

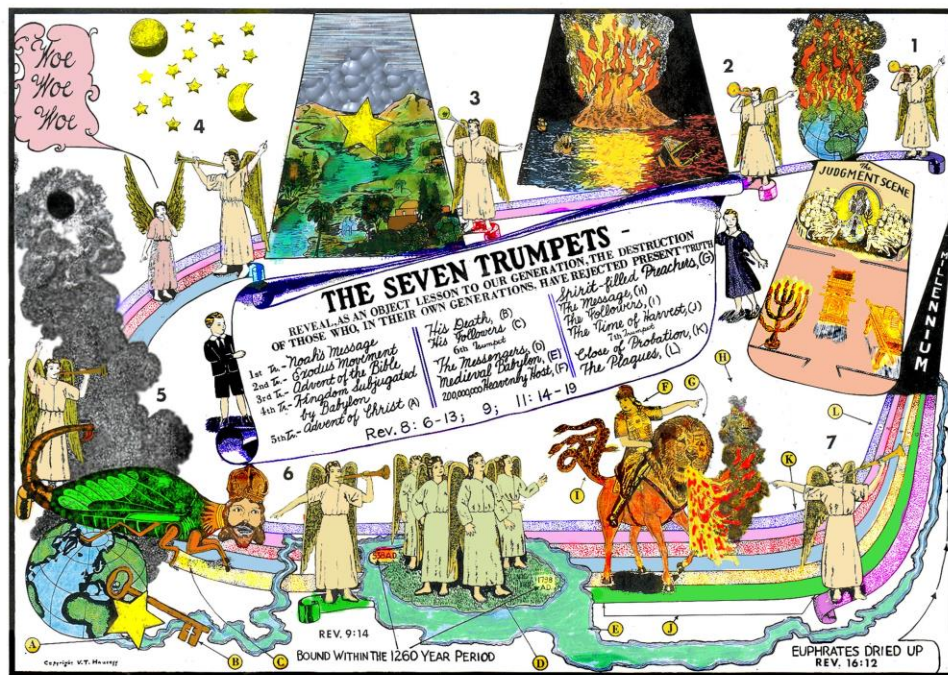
This study was originally a response to two different Davidian leaders outside of the USA who claim the new headquarters of the Davidian work, with a purported new message. Therefore, it becomes increasingly important to review certain key truths that came through the Rod and Branch messages to reveal the truth and unmask error and presumption to unsuspecting brethren looking for new truth.

REVELATION 9:14

THE FOUR MESSAGES BOUND UP IN "THE RIVER EUPHRATES"

**WHERE DO THESE MESSAGES ORIGINATE AND CONTINUE UNTIL THE KINGDOM?
WHAT IS THE SYMBOLIC "RIVER EUPHRATES" IN THIS PASSAGE – REVELATION 9:14?**

BELOW IS THE DEPICTION OF THE SYMBOLIC FOUR MESSAGES THAT ORIGINATE FROM ONE KEY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, FROM ONE NATION, AS SHOWN IN THE SYMBOLISM OF REVELATION 9:14:



CAN YOU NAME EACH OF THESE SYMBOLIC FOUR ANGELS BOUND UP IN THE SYMBOLIC RIVER EUPHRATES? CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THOSE FOUR MESSAGES IN PROPHECY, WHERE THEY ARISE? THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES IN THEIR INITIAL PHASE AND THEIR REPEAT PHASE ARE SEEN ORIGINATING FROM ONLY ONE PLACE ON THE GLOBE, THE USA, WHERE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WAS AND IS THE LAW OF THE LAND. THE PLACE WHERE THESE FOUR ANGELS WERE LOOSED FROM IS A PLACE FREE FROM CHURCH-STATE RULE.

WHAT HAS CHANGED? WHERE IS THE HEAD OF THE WORK TODAY?

“To William Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the warning in America. This country became the center of the great Advent movement. It was here that the prophecy of the first angel's message had its most direct fulfillment. The writings of Miller and his associates were carried to distant lands. Wherever missionaries had penetrated in all the world, were sent the glad tidings of Christ's speedy return. Far and wide spread the message of the everlasting gospel, “Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come.” {GC88 368.1}

“What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America. Again and again the thought, almost the exact words, of the sacred writer have been unconsciously employed by the orator and the historian in describing the rise and growth of this nation. The beast was seen “coming up out of the earth;” and, according to the translators, the word here rendered “coming up” literally signifies to “grow or spring up as a plant.” And, as we have seen, the nation must arise in territory previously unoccupied. A prominent writer, describing the rise of the United States, speaks of “the mystery of her coming forth from vacancy,” and says, “Like a silent seed we grew into empire.” GC441

THE LOCUS OF THE REVELATION 9:14 FULFILLMENT

Let us talk about the Four Angels of Revelation 9:14 and Revelation 7:1, as they are the SAME Four Angels shown in their respective purpose for the sealing of the Firstfruits with a three-fold seal, for they are crucial to our understanding to what constitutes the LAST MESSAGE for the church today.

First, we must ask the question of WHERE is the geographic location of the symbolic “River Euphrates” in prophecy (Rev. 9:14)? The significance of the geographical history of the entire Advent Movement since the early 1840s is most important here, to know where this “modern Babylon” of prophecy is located in the latter days to clear the truth of The Branch headquarters historically and prophetically.

FROM VICTOR HOUTEFF, TRACT 5, PAGES 80&87

“The voice which came from the golden altar said “to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.” In order to identify “the four angels,” we must first understand the literal meaning of the river Euphrates.

"The capital city of ancient Babylon was built on either side of the Euphrates, thus dividing the city in two parts. The river was also the source of water supplying a fortifying mote about the city. So because the ancient Babylonians were the first to build on the banks of the Euphrates, and because the original application must attach to the original settlers there, the "great river Euphrates" emerges as a type of "the waters...where the whore sitteth" (Rev. 17:15) -- modern Babylon. And this important truth is amplified by the fact that the ancient city, Babylon, does not now exist, whereas prophecy calls for a Babylon today.

"Now in order for there to be a modern Babylon, there must necessarily be a repetition today of the conditions and events essentially characterizing ancient Babylon in its connection with God's people. Consequently, their captivity in Babylon, the type (Jer. 29:10), must find its parallel in Babylon, the antitype. Very obviously, therefore, the angel's being "bound in the great river Euphrates" must be figurative of the Christian church during the period of her captivity in antitypical Babylon -- "that great city" rising after John's time.

"Furthermore, the statement made by the voice from the golden altar, "loose the four angels which are bound," conclusively shows that when the "voice" spoke, the church (the angels) was already in captivity and was to be loosed.

"The execution of the command, "Loose the four angels," meaning to set the church free from her captivity in Babylon, resulted in her being liberated from her long bondage to the tyranny of church-state rule, and in the Bible's being restored to God's people, so that they might study and worship in fear and in favor of no man, and in accountability only to their conscience and to their God. In the consequent dissolution of the church-state union, the "four angels" were loosed.

Rev. 9:15, first clause. "And the four angels were loosed."

"The marginal rendering gives the preposition "at" for the preposition "for," making the verse read:

"At an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year." Still more exactly rendered, it would read: "At an hour, at a day, at a month, and at a year." Thus are designated four points in time "at" which the four angels were to prepare "for to slay the third part of men." And as the "third part" in the trumpets represents, as we have seen, those who reject God's appeals to them to repent and be saved, then, accordingly, the angels' preparing themselves on four successive occasions for the eventual execution of death upon "the third part of men," shows that the men are to reject a four-phase (four-doctrine) message, each phase being revealed successively."
END QUOTE.

How was it that these four angels bound in the symbolic River Euphrates were to liberate the church (God's people) in our recent history "***from her long bondage to the tyranny of church-state rule, and in the Bible's being restored to God's people***" as Br. Houteff stated above?

Answer: It was through the beginning of the preaching of the First Angel's message in 1840 in a place where religious liberty was firmly established as an inalienable right from the Creator, little more than 50 years prior. This special geographical location of the Second Advent Movement set the prophetic stage for the RELEASE of these FOUR ANGELS MESSAGES, in the early 1840s. And then, through each of these four angels messages coming on the scene in succession, to bring spiritual liberation to the church through FOUR major steps of truth from 1844 to the present day. The First Angel's of message of 1841 began the deliverance of these FOUR ANGELS bound up in the symbolic River Euphrates, and the LOCATION of this release of the four angels was important to the prophecy. Therefore, **WHEREEVER** the FIRST Angel ARISES --- SO TOO must the other THREE ANGELS ARISE that are bound, because they ALL come from the same PLACE in the symbolism of Revelation 9.

In the paragraphs above, Bro. Houteff states that **"In the consequent dissolution of the church-state union, the "four angels" were loosed."** This statement clearly points to the United States of America as both a political power to facilitate the prophetic release of the four angels and also as the antitypical Babylon, the 'spiritual Babylon' of the Book of Revelation, if you will, just as the Second Angel's message under William Miller identified as the United States, where the mainstream Christian churches experienced a "moral fall" in rejecting William Miller's First Angel message thus bringing in the Second Angel's message in the summer of 1844. The prophecy is quite clear on this – where the first message originates, ALL the messages originate and are completed, published, broadcast . There is no indication in the prophecy that there is a major geographical shift in the providential rise and progress (to completion) of these FOUR key angels messages that represent the WHOLE of the Advent Movement and its four major messages.

America (USA) is the geographical place were the first Three Angels of Revelation 14 originated. These two major movements, or two major groupings of angels' messages, represent the truths given through William Miller and Ellen White consecutively, so consequently, Revelation 9:14, 15 shows two more major developments of truth after 1844, namely, the Rod and the Branch messages based on prophetic time.

The first TWO angels bound in the River Euphrates are the two major movements of the Three Angels' messages of 1840 to 1844, under the prophetic ministries of William Miller and Ellen White. The United States of America is the only nation on earth with a Constitution and a Bill of

Rights that specifically protects religious liberty, forbidding any legal or civil union between church and state, unlike Europe or the United Kingdom. Other nations today may now have constitutional provisions to this end, but the USA was the first nation on earth to legislate religious freedom as Divinely ordained (in 1789/1791), in the First Amendment, forbidding the state from enjoining or endorsing any particular religious body, forbidding all forms of religious persecution or religious domination by the state! We also know that the United States was in prophecy in the Book of Revelation, being symbolized in Revelation 13, the land of the “two horned beast” the image beast, as the book The Great Controversy describes.

This being so, as Brother Houteff notes that his message, the repeat of the First Angel’s message (WHR 37), is the second to last angel of those four angels “bound up in the River Euphrates”.

This being so ---

THEN WHO IS REPRESENTED BY THE LAST ANGEL, OR THE FOURTH ANGEL, IN THIS PARTICULAR SYMBOLIC PROPHECY (REV. 9:14), THE LAST ANGEL THAT IS BOUND UP IN THE RIVER EUPHRATES?

WHAT IS THIS LAST MESSAGE THAT IS BOUND UP IN THE SYMBOLIC RIVER EUPHRATES?

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF FOUR MESSAGES REPRESENTED IN REVELATION 9:14, AND IT IS CLEAR THAT VICTOR HOUTEFF’S MESSAGE IS THE THIRD MESSAGE IN THIS PARTICULAR PROPHECY.

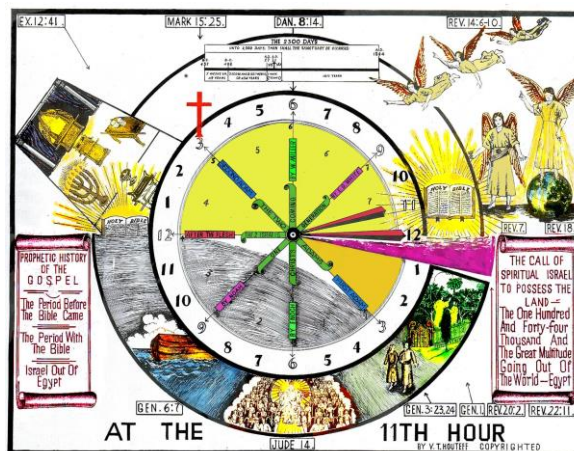
THEREFORE, BRANCH BELIEVERS UNDERSTAND THAT BEN RODEN’S MESSAGE (Fifth Angel of Rev. 14), AND LOIS RODEN’S MESSAGE (Sixth Angel of Rev. 14), AND THE FINAL MESSAGE (Seventh Angel of Rev 18:1), ALL CONSTITUTE THE FOURTH ANGEL OF REVELATION 9:14, THE COMPLETE BRANCH MESSAGE, FROM ONE NATION WITH A UNIQUE AND UNPARALLELED HISTORY OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. THERE WAS NEVER A CHANGE OF LOCATION OR CHANGE IN MESSAGE HEADQUARTERS TO ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD OR ANOTHER NATION INDICATED IN THE PROPHECY.

THE BRANCH MESSAGE IN ITS THREE PHASES (INVESTIGATIVE, JUDICIAL, EXECUTIVE), WITH A MESSENGER FOR EACH PHASE, CONSTITUTES THE FINAL SEALING MESSAGE OF THE 144,000, THE NEW NAME SEAL (REV. 3:12) BEGINNING WITH THE VANGUARD, THE WAVESHEAF COMPANY. AS WILL BE SEEN IN A STATEMENT BELOW, THE BRANCH MESSAGE COMES IN A “FOURFOLD” APPLICATION OF THE 430 YEAR PROPHECY. THE BRANCH IS A FOUR-FOLD MESSAGE.

For those Davidians who believe that the Rod message is the last message (angel) of those four angels of Revelation 9:14,15, we ask you to prove your assertion, to show from William Miller's message itself (the First Angel message of Rev. 14) that it had a second phase after William Miller's death, and thereby, if true, show that the repeat of the First Angel, in its second phase, had a second part to it after 1955, and after the dissolution of the original Mt. Carmel DSDA Association in 1962 --- rather than a whole new angel coming on the scene in 1955, ... which is the case.

In 1844, in the Advent Movement type under William Miller, there was a First Angel's message, then IMMEDIATELY, there was a Second Angel's message, a clear and direct fact in prophecy in the Second Advent history. The First Angel's message had NO continuation or second phase of itself. No, not at all. **Notice, the Second Angel's message, though connected to the First Angel's message in succession, was NOT a continuation of the First Angel's message, but rather it was a distinct message, a whole NEW angel.** This we may be clear on, that there was NOT to be an INTERRUPTED continuation of The Rod message after Victor Houteff's death. It was not the case in 1844 and certainly not in 1955 and after. There is NO TYPE for a continuation of the First Angel in either of its phases, 1844, or 1955.

Victor Houteff makes this very clear on several (3) of his prophecy charts, the distinction between the Revelation 7 Angel and the Revelation 18:1 Angel is quite obvious. The best example is shown here, "FIVE DISTINCT ANGELS...":



Since there are a few Davidian leaders, and one self purported Branch leader in particular, who claim the Revelation 18 Angel, or the last phase of it, arises outside of the USA, the author here asks any who would attempt to prove such an assertion (a second phase of the Rod message itself or a final phase of The Branch message outside the USA), then please present your cause

how your message originated from outside of the USA, outside of America, the historical spiritual home of the Advent Movement, symbolized as the “River Euphrates” in prophecy. Notice carefully in the depiction by Victor Houteff, that the four angels bound up in the River Euphrates ALL stand on the SAME GROUND, THE SAME LAND, in the symbolic representation WHERE they are bound up.

Understand also that the “spiritual Babylon” of prophecy is also a major economic-trade giant in world-wide commerce. New York City is considered the economic and commercial trade capitol of the world, the great trade center of the western world, thus fitly representing a latter day “Babylon” in prophecy. Nevertheless, the term “Babylon” in Revelation 9, Revelation 14, and other prophecies in the Book of Revelation, is a spiritual city, a spiritual domain of fallen Christian churches as the Second Angel’s messages proclaims and where it first applied in 1844. But let me be clear in this assertion, that there are no prophecies symbolized in the Book of Revelation showing new messages that were to arise outside of the USA. To take one statement from the Rod message that is not in harmony with the overall history of the messages and the Second Great Advent Movement, and not in harmony with Bro. Houteff’s clear understanding of the “River Euphrates” in prophecy is a losing argument for sure.

Ben Roden’s view on this latter day spiritual Babylon is in harmony with Victor Houteff’s statements above on Revelation 9. From his study below, “Blow the Trumpet In Zion”, Ben Roden stated:

(Quote in italics - Emphasis added)

“The four angels bound in the river Euphrates (Rev. 9-13-15). In the time of the 6th seal and before the 7th seal opens are the four prophetic movements with the five angels, (prophetic) messages mentioned above which are bound, or that have found their origin in the United States, antitypical Babylon (Euphrates). Please tell me then how can one be bound outside of the U.S. or more than four in the U.S. when the Bible says there are but four bound inside and makes no mention of any being bound outside of the U.S.?”

“All classes of second advent believers agree, that the angel brought to view in the 6th and 7th verses of this chapter (Rev. 14), represent the advent message to the church and world. If this is true, then all five of the angels brought to view in this chapter represented five distinct messages, prior to the advent, or we are left without a rule to interpret this chapter.” A Word to the Little Flock pp10, 11.

You say, how can one make five angels four? Let us think, the four angels bound in the Euphrates represent the four prophetic movements beginning with the Millerite movement, and

reaching down to the opening of the Seventh Seal which should open at or shortly after the 120 years (Matt. 2-1:37; John 4:35), beginning in 1844, and the Five Angels' messages of Rev. 14 represent the five messages of the four prophetic movements. As all Seventh-day Adventists know, two of these angels' messages came before Oct. 22, 1844 in the Millerite movement, and as all the honest SDAs will know, three of these angels' messages have come since 1844. The third angel's message began to unfold with Ellen Harmon White and was followed by the Shepherd's Rod and the Branch messages making a total of five angels' messages but only four movements. Problems that are complicated for the human mind, you see, are made simple by inspiration.

Therefore, beginning with the prophet, William Miller, and reaching down to the opening of the seventh seal there are four prophetic movements and only four prophetic messengers. When the seventh seal opens and the loud cry begins for the world there will be 144,000 prophets (Joel 1:28). Hence no room is left for the many SDA and DSDA reformers being prophets or having a prophetic message all of their own until the seventh seal opens and thereby making it impossible for them to go to the "two olive trees" Rev. 11:4; Zech. 4:11; "the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament" GC 267, to get the oil of present truth to lighten the candle stick, the Church. Being ministers, not prophets, they must necessarily get their oil of truth from the golden bowl (Spirit of Prophecy in order to lighten the church (candlestick Rev. 2:1-5). As long as the reform ministers bring admonitions for the church from the Bible as it is revealed by the Spirit of Prophecy, they have God's sealing approval. However, those reformers who go to the two Olive Trees, without the Spirit of Inspiration, but rather through the halls of higher learning or some other means other than Inspiration, and attempt to bring out things new and old which is the spurious and not the true oil, and dispense it to the candlestick are claiming, by their actions, to be prophets, but are termed by the Bible as false prophets.

There is a dangerous trend among the reformers, by claiming that all are prophets. This is the devil's deal, and if this urge to prophesy is not repressed by them, it will surely lead into fanaticism, and hence bring about the fulfillment of the latter day prophecy by Jer. 23:20. "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken them, yet they prophesied." Jer. 23:21.

Beginning with the Third Angel's Message after 1844, and before the seventh seal opens, there are three prophetic steps of the message of righteousness; which are:

(1) Righteousness by Grace in the Third Angel's message of the atonement for the dead by Mrs. E. G. White - SDA. By keeping the Sabbath since 1844, God's people received the assurance of His righteousness through His grace.

(2) Righteousness by Faith came in 1888, but it was rejected by the General Conference and the people, and produced no movement. See COR 87:2, 70:2. Sr. White wrote "thus the Lord, did for the children of Israel, thus He has done with his people in all ages. He will prove them where they have formerly failed." 5T623:1. The people rejected the message in 1888 and the ministers, Waggoner and Jones did not persevere and consequently no prophetic movement resulted from the message therefore, the message of 1888 completely failed. We may be sure, though, that the Lord's truth is not to fail but on the other hand is to triumph, and since this is true then the message of righteousness by faith would necessarily have to be sent back to the church again. This is just what happened in 1929, the Lord sent the message of righteousness by faith through the Sabbath School Quarterly which developed into the Shepherd's Rod message, and which has tried the faith of every Seventh-Day Adventist since it came into existence.

Yes, it is true that the denomination claims the Shepherd's Rod is false. "The Jews refused to receive Christ, because He did not come in accordance with their expectations. The ideas of finite men were held as infallible, because hoary with age." TM64:2. We are not to go by what the church says, for the church has rejected the messages He sends through His delegated messenger in all ages. If God's people would ever learn to stay with the Spirit of Prophecy rather than listen to fallible men they would be safe. Actually, the message of 1888 was in a sense sent to announce the Shepherd's Rod, and although the Shepherd's Rod did not bring that great reformation in the church anticipated by its believers, yet it taught a great prophetic truth.

(3) The movement that follows the Davidian movement, the Branch, is the message of the Lord our Righteousness of Zech. 6:12,13; Jer. 23:5, 6, which is the investigative judgment of the living for the church (I Pet. 4:17), and is the message and revival that brings the reformation (reorganization) in the church before the loud cry for the world. Do you not want to be one of, or one with, the 144,000 first fruits? We need the Righteousness of the Branch in the Atonement. Hear Inspiration, "The work of Christ as man's intercessor is presented in that beautiful prophecy of Zechariah concerning Him whose name is the Branch." GC415. "Hear ye the Rod"; "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." 1TGr 8-24:3. The Lord is bringing the revival and reformation in His own name, and when this revival and reformation is completed which is the marriage of the Lamb (Matt. 25:10), the Lamb's wife (Rev. 14:1) will have His name (Jer. 33:15, 16).

Therefore there are three steps of righteousness, SDA (Grace), DSDA (Faith), BDSDA (Righteousness of Christ).

O! for the height and depths of the wisdom of God and His ways past finding out until at the right time when He reveals His secrets to His servants the prophets. You can see, the Lord through Inspiration makes His truth so plain and simple that none can gainsay. **However, men turn to their own righteousness in order that they may have a following who will bow to them instead of the Lord.** These false teachers may as well know now that God will surprise them at their unholy feast.

So you see, friends, there is no possible way to brush the Lord's message aside, for "he will try them, and if they fail under the trial the second time, He will bring them around to the same test again." 5T 623:1. Since the Lord's people failed the second time to receive the message of righteousness by faith through the Shepherd's Rod He is now bringing them around to the same test again through the Branch, and this time it will triumph to the glory of the Lord. Do you not want to triumph in His glory?

Any movement that meets this Divine blue print in these last days, you may be sure, is ordained of Heaven, and you can be safe in putting your all into it, even to all you have, all you are, and all you hope to be. This is Heaven's chart and compass and you certainly will not go wrong following it. Compare any movement by the above blue print and if the organization does not meet the specifications and requirements laid down here you will know to leave it alone, for it is the spurious, not the true, and will surely bring you to a bad end. The only profitable thing to do is to put your time, energy and means into the genuine which will bring you joy, happiness and everlasting peace. Do not get contaminated by the false which will only bring everlasting destruction. There is no time to lose, why dabble with that which is not bread, why not be overcomers and partake of the true Bread which cometh down from Heaven, the hidden Manna? (Rev. 2:17). End quote.

FOUR - 430 YEAR FULFILLMENTS - 1955 TO 1990 – COMPLETION OF THE BRANCH MESSAGE

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“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.**” End quote.

How is this so?

There are FOUR applications of the 430 year prophecy in THE BRANCH Movement.

1st Application – 1955: The pre-Judgment for the Living, fulfillment of first fig tree judgment (Matthew 21:19) for DSDA organization (1959), based on the Protestant Reformation under Martin Luther.

2nd Application – 1960: The beginning of the Judgment for the Living and opening of the Seventh Seal and beginning of the thirty year overlap of the 6th and 7th seals. Investigative phase of Judgment for the Living begins. Again, based on the Protestant Reformation under Martin Luther – 430 years from 1530.

3rd Application – 1977: Beginning of the revelation of the Divine Family in The Branch message – 1977 to 1986. Beginning of the Judicial phase of Judgment for the Living based on phase of the Protestant Reformation under John Knox.

4th Application – 1990: The change in ministration from Heaven to earth (Rev. 8:5). Holy Spirit Daughter finishes the Atonement. Beginning a three year inspection of the fig tree – The Branch, from 1990 Passover to 1993 Passover. The Seventh Seal fully open – thirty year overlap from 1960 complete. The 1990 date was the final date set by the Branch messenger, Lois Roden (6th Angel of Rev. 14), as the repeat of the Third Angel, as proclaimed on the Heralds of the Morning time chart by Lois Roden. Executive phase of the Judgment for the Living begins. Second fig tree judgment (Luke 13:7) Acceptance of the Reformation by John Knox in antitype, Holy Spirit accepted as King over the church in final ministration for the church in the Great Day of Atonement (final work – Sanctification).

A FOUR-FOLD MESSAGE!

The Revelation 18:1 message in 1990, The Branch message in its continuation and completion, repeat of the 2nd Angel of Rev. 14 for the second time, begins in Southern California, on time and right place.

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THREE PERIODS

in

_____ 4 phases & 3 phases _____

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

"A message that does not have TIME as a part of the message", (based on the 430 year prophecy), "before the command is given to the Sixth Angel to loose the four Angels (Eze. 9) is not of God". Paren. added.

1) 1955

2) 1960

3) 1977

4) 1990

If the final message of 1990 was not known, announced and written in 1990.... THEN it could not be timely, thus not of Divine origin. Only one message today makes such a claim and can prove it, in publication, in writing, in an open and transparent manner, witnessed many times over in 1990 to Branch believers in that year.

SUMMARY (All parenthesis belong to quote, brackets added)

I. The Five Angel's Messages: [Word to the Little Flock, pages 10-11, James White]

a. Rev. 14:6-8 prior to Oct. 22, 1844 - Millerite, originating in eastern New York.

b. Rev. 14:9 after 1844 - The Testimonies, Portland, Maine.

c. Rev. 14:15 after 1844 - The Shepherd's Rod, Los Angeles California.

d. Rev. 14:16, 17 after 1844 -The Branch "He" The Lord Our Righteousness for the 144,000, Odessa, Texas.

[Editor note: The Branch message came in three parts, three major sections, 1955, 1977, and finally 1990, so that the total messages since 1844 are seven angels in all. The Millerite message itself came in two sections, comprising the 1st Angel, then the 2nd Angel. But the

Millerite message was NOT a sealing message; it was a pre-requisite to the Third Angel. The Third Angel's message was the FIRST sealing message in the Second Advent Movement. There were TWO more sealing messages to come after 1844. Three sealing messages in all for the 144,000, before the Kingdom. See EW15 and Rev. 3:12]

1. Rev. 14:18 is the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.
2. Rev. 14:18, 19 is the Loud Cry - the Branch "SHE", the Lord Our Righteousness for the great multitude.

II. Four Angels Bound in Euphrates (Babylon) GC 389-90; at an hour, day, month, and year.

First-day Adventists - the Hour of His judgment. Rev.14:6, 7.

Seventh-day Adventists; Day - great judgment day beginning Oct. 22, 1844.

Davidian Seventh-day Adventists; Month - the latter rain of truth in first month. Joel 2:23.

Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventists; Year - year of the redeemed. These four are summed up in the Branch. See 5Tr 87.

The four angels find their origin in Euphrates (United States).

III. Three steps of Righteousness during the time of the Atonement.

- a. *Righteousness by Grace - judgment of the dead (GC 483, 490) SDA.*
- b. *Righteousness by Faith - pre-judgment of living (2TG 39) Davidian SDA.*
- c. *Righteousness of Christ - judgment of the living Branch DSDA (1TG39:5; 6T 19).*

End Quote – Ben Roden

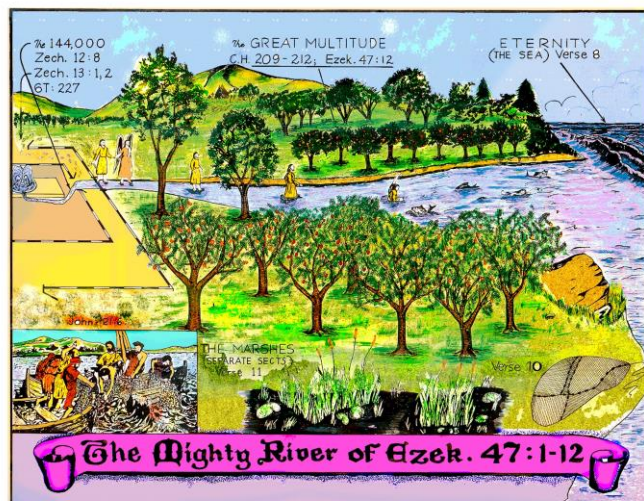
Therefore, when we add the major movement of William Miller, comprising the First and Second Angel's messages, to the Third Angel's message of 1844, then add the repeat of the First Angel (The Rod message) in 1930, then add the repeat of the Second Angel's message (The Branch) of 1955, we now have a count of FOUR ANGELS' messages under their respective titles or angels, perfectly fulfilling the Revelation 9:14, 15 prophecy. Remember, the Branch came in four sections also (based on the 430 prophecy) and three phases, three distinct messages.

The prophecies in their symbols clearly show that there are FOUR major developments of truth since 1844, and it is clear that The Rod message was the third development of truth in this particular prophecy. Other lines of prophecy show the development of truth as THREE overall sealing messages since 1844 (Rev. 3:12), THREE sealing messages, and still other lines of prophecy show FIVE DISTINCT messages (Rev. 14/WLF 10-11). Therefore, to assert that the Rod message was the LAST MESSAGE cannot stand a close investigation of the types, symbols and direct prophecies of ALL of the Angels' Messages of Revelation 14 in particular. Three major developments of truth as depicted in the Isaiah 11:1 prophecy -- fulfilled.



The Revelation 18 Angel is described – “and the EARTH was lightened with His glory” – first and foremost. The “earth” in prophecy according to Revelation 13:11 is the USA, in the book The Great Controversy. Notice the FIVE Angels in the chart segment above, the Matthew 20 “calls” chart by VTH. These are the FIVE ANGELS that comprise the same FOUR Angels bound in the River Euphrates of Revelation 9:14. The FOUR angels of Revelation 9:14 are not divided in their grouping of angels or expansion of messages since two of the angels of Rev. 9:14 have **more than one MESSAGE**. The Millerite Movement is a prime example.

REVELATION 18:1 - TO GO EAST WE MUST FIRST GO WEST



EZEKIEL'S RIVER FLOWS EASTWARD!

"Then said he unto me, These waters issue out towards the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea." (Ezek. 47:8.) It is remarkable to note how perfect these symbols are in each instance. This direction of the compass denotes that the message of the "loud cry" is to start eastward when it is first revealed. The church membership being largely east of California and across the Atlantic, naturally the message must start toward the east. This symbolical prophecy reveals that the message of the "loud cry" is to originate in California. Thus fulfilling the prophetic words of the "Spirit of Prophecy" in a letter to Elder E. E. Andross: "I feel confident Elder Andross, that the brethren in Southern California will find a blessing in reviewing the teachings of the Scripture concerning the 144,000 and bringing to bear upon these teachings whatever light there may be in the published writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, and as prayerful consideration is given the matter in all its bearings, I believe that God will make the truth sufficiently clear to make possible the avoidance of needless and unprofitable questions not vital to the salvation of precious souls."

East being the Biblical direction of idolatry, it also signifies that the message is headed toward the conversion of sinners and destruction of idolatry. "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 spirits to pass out of the land." (Zech. 13:2.) Shepherd's Rod book, Vol. 2 : 296. End Quote.

The Loud Cry is the Third Angel's Message and Brother Houteff was the repeat of the First Angel only. WHR 37.

THE PARADOX OF REVELATION 18:1 – WE MUST LEARN TO COUNT TO SEVEN – TWO HANDS REQUIRED

The Branch message according to Ben Roden was the beginning of the Revelation 18:1 the fact that Revelation 18:1 is the repeat of the Second Angel message, actually for the second Angel. This is in part due to time (1844, 1955 and 1990, all key dates in the 430 year prophecy of Ezekiel 4). Ben Roden's message was the first repeat of the Second Angel (Rev. 14:8 repeated), as Victor Houteff's message was the repeat of the First Angel (Rev. 14:7 repeated). So there is a direct connection between Ben Roden's message and the final message to the church, Revelation 18:1. However, Ben Roden's message was NOT the fullness or completion of The Branch message. The repeat of the Third Angel had to come (Lois Roden) first, ...THEN "the Angel who JOINS the Third Angel" (TM300) had to come (the 1990 message), thus completing SEVEN ANGELS' messages and the completion of The Branch message, the complete spiritual harvest message. This was the whole basis of the Great Advent Movement of 1844, to prepare the spiritual harvest of Firstfruits, the 144,000. All THREE phases (Investigative, Judicial and Executive) of The Branch message are the Revelation 18:1 Angel in a general and direct application.

The paradox of The Rod and The Branch messages:

1. Many Davidians mistakenly think that Victor Houteff's message was the Revelation 18:1 "Loud Cry" message, which is easy to disprove from various statements in The Rod message itself (such as 1SR32:2), or that the Rod message would have a second phase to it sometime after Victor Houteff died in 1955.

2. Victor Houteff HAD a prophetic connection to Revelation 18:1 (as John the Baptist had a connection with Christ) since his (VTH) message ANNOUNCED the Revelation 18 Angel. But the "announcement" is NOT the message itself. **The "announcement" of an EVENT is not the event itself!** The Rod message was NOT the Revelation 18 Angel. The Rod is the Revelation 7 message according to Victor Houteff, the sealing message of the 144,000. There is NO second phase of The Rod message that equates to Revelation 18.

3. The Branch message claimed (rightly so) that it was the Revelation 18 message, the beginning of it.

4. Victor Houteff's message was NOT the Revelation 18 Angel, the "Loud Cry" Angel. However, The Rod message began in Southern California, as Victor Houteff states in the Ezekiel River prophecy (2SR290), and Bro. Houteff did make a single comment that the fountainhead of the Ezekiel River began in his time (2SR291). This we understand as the prophetic connection of the Rod message to the Branch message as a whole in the Ezekiel 47 prophecy. The two messages are inseparable in prophecy and in type (John and Christ). Furthermore, just because the Rod message began in Southern California is NOT any proof that it was the Revelation 18 Loud Cry Angel. To make a claim to the Revelation 18:1 Angel's message, there must be an accounting of all the angels of Revelation 14, in their initial and final phases - 1844, 1930, 1955, 1977 and 1990.

All Davidians know or should agree, that the "angel" message that Bro. Houteff claimed to represent, was Revelation 7 Angel. Victor Houteff stated *"We go back to the angel of Revelation 7, the one in which we are most interested AT THE PRESENT TIME." "There is no reason for not knowing the definite time when this angel of Revelation 7 arrives. If we did not know the time, WE WOULD HAVE NO MESSAGE..." 1SR22.* This concept is repeated clearly in 1SR32:2.

The Davidians of the Salem Association have long believed that the move of the Rod headquarters to Waco, Texas was the first step of the eastward flow of the Ezekiel 47 River, but Victor Houteff never made that application, particularly concerning the Davidian rest home established in Salem, as a prophetic third step of The Rod message. That Davidian rest home in Salem, SC, was circumstantial, not prophetic. That application came from Don Adair, long after Victor Houteff was gone, as a means to continue The Rod message in a supposed second phase, without Inspired leadership somehow. Amos 3:7 states that the Lord will do nothing without revealing it through Inspiration. Had such an application been true then the message would have gathered the 144,000 by the time it moved to Salem, SC, the purported 3rd phase of the message. The Salem headquarters of the Davidians was of man's devising, not Inspiration.

The development of The Rod message from Southern California was more circumstantial than prophetic, yet, it fulfilled the prophetic arrival of the Revelation 7 Angel in the west that arose from the EAST with the rise of the Third Angel's message of 1844, just as Victor Houteff explained in the first chapter of 1SR. This application of Ezekiel 47, in finality, covers a rather long period of time in our generation, from 1930 to the present day, and no application works out as perfectly as we might think it should be fulfilled. One would think that with Ellen White's dream of the gathering of the 144,000, as she writes about in Early Writings 15, would have gathered the 144,000 during her lifetime, but no. Another message was to come to reveal more about the sealing truths required to gather the 144,000, in 1930 and in 1955.

5. The First Angel message of Revelation 14:6,7 is NOT the Loud Cry Angel, **in either of its phases**, William Miller or Victor Houteff. The Second Angel of Revelation 14 is the "Loud Cry" Angel, in its final phase, Revelation 18:1, no longer bound to the Revelation 14:8 Angel. In the second half of Revelation 14 we see the words used "loud cry", that is NOT evident in the first Three Angels earlier in the same chapter.

6. Curiously, The Branch message under Ben Roden did NOT begin in Southern California! The Branch message of 1955 began in Odessa, Texas. If The Branch message was in some way to fulfill the Ezekiel River prophecy, then some future phase of it would begin in Southern California, along with its counterfeit in The Branch.

7. The Branch message that came in 1990, the uplifting of the Holy Ghost – Divine Daughter as the ONLY Intercessor, the ONE to FINISH the Atonement, began in Southern California based on direct revelation, a dream, given in the early spring of 1990 and an expectation of the arrival of the Judicial Throne of Christ, not as High Priest, but as King and Judge.

8. The message of the "Loud Cry", Ezekiel 47, must FLOW EASTWARD, hence, cannot begin on the eastern portion of the United States (or Canada). Victor Houteff makes this fact very clear.

The truth of Who completes the Atonement (Sanctification) for the church from that time forward BEGAN in Southern California. In fact, the address of that message in 1990, "A Report and Revelation from Jerusalem" (Israel) was written from the street address of "1801", Orange, CA - USA"

Was this the message that Victor Houteff was announcing in 2SR 297, the "Loud Cry" message? **"This symbolical prophecy reveals that the message of the "loud cry" is to originate in California."** 2SR297

Davidians take the statement above as a statement of fact then, when it was really a prophecy for the Rev. 18:1 Angel. This is the problem with private interpretation after a messenger passes off the scene as is the case with the Rod messenger.

The 1990 message from Southern California fits perfectly not only as to the PLACE it was to originate, but also as to the TIME (final 430 year prophecy under John Knox - 1560). Victor Houteff's message did NOT fulfill this prophecy of Ezekiel's River, but rather ANNOUNCED IT, the same as He ANNOUNCED the Revelation 18:1 Angel. The TYPE for this event is John the Baptist and Christ. There is no excuse not to see this truth, the clear succession of the two messages, Rod and Branch. The paradox is solved.

So where do these facts and geographical realities leave Trent Wilde and his claim of a Branch HQ up in northern Canada, with his planned temple/tabernacle complex on nearly 300 acres to be built in the Northern Ontario Province in Canada? Where is that in prophecy? Trent's geographical claim is directly opposite of the location of the Loud Cry message, announced by V. T. Houteff, catty-corner of the North American continent, from Southern California. With his claim of supreme position in the Kingdom as "Moses, son of David", the "Joshua of today" (Zech. 3), and the antitypical David, the author here wonders where is room for the Holy Spirit in these claims to the highest office, the highest official in the church. What happened to the great counsel of 1901 by Ellen White to LET the Holy Spirit be King? All those leaders today who make such claims are pushing aside Divine leadership over the church as it was in the first Brass Mountain – the Apostolic church 2000 years ago, per the TYPE. There was NO king (chosen by the people) over the first Brass Mountain church, ...only the Holy Spirit.

The great sin of today, as it was in the time of Saul, and Moses, is that the people choose to have a king over them or a chosen representative, from among the people, **rather than Deity to personally lead them.** Apparently, those who seek this antitypical David from among the people in the Davidian and Branch factions don't really believe in true and ultimate restoration of all things, **the Lord ruling over His people directly, a PURE Theocracy, through His appointed Agency, the Holy Spirit, in Person, and visible.**

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

HAS THE LOUD CRY BEGUN?

Question No. 10:

Sister White wrote in 1892 that the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message had already begun; please explain why others claim that it is yet future. And what makes it "loud"?

Answer:

There must be a marked difference between the voice of the message before the Loud Cry, and the voice of the message in the Loud Cry; otherwise it would not be called "loud."

The message swells to a Loud Cry by virtue of an "addition" which gives it "power and force."-- Early Writings, p. 277. The only conclusion admissible, therefore, is that since the church has

never accepted an additional message, and since there has never come one (other than that in The Shepherd's Rod publications) that would give "power and force" to the old message, the Loud Cry could not have begun at any time previous to this.

Moreover, the "abominations" in the church have not only kept back the Loud Cry but have also even silenced the fainter cry which precedes it. Indeed, "the angel of the church of the Laodiceans," being unfit even to finish the proclamation of the message in its fainter cry, must be altogether unfit to proclaim it in the Loud Cry. Obviously, if he does not now quickly repent and accept the additional message which is to begin the Loud Cry, then not only will he not help proclaim it but he will even be "spued out."

"...only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One," warns the Spirit of Prophecy, "will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it [the Third Angel's Message] when it shall have swelled into the loud cry."--The Review and Herald, No. 19, 1908.

So while the fainter cry is proclaimed by those who have, as well as by those who have not, overcome temptation, the Loud Cry is to be proclaimed only by those who have.

Though the Loud Cry was to have begun by 1892, it was muffled when the church rejected the message of Righteousness by Faith in 1888. Thus, the scroll which contained the "additional" message that was to give "power and force" to the Third Angel's Message, for the time then being ceased unrolling. Answerer Book 1:82-83 End quote.

This same condition in the church or rejecting new light has also muffled even the "fainter cry" of the Loud Cry today. The following historical statement shows that the Loud Cry message begins in the church as the "fainter cry"

"Likewise, the 1844 movement, right after the Minneapolis Camp Meeting in 1888, would have begun the work of the Loud Cry angel, but as the result of the unbelief of many in the Testimonies of the Spirit of God, the "cry" was silenced for forty years while the movement retreated "toward Egypt."" ("Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5. p. 217.) Vol. 5 Symbolic Code Nos. 1-5. page 9.

And finally --

A SECOND SIFTING

Question No. 137:

"If the message of Ezekiel Nine is the

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means of the 'sifting,' why does Sr. White sometimes place the sifting in the time of the Mark of the Beast?"

Answer:

Evidently the questioner has not carefully studied this subject. "The Shepherd's Rod" explains that there are two siftings -- one for the "first fruits" -- the 144,000 -- and the other for the second fruits -- the great multitude. The former sifting is in the S.D.A. denomination, and is accomplished by casting out the bad from among the good (Matt. 13:48); the latter sifting takes place in the world, and is accomplished by calling God's people out from among the bad. (Rev.18:4).

Those who entertain the idea that there is only one sifting, and only first fruits, will never be able to harmonize every statement of the Bible and of the Spirit of Prophecy, for while their idea may perfectly harmonize in one instance, it will not in another. But the position of those who know the truth, and who all speak the same thing, will be in harmony with every inspired statement on the subject.

*Consequently, the "sifting" which Sister White sometimes places in the time of the mark of the beast is the one which sifts the second fruits or the great multitude of Revelation 7:9, whereas, when the sifting is spoken of as being before the time of the mark of the beast, as in "Early Writings," p. 270, which is performed by the message of the True Witness to the church instead of by the enforcement of the mark of the beast, and which is evidenced in *Id.*, page 277 to have taken place at **the commencement of the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message, it is the sifting of the first fruits, the 144,000 -- "the closing work for the church."** -- "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 3, p. 266.*

Thus as there are two fruits, there are also two siftings. End quote.

Here we see, in these various statements, that the Loud Cry message begins first in the church, even before it "swells" to a Loud Cry for the second fruits in the world. The "mark of the beast" is the mark of man, the elevation of man to the role of Deity (titles of Deity) in the closing work for the church. This warning of the mark of man, including the introduction of the false Sabbath in the church today, has been given and is applicable for this time. A man as king, ... or the Holy Spirit as King. It is your choice. Which message will you choose?



“Is this cleansing, heaven-fitting pre-millennium Kingdom, set up in probationary time? -- To find our answer we shall turn to the prophecy of Micah-- Micah 3:12; 4:1, 2 -- "Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.... But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Here we are told that in the latter days, in our time, the ancient Kingdom that was destroyed will be reestablished and exalted above all other Kingdoms. Then people shall "flow into it" because "the law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." The gospel work, therefore, is to be finished while its headquarters stand in the Holy Land. Thus the Kingdom is set up in probationary time, in time of salvation and judicial purification, for after it is set up other people from many nations flow into it. This is what the Bible says, and certain it is" *Timely Greetings*, Vol. 2, No. 44, 49

The Great Second Advent Movement in symbol - Isaiah 11:1

The Root, The Rod, The Branch

**"These angels illustrate the THREE GREAT DIVISIONS of the genuine movement."
"I repeat it. The three messages symbolize the three parts of the genuine movement"**

James White, Life Incidents 306, 307



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