send in on fare after everything is sold from personal effects.

Rush this information at once to the Odessa Office for consideration.

Note: Those who have paid a faithful tithe will receive first consideration when applying for financial help on their fare to the Holy Land.

For all official dates and information consult Branch Literature or contact Odessa Office.
SUBJECT: DETAILS OF THE 430 YEAR PROPHECY ACCORDING TO ABRAHAM & EZEKIEL 4 – IN THREE STEPS

PURPOSE: To present the historical facts connected with the Reformation so that we can clearly discern these different phases of its growth which are separated into three periods beginning with:

1500 - The year Luther discovered the Bible, commencing revival in his own life to prepare him for the work of the Reformation. (2TGr.39:18; 1 SR109:1).

1525 - The beginning of Luther's Reformation - when Luther had a following: the city of Worms having accepted the Reform faith. (FUNK & WAGNALL'S Enc. under "Worms").

1530 - The time the Protestant confession of faith was drawn up: The Augsburg Confession - when read before the Diet of Augsburg, gave the crushing blow to the Papacy, causing the infliction of the "deadly wound".

(1SR109 :2 C: 2SR212-213 )

THOUGHT: "Dr. Martin shook the foundation of Rome's claims upon his life by two radical steps... writing the ninety-five theses and taking a wife. His mental break with Romanism came when he placed the theses on the Castle Church door, but it was not until he married that his physical severance became complete." (1525).

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"This (marriage on June 13, 1525) was the real beginning of the Protestant parsonage, which has showered the world with the choicest blessings." "Martin Luther", Dallman, p. 253.

"The Protest of Spires (1529) and the Confession at Augsburg (1530)...marked the triumph of the Reformation in Germany..." Great Controversy, p. 211:1.

In the study of this chart we would first call your attention to the fact that the Reformation in Luther's time came in progressive stages. In general terms the whole movement was-called “the Reformation,” but it consisted of various phases of development. There was a period of revival connected with it in which God chose Luther and prepared him to act his part in bringing a message of truth to the people of that day. As the Reformation was plant-like (2TG46:22), it had to have its periods of sowing, growth and harvest.

"No one settles upon a raw piece of land with the expectation that it will at once yield a harvest. Diligent, persevering labor must be put forth in the preparation of the soil, the sowing of the seed, and the culture of the crop. So it must be in the spiritual sowing." Education, p.111:2.
On these starting dates (1500, 1525 and 1530) commence both Ezekiel's and Abraham's prophecies of the 430 years. The 1500 and 1525-dates are based on Ezekiel's prophecy, while the 1530 date deals with the perfect fulfillment according to Abraham. They run parallel and are the same length of time. According to Ezekiel, the time of the unfolding of the Shepherd's Rod message (the sealing of the 144,000) is determined (2TG39:17,18), also the predicted reformation (2 SR275:2) or the time of the marking of Ezekiel 9 (ISR116:1). Abraham's prophecy overlaps that of Ezekiel (2SR275; 1 SR222:2) and reveals to us the perfect fulfillment of 9 (2SR275), the purification of the church (ISR116:2).

The dates 1525 and 1530 are definite and historical, but 1500 is indefinite and is derived from coincidences providentially arranged. Notice how Bro. Houteff calculated 1500:

"To find exactly the beginning of the 430 year period we must first find the year the period ended ....the year in which the Spirit of Truth unrolled the scroll and brought in an abundance of Divinely inspired, pure and unadulterated Truth ...as leaves of Autumn... dropped everywhere among the Laodiceans ....

"This message, as some of you already know, began to unfold in 1930. Hence, if we subtract 430 years from 1930 we are taken back to 1500, the time Martin Luther's call came, the time he began to study the Bible, the time he started to prepare for the work of the Reformation..." 2 TG39+17, 4:1.

"We may suppose the 390 year period began in about 1500 A.D. (when Luther found the Bible), and ended in 1890 A.D. where the 40 year period began, which would end in 1930. However, we cannot point out the exact day, or month, or even the year, because (1) we do not know the exact day, of the call of Luther; (2) prophecy deals with the Jewish, or perhaps the Hebrew year, therefore, it is a matter of months that we cannot determine. It may run until 1931, or even after..." 1SR116:1.

The Shepherd's Rod did not commence at a definite time like that of the beginning of the Judgment of the Dead on October 22, 1844. Notice 1930 and 1931 dates on Shepherd's Rod charts are not exact, not definite.

"The message in the Shepherd's Rod did not come all at once: it is the result of Bible studies for almost two years. These studies were presented to a company of believers from Sabbath to Sabbath." Symbolic Code, Vol. 10, No. 7, page 4, May, 1955.

Therefore:

The Shepherd's Rod Movement being based on indefinite time (as was the First Angel's Message in Miller's time) laid the ground work for the predicted reformation and prepared the people for the coming of the "another angel" (Rev. 18:1), thus being Divinely appointed to herald the great and dreadful day of the Lord: the Judgment of the Living.

1525….and…..1530 - definite starting points of the Reformation, Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia, under "Luther and Worms".

430 …..and…..430 ADD
1955….and…1960 - DEFINITE termination points of 430 year prophecy.

"These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but also to the time. In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service." GC399. We are thus to give the trumpet a certain sound.

IMPORTANT DATES RELATING TO THE REFORMATION:

1483 - Luther was born in Eisleben, Germany. (Funk & Wagnall's Enc. under "Luther").

1501 - At the age of 18 he entered the University of Erfurt. (Id: & GC121:4).

"While one day examining the books in the library of the university, Luther discovered a Latin Bible. Such a book he had never before seen…. now the deep conviction of his condition as a sinner took hold upon him as never before." GC122:2.

1505 - "An earnest desire to be free from sin and to find peace with God led him at last to enter a cloister, and devote himself to a monastic life." GC123:1.

"....he sought by his own works to obtain peace and pardon...But with all his efforts his burdened soul found no relief. He was at last driven to the verge of despair." GC123:2.

"When it appeared to Luther that all was lost, God raised up...the pious Staupitz ...(who) opened the word of God to Luther's mind." GC123:3.

1507 - "Luther was ordained a priest...", GC124:1 (Funk & Wagnall's Enc: "Luther").

"Luther was still a true son of the papal church, and had no thought that he would ever be anything else." GC124:2.

1512 - Luther received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the University of Wittenberg. (GC125:2 & Funk & Wagnall's "Luther").

"During the next four years Luther engaged in a severe mental struggle, seeking peace of mind and conscience." Funk & Wagnall's Enc. under "Luther".

1517 - "In 1517 the Dominican monk Johan Tetzel arrived in Wittenberg and began preaching the sale of indulgences for the rebuilding of St. Peter's church at Rome." Id.

Luther opposes Tetzel's indulgence sales, posts a paper containing ninety-five theses against the sale of indulgences on the door of Wittenberg chapel. (GC129:2).

Many of Luther's congregation buy Tetzel's indulgences. Luther refuses them absolution. They demanded their money back. Filled with rage, Tetzel declared he had orders from the pope to burn all opposers, (GC128:3 & 129:0).

Luther still a papist of the straitest sort, (GC128:3).
"Though Luther had been moved by the Spirit of God to begin his work, he was not to carry it forward without severe conflicts. To enlighten and reform the people would be virtually to undermine the authority of Rome, to stop thousands of streams now flowing into her treasury... For this reason, they refused the knowledge tendered them of God, and arrayed themselves against Christ and the truth by their opposition to the man whom he had sent to enlighten them." GC 131:2.

1518 - "Only a year had passed since the Reformer posted his theses on the castle church ...Luther was as yet but partially converted from the errors of Romanism .... Luther was still a supporter of the Roman Church, and had no thought that he would ever separate from her communion." GC 139:1-2. Even as William Miller had no thought of forming a separate denomination.

1520 - Luther wrote three treatises on reform, attacking abuses in the church and inviting secular power to institute reforms. (Funk & Wagnall's "Luther").

1521 - Judgment is passed upon Luther at the Diet of Worms. Luther is excommunicated and the pope ordered the emperor to 'execute' the sentence. "Instead the emperor summoned Luther before the Diet, to defend His works or recant, and on his refusal, placed him under the ban of the empire. F.L W. "Luther (GC 1.5-170).

Majority of the Diet were against the Reformer. (GC 149:2).

On his departure from Worms Luther was seized at the instigation of his friends and spirited away to Wartburg Castle. Here he wrote a treatise on monastic vows, and completed a translation of the New Testament from Greek into German.


1525 - The real beginning of the Protestant Reformation… (See Gem Thought).

The City of Worms accepts the Protestant faith, and Luther marries Kathrym Von Bora, a nun. (Funk & Wagnall's "Luther"). Here is the actual beginning of Protestantism -- when Luther received a following.

1526 - Religious toleration granted by Diet of Spires, gives each state liberty in matters of religion. (GC 197:3). "God's providence had held in check the forces that opposed the truth. Charles V. was bent on crushing the Reformation, but often as he raised his hand to strike, he had been forced to turn aside the blow." Again and again the immediate destruction of all who dared to oppose themselves to Rome appeared inevitable; but at the critical moment the armies of the Turk appeared on the eastern frontier, or the king of France, or even the pope himself jealous of the increasing greatness of the emperor, made war Upon him, and thus, amid the strife and tumult of nations, the Reformation had been left to strengthen and extend. " GC 197:2.

1529 - Second Diet of Spires summoned for the purpose of crushing heresy. Papists are jubilant, and the Reformers greatly perplexed. GC 198-199:4. A dark and threatening
day had come for the Reformation." GC 197:2. The 1526 decree of toleration was annulled. (GC 198:2).

1530 - The triumph of the Reformation. (See Gem Thought).

"To quiet the dissentions which disturbed the empire, Charles V., in the year following the Protest of Spires, convoked a Diet at Augsburg..." GC 206:0.

"Great dangers threatened the Reformation...The elector set out, with his retinue for Augsburg. All were acquainted with the dangers that menaced him, and many went forward with gloomy countenance and troubled heart. But Luther, who accompanied them as far as Coburg, revived their sinking faith by singing the hymn, written on that journey, 'A strong tower is our God', many an anxious foreboding was banished, many a heavy heart lightened, at the sound of the inspiring strains." GC 206:2.

A confession of faith was drawn up in systematic form to be presented before the Diet, and the task of its preparation was given to Luther, Melanchton, and their associates. (GC 206:2).

"As the Christian princes advanced to sign the Confession, Melanchton interposed, saying, 'It is for the theologians and ministers to propose these things; let us reserve for other matters the authority of the mighty ones of the earth.' 'God forbid,' replied John of Saxony 'that you should exclude me. I am resolved to do what is right, without troubling myself about my crown. I desire to confess the Lord. My electoral hat and my ermine are not so precious to me as the cross of Jesus Messiah,' ...thus spoken, he wrote down his name. Said another of the princes as he took the pen, 'If the honor of my Lord Jesus Messiah requires it, I am ready ...to leave my goods and life behind ...(rather), than receive any other doctrine than that which is contained in this Confession.' Such was the faith and daring of these men of God." GC207:0.

The deadly wound was inflicted. (2SR212; 1SR109:2). This great work was accomplished by prayer. (GC210). It was the boldness of the princes and their self sacrifice that caused the principles of Reform to be accepted by the other members of the Diet. (GC203:3).

True Protestantism is what keeps the wound open. (1SR216:1). John saw the whole world wonder after the beast (Rev. 13:3). We wonder after the beast when we depart from strict obedience to God's Word. (1SR217:2).

The prophet Isaiah tells us of this great apostasy. "And in that day seven women shall take hold of
one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: Only let us be called by
thy name, to take away our reproach." Isa. 4:1 (1SR218:1).

"While these women are refusing the instructions of Christ through His Word and His
righteousness, symbolized by the bread and apparel, they wish to be called by His name
(Christians), but while the world is on the brink of perdition, God immediately gets to work and
sets things in order, as foretold in the second verse.

"In that day, shall the **Branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth
shall be excellent and comely for them that are, escaped of Israel.**” 1SR218:1-2.

"....in the parable only after the third fruitless year would the Lord consider cutting down the barren
fig tree, and even then He was convinced to wait another year. Thus we see that we are given
plenty of time in which to make good, plenty of time to begin bearing fruit. There is, nevertheless,
as in the parable, no fruitless tree to be **spared beyond** the fourth parabolic year. “2TG46:22.

At the end of the fourth year the barren fig tree was cut down while those who bore fruit reached
maturity (beautiful and glorious Branch as in the Reformation). (Ed. 111:2).

In the chart the 430 year Prophecy, according to Eze. 4, there are three dates of particular
importance:

(1) **1500** (about the time Luther found the Bible) plus 430 = 1930. Shepherd's Rod Vol.1 to the
church (1SR116:1) actually it was 1501, at the age of 18, when Luther entered Erfurt where he
found the Bible (GC121:4). 1501 plus 430 = 1931, which one may presume would mark the year
of the printing of Shepherd's Rod Vol. 2. But the message which developed into the sealing of the
144,000, which is known as the Shepherd's Rod, or Davidian Kingdom message, came through the
S.D.A. Sabbath school quarterlies in 1929. These "different dates" show why the Shepherd's Rod
author wrote: "As it is impossible to make a time chart without a date to go by, we have used these
coincidences, and it is stated that the date is indefinite." 2SR275. By the fact that the deadly wound
was healed the same year the message came to the church through the Sabbath school quarterlies,
is evidence to prove that the church would reject the message - the instrument of truth by which
the wound is kept open.

The message that follows the Shepherd's Rod (Branch) is based on **definite dates**. Just as the
judgment of the dead began on a definite date (October 22, 1844), just so the Judgment of the
Living in the house of God (1 Pet. 4:17) must begin at a definite time. (GC353:1).

(2) **1525** - (This is definite. The people of Worms accepted Protestantism, beginning of
Reformation; Luther marries Kathryn Von Bora) plus 430 = 1955. This date marks the beginning
of the Judgment of the Living with D.S.D.A.

1526 - (First Diet of Spires) plus 430 = 1956 - judgment of the living begins with S.D.A.

"...The church will be weighed in the balances of the Sanctuary." 5T83:2.
"In the balances of the Sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed."

"And thou, Capernaum (Seventh-day Adventist; who have had great light), which art exalted unto heaven (in point of privilege), shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day." Review and Herald, Vol. 70 #31, Tuesday, August 1, 1893, by Mrs. E.G.White.

"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph." Ex. 1:8. If the first Pharoah, who exalted Joseph (Christ), represented the leadership in the days of the Apostles, then this new pharaoh must represent the leadership of this present movement at the time this subject became known. Note, this new Pharoah knew not Joseph (Christ). This meaning is that the leadership of this (S.D.A.) organization has left following their Master - Christ. Volume 5 page 217. 1SR77:2.

S.D.A. ministry (King Pharaoh), First to feel the stroke of the wrath of God." 5T211.

Read Eze. 30:20-22:

We taught that at the beginning of 1957, God had caused the sword to fall out of the hand of King Pharaoh. At that time we did not know just what this meant, but in 1958 we learned that this prophecy had met its exact fulfillment. While we were at Autumn Council in Washington, D.C. in October 1956, we attempted to tell the General Conference Brethren (read the General Council letters 1-7) that the Judgment of Living would start for S.D.A. October 22, 1956. (This date is not based on Jewish calendar but is a parable and is based on our present calendar Eze. 20:49). The Conference Committee at the same time, or immediately afterwards, had conferred with the editors of the Eternity Magazine and said committee denied the Spirit of Prophecy in the S.D.A.

Church, the Sanctuary Truth, and the sanctifying sign of the Sabbath (their Sword).

If you do not believe, this send for your copy of an article written by Eternity Magazine, "Are Seventh-day Adventists Christians?"  Read chapter three of the Adventist book, "Questions and Answers on Doctrine. Read what Elder Andreasen has to say about this book. The evidence is abundant if you wish to know the Truth. What is your answer, Brethren - do you believe God or man? Choose you this day whom you will serve.

Note, 1525 plus 390 (first part of Eze. 4 prophecy) =1915 - death of Mrs. E. G. White. Here marks the second portion (40 years) of the 430 years as pertained to the world. The world fasts for 40 years, at the end of which a message was to come that would revive the living testimony, purge out hypocrites, and turn the church back into favor with God. However it takes a period of time for God to bring about reformation and the message go to the world The Harvest (Judgment of the Living) is a period of time (3Tr. 64:3 :3 ) . Hence, 1915 plus 40 = 1955 -- cessation of the latter rain of Truth to the church (Rev. 7:1-8, sealing of the 144,000) and the beginning of the reformation, or the coming of that other angel (message) that is to "lighten the earth with His Glory," 6T406:5. Rev. 18:1.

(3) 1530 - date has to do with the purification of the church and is calculated 'by the Abrahamic prophecy of 430 years, the "type" (1SR116:1); "Going out of Egypt", 2SR275:2. The Abrahamic
prophecy is divided into two parts, 400 and then 30 years (1SR109). (Luther inflict deadly wound at Augsburg) 1530 plus 400 = 1930 (S.R. message) plus 30 = 1960 -- purification of the church, Eze. 9, antitypical Passover, the smiting of the antitypical first born (the ministry) in antitypical Egypt, the church (S.D.A.). Those who do not have the final atoning blood of the Lamb of God (the Branch, G.C.415) on the door posts of their hearts, which is used by the High Priest (Christ) to blot out sins in the final atonement (for the living) in the courts above, will fall in the slaughter of Eze. 9 (antitypical Passover).

From the Augsburg Confession (1530) to the purification is 430 years = 1960. Those who agree with the "Dragon" that the full and final atonement was made at the cross go down in the slaughter of Eze. 9. This releases God's true people from antitypical Pharaoh's grasp.

Therefore, the final work of placing the three-fold seal (EWl5; Rev. 3:12) is accomplished in "four short years. (rTG10:20:1). From the beginning of the Judgment of the Living in the church (D.S.D.A.) October 1955 to autumn of 1958 is four years. The BRANCH builds the temple (Zech. 6:12 - marks the 144,000).

"... in the parable only after the third fruitless year would the Lord consider cutting down the barren fig tree, and even then He was convinced to wait another year .... nevertheless, as in the parable, no fruitless tree is to be spared beyond the fourth parabolic year" 2TG46:22.

"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 judgment 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. 2TG46:22.

We see that when the judgments of God begin to fall the foolish virgins realize their mistake, and rush for the ark of safety (the kingdom), but it is too late - the saints (wise virgins) are sealed and probation is closed. The judgments of God start before they rush for the ark and when they get there the door is, shut. What a shame, what a tragedy, for one to put off salvation so long - almost saved but entirely lost. Friends, do not listen to all the winds that blow, for today is the day of salvation; do not put it off. Revealed truth is your only hope of salvation, therefore, stand firm on the rock in a message that shows the past, the present and the future - a message that fits into the framework of truth of the former messages to the church. As revealed by the Spirit of Prophecy, "The message itself sheds light as to the time when this movement is to take place. It is declared to be a part of the everlasting gospel; and it announces the opening of the judgment. The message of salvation has been preached in all ages, but, this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed only in the last days, for only then would it be true that the hour of judgment had come. The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the judgment.

"The great day was (is) at hand, and in His providences the people were (are) brought to the test of a definite time, in order, to reveal to them what was (is) in their hearts." G.C. 355:3; 353:1.
It is true that Sister White wrote against the setting of the time of Christ's coming in the clouds, but here she says that the gospel reveals the time of the judgment. Since this message is the repeating of the Second Angel's message (TM59 Rev. 18:1), the judgment of the living, the church would be like a ship at sea, without chart or compass, after the time the message of the judgment of the dead is past, if we had no message to point out to us where we are in the stream of time. Furthermore, since the second Angel's message was not a complete message (Rev. 10:4-6) in the summer of 1844, but only the setting of the time of the judgment of the dead as revealed in Rev. 4:5, it remains that the Second Angel's message (the Judgment of the Living) must be a complete message as revealed in Rev. 8:5, which is depicted by the thunderings and an earthquake. There was no earthquake (Eze. 9) connected with the thunderings of Rev. 4:5. Inspiration says that the message proceeded from fire throne, where seven lamps of fire (purification) were burning before the throne. This purification or judgment takes place in the heavenly sanctuary, but Rev. 8:5 states that the Angel filled the censor with the fire of the altar and cast it into the earth. Inspiration reveals that this purification takes place on the earth and we know it begins at the house of God. (1 Pet. 4:17). Also, the four Angels that were bound in the river Euphrates (Rev. 9:14), all four had time connected with their message.

A message that does not have time as a part of the message before the command is given to the Sixth Angel to loose the four Angels (Eze. 9) is not of God. Since the BRANCH is the last message before the slaughter, the four Angels (messages) of Rev. 9:15 are none other than The Millerites, S.D.A., Rod and BRANCH, the latter being a fourfold message.

So, friends, do not let the old serpent beguile you with that old familiar discord that there is to be time no longer after 1844. Maybe not to that which pertains to the Judgment of the dead, but not so with the judgment of the living. If we did not know the time of the purification of the church, how would we know when to prepare for it? In the typical service of the Atonement, there was a blowing of trumpets, Lev. 23:23-27. Is God a respecter of persons? They knew the time then, does it not stand to reason He would tell us now? He is the same loving, compassionate Savior today as, He was to Ancient Israel.. Inspiration declares: "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 2:1.

There are four and a half years from the autumn of 1955 to the spring of 1960. But in four short years the Lord builds the temple (r1TG10:20:1) according to type. Therefore, 1959 at the Atonement, should mark the final blotting out of sins in the church and also the removing of the names of the tares in the church from the book of life. The sinners names are removed from the books before Michael stands up or else they would be delivered with the saints. “...and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.” Dan. 12:1.

The Spirit of Prophecy says: "....While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth.”’ GC 425.

The warning is that everyone put away his sins that they may be blotted out in the antitypical day of Atonement. Inspiration admonishes: "Remember ye the law of Moses, my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments."
"In the time of the investigative judgment we are to remember the laws God gave to Moses.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Mal. 4:4,5.

Just before the great and dreadful day of the Lord (Eze. 9) Elijah appears and calls attention to the Law of Moses that our sins may be blotted out in the Atonement.

"Once a year in the great Day of Atonement, the priests entered the most holy place for the cleansing of the sanctuary. The work there performed completed the yearly round of ministration .... 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 and fasting, and deep searching of heart.

"Important truths concerning the atonement are taught by the typical service. GC419:1, 3; 420:0, 1.

This is one of the statutes of the children of Israel forever..."throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Lev. 23:31.

The atonement this year, according to the Jewish calendar, is September 24. It is a Sabbath of rest - "from even unto even shall ye celebrate your Sabbaths." Lev. 23:32. The warning of this solemn day goes forth on the first day of the seventh month, which is September 15th this year. This is the first day of the new harvest year and is likewise a Sabbath - "a memorial of blowing of trumpets ...Ye shall do no servile work therein." Lev. 23:24, 25.

In the enclosed chart (follow closely) we are dealing with the 430 years of Ezekiel 4 and the 430 to Abraham. The prophecy of Ezekiel shows the revival and reformation in the church. The revival that marks the beginning of the 430 years of Ezekiel was when Luther found the Bible in about 1500 A.D., which reaches to 1930 - beginning of the Shepherd's Rod message. The reformation (COR 154 two different things) had its beginning in 1525, when the people of Worms accepted Protestantism and is typical of the message that brings reformation (reorganization) in the church. 1525 plus 430 = 1955, coming of the BRANCH (Read Isa. 4:2; W.H.R.53). But the fulfillment of the 430 year prophecy to Abraham is yet in the future, going out of Egypt (Eze. 9); (2SR275:2). Now, since the 430 years to Abraham reaches to Eze. 9 (purification of the church) and since it makes it clear that there is a 430 year period from the reformation by Luther to the purification of the church (1SR116); and, also since Abraham's prophecy overlaps (extends beyond) the 430 years of Ezekiel, there is only one conclusion, and that is, Abraham's 430 years would begin at the most important date of Luther's reformation. History tells us that in 1530, when the twelve princes of Germany took their stand with Luther at the Augsburg confession against Popery, then the Deadly Wound was inflicted. The absolute civil power of the Pope was broken. The 430 years to Abraham not only mark the purification of the church, but also the healing of the "Deadly Wound" the Image beast is set up: 1530 plus 430 = 1960 - the Dragon makes war on the remnant which keep the commandments of God and have the Testimony (led by a live prophet) of Jesus Messiah. Rev. 12:17.
As stated before, there are three dates of particular note: 1500 plus 430 = 1930, (the Rod), 1525 plus 430 = 1955 (The BRANCH) and 1530 plus 430 = 1960 (Eze. 9, slaughter in the church).

Mount Camel (D.S.D.A.) tells us that for 1260 days, 42 months after the cessation of the latter rain (death of Bro. Houteff) for the church, there is to be no new movement. "The messages that came in this time of rain (before the cessation of the latter rain) are described in Revelation 10:8-11 and 11:1, and they are the messages that have already come to ripen the "wheat" for harvest: No other message is to come to accomplish this work for no more are prophesied. Instead, we are told that those (the Two Witnesses) have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy! They have power to cause to cease the falling of the rain - that is, the latter rain. Then, during the days of Their prophecy (1260 days, or 42 months) there is not to be any new message, any new commission, any new movement. The Symbolic Code, Vol. 11 #5, p. 6.

In this we see Mount Carmel fulfilling their type (Millerites) perfectly by closing the door. The Lord says that that door will remain open and no man can shut it. (Read G.C. 429). They (M.C.) did not take into consideration that the command was to be given by another angel to the "Son of Man" to thrust in His sickle and reap the harvest of the first fruits (Judgment of Living in church), the 144,000 (Rev. 14:15) 2TG44:37.

If the 42 months is literal time and it begins at the death of Bro. Houteff (end of latter rain of truth) then that period of time is passed. If it is not literal time (and begins at his death), but prophetic, then we have over 1200 years to go yet. If it is symbolic time, it could run for an indefinite period of time and we would have no message with which to bring souls to a decision for Christ.

Mount Carmel says there is no new movement after the cessation of the latter rain, but the Bible and the Shepherd's Rod author says the BRANCH is to harvest the 144,000 first fruits, or build the Spiritual temple. You say the BRANCH is Christ. To this we agree. John tells us that Christ is the Word. John 1:1-14. This being true, the BRANCH is the Word - Truth. With the Truth, and the people taking hold of the work, the Spiritual temple is built in "four short years". R1TG10:20:1 fulfilling the type of Zechariah. "The work of these three movements - Zechariah, Moses, and Noah’s - therefore, typifies every phase of our work." r1TG9-12:2: Zechariah's (BRANCH); Moses (Rod); Noahs S.D.A.). See chart at the 11th Hour, 9th Hour of night and 9th hour of day.

The code teaches that the 1260 days and the 42 months are the same (S.C.11-5:6), but the Bible says that the 42 months has to do with the Gentiles treading the Holy City (Rev. 11:2) and the 1260 applies to the Two Witnesses (V.3). Since we have a 4 1/2 year period to deal with instead of 3 1/2 years and both are before Eze. 9, then the 1260 days must overlap the 42 months. If the 42 months, as Mount Carmel says, begins in 1955, then from the beginning of the BRANCH in the autumn of 1955 (the year the latter rain stopped) till the city is smitten (Eze. 33:21), there are three years. Six months later the Gentiles are to be driven out. If the 1260 years, the period in which the Two Witnesses prophecy in sack cloth reach to Ezekiel 9, and the 430 year prophecy to Abraham reaches to Ezekiel 9, that ends in the spring of 1960, then count back 3 1/2 years, which would be in the autumn of 1956, the year the Elijah message went to antitypical ten tribes (S.D.A.).
Let it be remembered that Elijah John the Baptist (Matt. 11:14) came to two tribe Judah and likewise Christ, but Elijah the Tishbite, if you remember, came to ten tribe Israel - Samaria, Ahab, Jezebel and the priests of Baal. Now, think, and this is not hard to figure out, but is very simple if we remember the types. When the Rod message came the S.D.A. church was Judas, as the Rod teaches, and the Rod messenger being slain as was John, we have a perfect type of Elijah John. When Jesus came He went to John to be baptized and began to preach, at first mainly to John's followers, but later to others, even to the Samaritans and also to the Gentiles. John said that he must decrease but Christ must increase. The Rod prophesied that the BRANCH (Christ) would bring about the revival and reformation – the great change in the church. Now, since Christ is the Word and the BRANCH is Christ, so then, it is easy to see that the Branch is a message. The BRANCH message came to antitypical John's followers (D.S.D.A.) first in fulfillment of the type. A year later (1956) the message went to S.D.A., antitypical ten tribes fulfilling the type of Elijah going to Ahab at Samaria. Some may question the application of S.D.A being a type of the ten tribes since the Rod calls the church Judah. But we must remember that there are 144,000 - 12,000 from each tribe (Rev. 7:4) in the church. Therefore, when the Rod message came it brought about a division, creating Judah and Israel, fulfilling the type of the division of the twelve tribes shortly after the death of King Solomon. There is no way to legally or Scripturally deny that there are two Seventh-Day Adventist churches - D.S.D.A. (Judah) and S.D.A. (Israel). This does not mean to say that only among the Adventist people we find Judah and Israel; for surely there is the Jewish people in the Israel State and we must be assured that the ten tribes are scattered among the other churches. Since the Seventh-day Adventist are the first to be purified the message through type and antitype deals with them first. The sad part is that type reveals that Judah (in the church) will again crucify the BRANCH. Since the BRANCH is not a person but Christ, Inspiration reveals they crucify Christ by rejecting His message - the BRANCH. This is what Davidians also say:

"Just as Christ was crucified, so the Two Witnesses will be killed. And as Christ was resurrected, so the Two Witnesses will be raised...The prophecy of Revelations 11 shows that Christ in our day in the form of His Truth, His Word, is to be crucified afresh at the hands of His professed people and that the Truth will be raised in glorious exaltation and victory and to the shame of its enemies." The Symbolic Code, March 1956, Vol. 11 #5 pp 13, 14.

The Spirit of Prophecy teaches the same thing. But the believers themselves will escape out of their hands, even as David escaped out of the hands of Saul.

“God's church on earth today is fulfilling the ancient prophecies.” PK 703:1.

We now see that the events connected with the Protestant Reformation are types of that which is to come 430 years later. Along with the healing of the wound, we also come to the time of the standing up of Michael Dan. 12:1)--"the going out of Egypt, Eze.9", and the closing up of the work for the church: The gospel is then to go to the world to gather the second fruits. As time is so short, may we earnestly consider the words found in Luke 21:34-36: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For, as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy do escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”
Yours to stand with, the Lamb on Mt. Zion,

Ben L. Roden

Note: All emphasis and parenthesis in quotation ours unless otherwise indicated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. To you, dear believer, who are making the trip and have means to help others go, send monies and names of sponsored ones immediately, lest the way be closed for you because you did not help your brother when the call was made. If you have no one to sponsor, then those who meet the qualifications will be benefited by your contribution.

2. Make preparation for the following allowances on boat or plane, so that whichever you take; you will be prepared for either: BOAT—275# plus extras as allowed on plane; PLANE -- 44# plus ladies handbag, umbrella or cane, coat, travel rug, reading material.

3. THOSE WHO CANNOT GO NOW: Continue to work and pray for the success of those who go to prepare the way that you may come later. Send in as much on your fare as possible. Continue to gather names of S.D.A’s and Davidians and send them all 7 G. C. letters.

4. Send all tithes and correspondence to Box 3088, Odessa, Texas, until further notice.

5. Correction on Lesson No. 2: on page 1 -- under Purpose #4: add 1 S.R. 116; on page 3, line 4: should be V.T.H. Jezreel Ltr.#2, p.5:5; on chart in extreme upper left corner reference should be: Ex. 12:40.

6. Insert tenth horn on scarlet beast (lower right corner). Beast which was redrawn and attached to original drawing mutilated in photographing.

THE BRANCH AT GENERAL CONFERENCE, CLEVELAND OHIO

The every-four-year World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. from June 19 until, June 29, 1958. Representatives from practically every country on earth presented a very international atmosphere. Amidst the colorful mixture of nations and tongues, committee meetings and programs -- amidst the great gathering of Modern Israel from many lands, there came quietly and prayerfully a small band of Branch, seven in all, passing out literature and dropping seeds of Truth to the sincere questioner and scoffer alike. Where the "Rod" feared to tread because of the law, The Branch went forth, trusting in the Lord's promise that His Word "shall not return unto me void... and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11.
"Let us not, however, forget that there is an enemy who is determined to keep God's people in darkness, in ignorance of timely Truth. (See Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 709, 728.) And what more damaging darkness could he seek to keep them in than in ignorance of that which God would have them to know while their judgment is pending, while they are being weighed in the balances of the Sanctuary? None, absolutely none.

Consequently it is to be expected that now, more than ever before, all of us are to meet, with the fiercest opposition. So called great men having not so much even as a spark of Divine light, will, acting like mad men, hastily spread confusion everywhere. This they will do by engendering prejudice by exalting baseless theories, by fabricating and propagating falsehood, by hurling scorn and ridicule by mongering gossip and hearsay, and by engaging in character assassination. But none of this will phase those whose fortress is the Lord, and who heed His priceless, precious, inspiring counsel in the following passages: “... Do not be unbelieving. The more you are jostled, misapprehended, misstated, the more evidence you have, that you are doing a work for the Master, and the more closely you must cling to your Savior.” --Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 130.

"All who in that evil day would faithfully serve God according to the dictates of conscience, will need courage, firmness, and a knowledge of God and His Word’ for those who are true to God will be persecuted, their motives will be impugned, their best efforts misinterpreted, and their names cast out as evil.” Gospel Workers 264

"The wrath of man shall praise Thee,' says the psalmist; 'the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.' God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front, and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated. Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry, and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber." ---Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 453.

"Everything that can be done against God's message of today will be done with even a greater vengeance than was manifest against Heaven's message in the days of Christ's first advent, for the Devil knows that if he loses now, he loses forever --- that he is to have no other chance. Unparalleled, therefore, is the urgency that every eleventh-hour church member now quickly and solidly brace himself against the enemy's effort to deliver a knockout blow. We must be alert, too, to realize that the blow is to come from surprisingly unsuspected foes – from professed friends of the gospel, who are no less pious than were priests in Christ's day. It is, moreover, but to be expected that the Adversary will employ every agency possible to prevent the Lord from disclosing to view His now obscure 144,000 first--fruit servants, who are to go gather in the second fruits (Rev. 7:9). The Enemy will try everything conceivable to confuse, becloud, and cover up the Truth, especially on the subject, of the 144,000." White-House Recruiter pp. 31, 32, 33.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."
"The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly." Jeremiah 23:5, 20.

"Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

"And fields shall be bought in this land, where of ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

"Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the Lord." Jeremiah 32:37, 43, 44.

"In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. Jeremiah 33:15.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King God is known in her palaces for a refuge. For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together. They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hasted away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city, of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah:" White House Recruiter. p. 35.


LESSON NO. 7

May 25, 1958

Subject:

Purpose: To show that Rev. 18:1 -

1. Comes to the church before the slaughter.
2. Is first to the church, then to the world.

3. Incurs "mark of beast", first in the church.

4. Same as Rev. 18:2 & antitypical 2nd angel of Rev. 14:8.


6. Is the BRANCH --- a time prophecy movement.

**Gem Thought:**

“These messages were represented to me as an anchor to the people of God. Those who understand and receive them will be kept from being swept away by many delusions of Satan.” Early Writings, p. 256.

I. Revelation 18:1 comes to the church **before** the slaughter.

To this the Spirit of Prophecy attests:

A. "**In 1888** in the General Conference held at Minneapolis, Minn., the angel of Revelation 18 **came down to do his work**, and was ridiculed, criticized, and rejected and when the message he brings again will swell into a loud cry, it will be ridiculed, and spoken against, and rejected by the majority." E.G.W. "In taking up a Reproach."

There are 3 main factors to consider in this statement.

1. Revelation 18:1 was rejected in 1888.
2. Rejected by the majority when he returns.
3. The message of Revelation 18:1 comes and **swells** to a loud cry.

"**The Kingdom is here again shown to start** with something small, but that little thing is to be like yeast in a loaf of bread. What could the leaven be but an unpopular message… put into the Church, the loaf." 2 TG 11:6:2. (2 TG 44:44).

Kingdom ...starts ... with ... leaven ... rising ... in loaf.
Kingdom ...starts ... with ... Rev. 18:1... swelling ... in church.

**Consider the typical Ceremonial Harvest:**

Two loaves of bread baked with leaven were presented before the
Lord in the Sanctuary, signaling the completion and close of the firstfruit harvest.

(Lev. 23:17; Tract #3, pp. 75-77).

Antitypically: Revelation 18:1 (leaven) prepares Judah and Israel (two loaves of bread).

Leaven prepares bread to "stand".

"Then I saw another mighty angel ... descend to the earth ... The work of this angel comes in at the right time ... And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation......" E.W. 277.

Revelation 18:1 prepares the 144,000 to stand without an intercessor. Speaking of the finished product, the 144,000 (produced by the "Leaven" that Sr. White said "will swell") Inspiration describes them as: "...only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One, who will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the Loud Cry." R.H: Nov. 11, 1908.

1. Will swell: time of first-fruit harvest -- Rev. 18:1, first in the church.
2. Shall have swelled: ready for second-fruit harvest, Rev. 18 for the world.

"With the completed judgment-message during the eleventh-hour, the angels are to separate the people of God from the people of the world." W.H.R.34:2.

NO REJECTORS IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE SLAUGHTER!

B. "The prophet declares, 'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. ... God has light for His people, and all who accept it will see the sinfulness of remaining in a lukewarm condition.' R. H. April 1, 1890.

Revelation 18:1 brings light to AWAKEN the sleepers -- Laodiceans.

"...the Laodiceans themselves are if possible to be awakened by the prophet Elijah..." G. C. S. 42-43 (1950 Edition).

"...without his message we would die in our ignorance and in our sins..." G.C.S. 22.

NO AWAKENING IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE SLAUGHTER!
C. "In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous ... and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their expectations and ideas, they will oppose the work. 'Why, they say, should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?" R. H. Nov. 7, 1918 Reprint.

It is obvious that those spoken of are the "ancient men". 5 T 211, para. 2.

"... scoffed at, laughed at, ridiculed and scorned by men... it is certainly expected that the new message and messengers, too, will be received and treated no better but even worse." S.R. Jezreel Letter #2:1:7

NO OPPOSITION FROM "ANCIENT MEN" AFTER THE SLAUGHTER!

D. Now follows a picture of the church swept by Reformation: Revelation 18:1.
"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. THE SICK WERE HEALED, and other MIRACLES were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, EVEN AS WAS MANIFEST BEFORE, the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God... On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth ...and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844." 9 T 126.

1. A great reformatory movement.
"… 'revival and reformation' ... is 'purifying' time ..." Tract#7:76.
"… harvest is ... the purification..." S.R. Jezreel Letter #3:1:5.

Therefore: "Revival and Reformation is Harvest:
"... eleventh-hour ... is ... (2) the harvest..." W.H.R. 10:1

Likewise: Revival and Reformation is Revelation 18:1.
"The eleventh-hour message is none other than Rev. 18." 2 S.R. 230-31

Hence: Revival and Reformation is Revelation 18:1.
Conclusion: This movement is 18:1 and
2. "... even as was manifest **BEFORE** the great day of Pentecost." 9 T.126.

**Before Loud Cry to the World.**

3. Many were seen studying with families.

"...that while the church, Jerusalem and Zion, is asleep and naked... awakening cry, a **message** comes urging her to arise..." 2 TG 44:43.

4. "...the eleventh-hour finds its laborers standing idle, in the

  market place' (the church) ... W.H.R. 16:3.

"…the first fruits are to be gathered 'one by one'"... 1 T.G.r 9:11.

**NO REVIVAL AND REFORMATION AMONG LAODICEANS AFTER THE SLAUGHTER**

E. "... while the work goes forward **under the direction** of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen He is taking the reins in His own hands. The **workers** will be surprised by the **simple means** that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness." T.M. 300.

1. Rev. 18:1 joins the third angel of 1844 and directs and perfects the work.
2. God takes the reins from the workers-- ancient men, and gives them to
3. "... the antitypical David (the ‘simple means’)"... Tract #8:71.

**NO SURPRISED WORKERS AFTER THE SLAUGHTER!**

"While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a **special work of purification** ... among God’s people upon earth." G.C. 425:1.

"The harvest …. the purification …" S.R. Jezreel Letter #3 :1:

**Thus:** Purification is Harvest

"....eleventh hour .....is ..., the harvest" W.H.R. 40:1.

**Thus: Purification brought by Revelation 18:1.**

**NO PUTTING AWAY OF SIN AMONG GODS PEOPLE **AFTER** THE SLAUGHTER!
The "Shepherd’s Rod" also places Revelation 18:1 before the slaughter:

A. "The eleventh-hour message is none other than Rev. 18: -- the loud cry of the Third Angel." 2 S.R. 230.

“…only those who give ear to the eleventh-hour call are to be spared in the separation..."  
W.H.R. 37.

The facts are plain:

1. Rev. 18:1 is the 11th Hour Call.  
2. Only those who listen to it are to be saved from death.

NO CHANCE TO BE SPARED IF REV. 18:1 COMES AFTER THE SLAUGHTER! - ONLY

B. "... the announcement of the separation of the saints from the sinners originates with the eleventh-hour servants ... they are to cry aloud and say, "Awake, awake . . . O Zion . . ." 2 TG 43:11.

Yes, more plain facts:

1. No "Awake, awake O Zion" after the slaughter.
2. Rev. 18:1 - 11th hour Call (2 S.R. 230) imperative, lest the Church go on sleeping forever.

NO SLEEPING CHURCH AFTER THE SLAUGHTER TO GIVE REVELATION 18:1

TO:

C. "... the eleventh-hour finds its laborers ‘standing idle’, in the market place (the church), doing nothing..."  W.H.R. 46.

1. Would the servants be ‘doing nothing’ after the slaughter?
2. After the slaughter the servants are the church.  
   i.e. Those left are the wheat only: Pure - Church Triumphant.
3. Before the slaughter the laborers are in the church.
i.e. Bidden remnant, wheat mixed with tares: Church Militant.

Conclusion:

11th Hour -- Rev. 18:1 (2 S.R. 230) finds laborers (144,000) in Church
(mixed with tares).

NO IDLERS AFTER THE SLAUGHTER!

Since all ten had oil in the lamps, but only half of them had the oil in the vessels, the symbolism clearly discloses that, as always, the whole church membership did not accept the message of the Judgement for the living ......

Finally, after the necessity for It became imperative, they began to search for It (before the slaughter) they were too late..." 1rTG21:7.


   Judgment is 11th Hour (WHR40).
   11th Hour is Rev: 18:1 (2SR230).

2. Thus, when it was too late, the 5 foolish began to search for the message of Rev. 18:1.

   The question is: Will the 5 foolish virgins be searching for the oil--Rev. 18:1-- after the slaying?

   They answer is obviously NO.

   While STILL living THE TARES SEARCH FOR REV. 18:1

Conclusion:

Hear and blazing as a summer sun's light is the fact that the Judgment of the Living—11th Hour Call: Rev. 18:1, must be appropriated by the "virgins"--the servants, before the slaughter, lest "Zion... be left sleeping forever..." Yes, Rev. 18:1 must be appropriated before the slaughter, before the 7th seal opens:
"...the SIXTH SEAL, the time in which the Lord sits upon the Throne of His glory … whereupon the Judgment work begins (to church)..." 1rTG5:11:1.

"...and the four beasts had six wings … They are to point out the seal under which the judgment begins - the sixth seal - therefore six wings". 2SR195:2; 196:0.

II. Rev. 18:1 is first to the church, then to the world. (1 Pet. 4:17).

A. "The message of Elijah that restores all things is indeed an addition to the Third Angel's message, and it shall certainly swell into a loud cry. It shall gather God's people from the four corners of the earth AND bring them out of Babylon as the earth is lightened with the glory of the angel (Rev. 18:1-4). See E.W. 277. 2TG31:8-9.

Elijah's message is Rev. 18, the addition. It gathers:

God's people from: 1. 4 corners of earth .... (144,000).
                    2. Babylon . . . . . . (Great Multitude).

B. "...the ...the time of harvest ....the period in which the earth is lightened with the glory of the angel (Rev. 18:1)... It commences in the church and ends in Babylon." 2TG44:32.

Rev. 18:1---- Commences: with 144,000 and ends with Great Multitude.

C. "...the Eleventh-Hour Movement must triumph, for, being the last, the one to garner, in the harvest, then should it fail, every one in the world today would forever remain lost." Ans. #1:68.

Everyone: 1. 144,000
          2. Great Multitude

III. Rev. 18: incurs "mark of the beast", first in church:

A. "The enemies of the Judgment message in the church and the enemies of the judgment Message in the world are both imbued with the spirit of the beast both doing the same kind of work against God's people first in the church then in the world." Jezreel 2:5:5.
B. "...the same satanic power NOW working—will soon fully manifest itself, in consolidation with the beast, within the churches in Babylon, there to oppose the marking of the second fruits as it is how in Laodicea opposing the marking of the first fruits." Tract #9:63.

C. "...the surest way of erring and losing out is to give ear to the voice of men (or women) in the place of the voice of God." WHR 46:2.

God: 1. Elijah's voice of truth the ONLY ONE now. (G.C.S. 8)

Men: 2. Sanballats, Shemamiahs, Korahs "chiming in".

D. "The beast we are told is a man... The demand to worship, obey the beast’s command therefore, is a demand to worship (obey) man in place of God. Both marks are for no other purpose but for to define who is who -- who is for God and who is for the beast." Jezreel #2:5.

Whose mark do you have?

Where does the beast go? ...Perdition?

"Nevertheless, one's only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely Truth and authority to whom one may turn. Any others will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition." GCS 8.

IV. Rev. 18:1 same as 18:2 and antitypical Second Angel of Rev. 14:8.

A. Rev. 13:1 same as 18:2.

"...I saw another angel come down from heaven..." verse 1.
"... he cried with a loud voice, Babylon is fallen..." verse 2.

He of verse 2 refers to the angel in verse 1.


1. "The Second Angels message was to go to Babylon... This same message is to be proclaimed the second time. And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven... And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen..." TM 59:1.
Inspiration tells us here that **Rev. 18:1-2** repeats Rev. 14:8 the second time:

2."...the **final** phase of the **First** Angel’s message..."WHR 37 is the Shepherd’s Rod.  
first phase of First Angel  Rev. 14:6, 7 (J of D) First Day Adventist  
final phase of First Angel Rev. 7; Rev. 14:6, 7; Rev. 7:1-8, D.S.D.A.  
" ..the final phase... announcing stealthy approach of Judgment of the Living." WHR 37.  
Just as 2 follows 1, then the next message after the Rod would be the final phase of the Second Angel. What is the next message after the Rod? Answer: Judgment of the Living: Rev. 18:1, follows Rod.

C. Judgment of Dead and Living in Type and Anti-Type:  

**TYPE**

Two “Midnight Cries" for Judgment of Dead:  

**a. First "Midnight Cry"**

(a) First Angel's message: "Behold the Bridegroom (Christ) Cometh". 1831 (GC333:1) to 1843 (E.W. 232:2).

(b) A lot of enthusiasm. G.C. 368:1.

(c) **INCORRECT DATE** for the Judgment of the Dead.

**b. Second "Midnight Cry"**

(a) Second Angel's message, Rev. 14:8: "Behold the Bridegroom (Christ) cometh". Summer 1844. G. C. 389:2.

(b) Not so much enthusiasm; many went back into the churches. G.C. 394, last paragraph

(c) **CORRECT DATE**, October 22, 1844.

**ANTITYPE**
Two "Midnight Cries" for Judgment of Living:

a. First "Midnight Cry" - 2SR.182.1

   (a) First Angel's Message repeated, Rev. 7:1-8; 14:6,7, announcing that the Bridegroom is to have a new name. 1SR.233:3; u.T.G.42:14, 15; 1TGr.8-24:3; W.H.R. 53:2.

   (b) "Provisional in setup, as well as in name, the Davidian Seventh Adventist Association exists"...See preface of the Leviticus of D. S. D. A.:

   (c) Name - D. S. D. A. - provisional until new name comes.

   (d) Name, D.S.D.A., comes repeating First Angel's message - 1930 to 1955.

   (e) DATE INDEFINITE (of Eze. 9) Read: 2SR.275; 1SR.116 ; see charts pages 133, 221.

b. Second "Midnight Cry"

   (a) Second Angel's Message - Rev. 18:1; Eze. 9. "Behold the Bridegroom (Christ – new name, BRANCH) cometh"

   (b) Not so much enthusiasm in 1955. Many went back into the S.D.A. and other churches.

   (c) CORRECT DATE - of Eze. 9.

CONCLUSION: Rev. 18:1 (Judgment of Living) comes before Slaughter of Eze. 9.

"The five foolish virgins are they who had been confiding in men... They saw no necessity for more light - prophets, truth or message...

"The knowledge of present truth, which the five foolish virgins possessed in 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 .... Thus, when five 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. 2SR185:3.
Judgments of God start before Eze. 9 Slaughter.
"...At the beginning of the judgments of God they saw their mistake and rushed for the ark of safety (Kingdom), but it was beyond their reach for they knew nothing of the message". Id.
"...As the message of the Judgment for the Dead was the present truth since 1844, at the beginning; of the Judgment for the Living (when the cry was made), it became present truth no longer. Consequently, their lamps went out. 2SR183:0.

Typical: Second Angel's message in summer of 1844 prepared saints to be "taken"
--Judgment.
Second Angel's message came before Judgment "convened" for dead.

Antitypical:
Second Angels message, Rev. 18:1-2 (TM59) prepares saints so they won't be "taken"--Slaughter-Judgment.
Second Angel's message comes before Judgment for living "re-convenes".
"The work of this angel comes in at the right time... and the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation..." E.W. 277.
- Yes, Rev. 15:1-2, antitypical Second Angel, prepares.

V. Rev. 18:1-2 is the antitypical Third Angel of Rev. 14:9.
A. "The eleventh-hour message is none other than Rev. 18--the loud cry of the
Third Angel. Quoting "Testimonies to Ministers," p. 59: "this same message
(the Third Angel's) is to be proclaimed the second time. "And after these things
I saw another angel come down..." 2SR231.

1. 11th Hour Call
Rev. 18:1 is:
2. Loud Cry
3. Third Angel's message repeated, under
direction of Second Angel. Rev. 18:1,2.

"The eleventh hour call ...is similar to that of the ninth ...the ninth hour call is repeated ..." 2SR231:2.
B. "The Third Angel’s message” in its **former** phase, the Judgment of the Dead...
"…in its latter **phase**, the Judgment of the Living…” GCS 41:1.

The Third Angel's Message:
- **(former phase)** 1. Type: Judgment of Dead
- **(latter phase)**  2. Anti: Judgment of Living

Conclusion:
Rev- 14: 6-11 7 Rev. 18:1
We have seen that Rev. 18:1 comes to the church before the slaughter and effects an awakening, a **reformation**, a **filling the lamps with oil**, a **special work** of putting away sin. (Section I.D.).
We have seen that Revival and Reformation also mean **harvest**, **eleventh-hour**, **purification**: all, the message of Rev. 18:1 (Section I.D.).
We have seen that Rev. 18:1 meets the "beast" in the church, as well as in the world. (Section III.).
We have seen that Rev. 18:1-2 repeats the Second and Third Angel's messages of Rev. 14. (Section IV and V).

One point remains: To prove that -

VI. Rev. 18:1 is the **BRANCH** -- a time prophecy movement (**before** the slaying).

1. **What is the Harvest?**
   a. ".. harvest is ... Rev. 18:1..." 1SR104:1.
   b. ".. the judgment is likened to a 'harvest' but that the cleansing itself is likened to a **separation.**" 2 TGr 42-31:2.

"A harvest /Rev. 18:1/... 'the gathering of a crop' ... SO rather than the year's toil being finished at the beginning of the harvest, the **heaviest** labor of the year **just then begins**. And though harvest time is the shortest of all the periods of the harvest year, the work of reaping is not done in a moment; it takes **time**... **FIRST**, the sickle is put to the grain ...**NEXT**, the grain is bound into sheaves, **THEN** threshed, **AFTER** which it is put into the barn; and **THEREAFTER** the chaff and the tares are destroyed... **the harvest is a SEASON OF TIME.** So it must be with the spiritual harvest...” Tract #3:64-65.
NOTE: Rev. 18:1 or Harvest is a period of time **before** destruction:

**NOT DONE IN A MOMENT**

**First:** sickle put to grain

**Next:** grain bound into sheaves

**Then:** grain threshed, then After: put into the barn

**Thereafter:** chaff and tares destroyed

Precisely this, Inspiration declares:
"...time of harvest... period in which the earth is lightened with the glory of the angel (Rev. 18:1)... It /Rev. 18:1/ commences in the church..." 2 TG 44:32.

"...Elijah's message of **revival and reformation** ...will place the burden of saving souls primarily where it belongs." 2 TG 8:17

Harvest, the period of Rev. 18:1, (the 11th Hour Message - 2 SR230:3), or the time of revival and reformation (synonymous terms: WHR30, Tr 7:76) is brought by the antitypical Elijah to awaken (GCS 36, 42-43 t50E) and to save Laodicea from dying in her sin and ignorance (GCS 22 '50E) that:

1. ".only those who give ear to the eleventh- /Rev. 18:1/ hour call are TO BE spared in the separation..." WHR 37.

2. "Then is the harvest /Rev. 18:1/ of the first-fruits past /marking time/, the fruits garnered in, and the tares shut out unto destruction /slaying/... to wail..."The harvest /Rev. 18:1/ is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20  WHR 38:0.

YES, DEAR ONES, HARVEST, REV. 18:1 IS THE TIME OF SALVATION, TO SPARE YOU FROM THE SLAUGHTER AND FROM THAT AWFUL TIME OF WAILING.

2. **When is the Harvest?**

The foregoing proof as to **What is the Harvest** plainly shows when it is, namely before destruction. Inspiration clinches tight this proof by the following statement:
"...the time of the SIXTH seal, the time in which the Lord sits on the throne, of his glory whereupon the Judgment /Rev. 18: W.H.R. 40:1/ BEGINS ...Joel declares ..."the harvest is ripe..." 1TGr 5:11; 1:2.

1. 6th Seal: time of marking, bundling, threshing, thereafter (Tr3:64-65) comes the

2. 7th Seal: time of destruction.

3. Who brings the Harvest-Rev. 18:1?

A. The Rod? "...the Third Angel's message ...divide it into three periods:

   (1) ..................... Rev. 14:6-11
   (2) ................. Rev. 7:1-8
   (3) ................. Rev. 18:1, the Loud Cry

   It is evident that we /Rod/ are in the second period." 1SR32:2

   "...Revelation 7, the one in which we are most interested at the present time.” Id.22:1.

   "...The Shepherd's Rod' has arrived just before the Judgment for the Living /Loud Cry, Rev. 18:1 WHR 40/ commences..." Jezreel #4:1:1 (first printing).

   "...Judgment of the Living is obviously, then yet fixture..." Tract 3:43 :3 (‘53 Edition).

   "...we /Rod/ have come almost to the time of the harvest /Rev. 18:1/ ..."
   1TGr21-19:2.

   "Pre-Eleventh Hour Extra" Title-Cover Tr. 1.

**Rod Rev. 7:1-8** "...This message /Rod/...is to prepare ...for the Judgment..."

**Not** 1TGr5-7:1.

**Rev. 18:1**
Logic: Elijah's **message** (Judgment of Living GCS26:0) "Future" from Rod Tr3:43:3.

Elijah, then **future** also.


Inspiration confirms our logic: "...Malachi three...its antitypical fulfillment is now...**imminent** ..." Jezreel 9:1:6.

Webster: **imminent**—impending, threatening to occur immediately.

"...we have come almost /threatening to occur/ to the time of harvest ...we are now plainly shown that these are the closing hours of the pre-harvest period..." ITGr 21-19:2.

Conclusion: "Rod", antitype of John the Baptist, was herald of Judgment of the

Living to Modern Israel as was John herald of Judgment to ancient Israel.

"John the Baptist was given a work **similar to ours**, ...he had no assurance that he would **continue living**, yet he heroically **finished** his work." Unrevised 1 TG 42:19:2.

ROD heralds Christ--the BRANCH.

B. The Lord speaks

"Who is to bring this revival and reformation, this great change?--The BRANCH...."

1. **Revival and Reformation**

"revival and reformation... caused by... Testimony of the True Witness to the Laodiceans..." Tr7:76:4.

True Witness: Jesus .................3T257.

Jesus: ...........Angel of Rev. 18:1 ...He... C.O.L.79:3.

**thus**: True Witness is Angel of Rev. 18:1 and the light thereof that causes reformation in Laodicea is His Testimony.
2. The BRANCH

".. the Branch is the Lord." 1TGr8:24.

Thus: The Lord, the BRANCH, the Angel of Rev. 18:1, The True Witness: Jesus "come down" to bear light to His church.

"What can all this mean? ..Here is seen an organization having a Leader and an under leader--the Lord and Joshua."1TGr8:26.

"Thus it is that whatever is to be bound on earth is also to be bound in Heaven (Matt 16:19)." Id.

1. Matt. 16:19--The Keys of the Kingdom

"...the Keys...are in the message..." Ans.#4:39:2.

hence: Joshua has the keys or a message.

2. Joshua and the Key

"Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement." 5T472:2

a. Closing up: closing work for church.

b. "Closing work" is harvest...Jezreel 3:1:5.

b. Harvest is 11th hour-Rev. 18:1 Loud Cry ... WHR40.

Thus: Joshua's "keys" are the "closing work"--Rev. 18:1. given him by Jesus the BRANCH, the True Witness.

"Joshua crowns (authorizes his helpers ...to engage in the work. So Joshua is responsible to the Lord but his helpers are responsible to Joshua.” 1TGr 8:26.

Joshua... ..and.......co-labors

"The third angel's message in its former phase, the Judgment of the Dead, was unfolded to the Denomination by one person, the founder ...and that one directed other co-laborers. So must it be with respect to the message in its latter phase, the Judgment of the Living." GCS 41:1.

Elijah ....and ........co-labors Id. 35:0.
Therefore: Joshua and Elijah antitype-same (purification),

Joshua's work: Closing work
   Closing work is harvest Jez#3:1:5, harvest is
   Judgment WHR40.

   thus: closing work is Judgment work.

Elijah's work: Judgment or closing work GCS26:0.

Again Elijah and Joshua antitype same-(purification).
"....one's only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely truth and authority to whom one may turn." GCS 8:1.

ONE VOICE: God-through Joshua-Elijah.

"Who are the true Seventh-day Adventists...those who resist the closing work for the church? or those who put their heart and soul into it?... Only those who repent and promote the message of the hour rather than fight it will stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion." 1TGr8:28.

Rev. 18:1--The Branch and on time.


   Isa. 11:1  "...a Branch shall grow out of his roots ...".

   Roots:  S.D.A.  1844
   BRANCH prophecy ... Isa.  111

   Growing begins...............  1955

2. "In the year that king Uzziah [V.T. Houteff 1955] died, I saw also the Lord sitting on a throne ...and his train filled the temple." Isa. 6:1.

   "...the Lord's coming to His temple...takes place at the beginning
of the judgment of the living..." Tract 3:17-48.

3. "The prophecy by Ezekiel gives the information in detail from the beginning of Luther's reformation to the marking of Ezekiel 9..." 1SR116:1.

1. Beginning of Luther's reformation

"This marriage in 1525 the real beginning of the Protestant parsonage ...all the world ...sat up and took notice." Luther, by Dallman, p. 258.

Beginning: 1525

2. To Ezekiel 9

1525 + 430 yrs. of Ezek. 4 = 1955

1955: Ezek. 9’s marking begins.

**note:** marking time is bundling time--Harvest--Judgment Jezreel Letter 2:5:5.

Explanation of 40 yr. Fast:

1915 to 1955 - 40 year fast for world.

(Rod-only to church)

Conclusion:

"...harvest is ...Rev. 18:1..." 1SR104.

"It commences in the church and ends in Babylon." 2TG44:32-33.

Let no man who worships God in Spirit and in Truth, make the Laodicean
mistake of thinking that Harvest for the 144,000 begins with a slaughter.

Does the Harvest for the Great Multitude begin with a slaughter. **Of course not.**

Harvest is **always** a period of time, at the end of which the tares are destroyed.

Brethren, cease magnifying the time of the Branch—Rev. 18:1, as it is only after the slaughter, and, at this late hour, recognize the overwhelming weight of evidence as to The Branch's existence before the slaughter.

Remember: The typical Brass Mountain Church had its beginning with the diversified, material in the raw—the 12 and others...

NO TYPE, NO TRUTH

Therefore, the antitypical Brass Mountain Church, the Loud Cry-Rev. 18:1 BRANCH Church also has its beginning with "material in the raw"--YOU AND ME.

Typically, Jesus came to prepare his disciples for a glorious Pentecost.

TODAY, Jesus, the BRANCH, the Angel of Rev. 18:1 has come to prepare YOU AND ME to be that "beautiful and comely" Branch.

"IT IS NOW LEFT OFF TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TO EITHER TAKE HEED TO GOD'S JUDGMENT MESSAGE AND RECEIVE HIS MARK OF DELIVERANCE, OR TO GIVE HEED TO MEN'S VAIN TALK AND DIE UNDER THE SLAUGHTER WEAPONS OF THE ANGELS." Jezreel 2:5:5.

"My brethren: these words are not against you, for it is God speaking through His word of truth to save you from the bottomless pit. **Will you not let Him work for you and for His people?** WILL YOU NOT BE HIS SHEEP?

2 Shepherd’s Rod 258.

"Let us once and forever realize that the Devil is more shrewd than we can imagine. He is not particular what you believe so long as he can keep you ignorant of revealed Truth. This is what he is NOW doing...using **men of influence**, men who can put on the BEST FRONT, **men who are clever**, who know how to gain the confidence of the people, men who can easily and quietly lead the Church away from God's messages for today, the message of the Judgment for the Living...Satan is doing as good a job now as he did in Christ's time." 2TG30:15-16.
"IF THEY ARE HONEST SEARCHERS FOR THE TRUTH, THE FATHER HIMSELF WILL REVEAL IN THEIR HEARTS THAT THIS IS THE ELEVENTH HOUR MESSAGE." TG29:5:2.

"...only those who give ear to the eleventh-hour call /Rev. 18:1- Loud Cry WHR40:1/ARE TO BE SPARED in the separation..." WHR37.

Yours, to lay hold on the Lamb of God
(Christ)/BRANCH/...and secure... /your/ . . .life." 2SR164:0

Ben L. Roden

Note: Emphasis in quotations ours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final date for deposit on reservations - June 15:

$400.00 adults; $200.00 children under 12; $40.00 children under 2.

25% of fare must accompany reservations, balance by June 25

Those able a to help others, send funds immediately to Odessa Office.