

BY HIS SPIRIT
“BEHOLD THY MOTHER”
“THE MOTHER OF US ALL”
Galatians 4:26

PART 3

The Antitypical David:

**The “Simple Means” Through Whom Elohim (God)
Takes The Reins into His Own Hands**

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THE COMMON ORDER OF THINGS

The identity of the “antitypical David” through whom God (Elohim) will lead His Church in the Last Days is a puzzle long pondered by those who believe in the Rod and the Branch Messages. Since 1844, God’s Church, the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church, has been led and guided through a human messenger chosen by the Spirit of God to fill the office of the Spirit of Prophecy (SOP). These prophets have been Sr. Ellen G. White (SDA), Bros. A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner (1888 Message under SDA) in supporting roles subordinate to Sr. White, Bro. V. T. Houteff (Davidian SDA or DSDA), Bro. Benjamin L. Roden (Branch Davidian SDA or BDSDA), and Sr. Lois I. Roden (Living Waters Branch under the covering of BDSDA). **The precedent set by a succession of human messengers in the office of the Spirit of Prophecy has become “the common order of things” in the SDA**

Movement to the extent that the FACT that the HOLY SPIRIT is THE Spirit of Prophecy, THE Living Testimony, has been almost entirely forgotten.

In 1901-2, Sr. White, backed by Jones and Waggoner and other of the pioneering fathers of SDA, presented a plan of reform to the General Conference (GC) of SDA that included, among other things, abolishing the position of GC President and instead placing a committee of Spirit-filled individuals over the Church as a governing body. She told them that God did not want ONE MAN in charge. He said, through His prophet, "Let the Holy Spirit be King!" (General Conference Bulletin 1901)

"From the light that I have, that is shown me in figure: There is a narrow circle here; inside of this narrow circle is even a king – a royal, reigning power. God means what He says: 'I desire a change here.' The Lord wants His Spirit to enter. HE WANTS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE KING."
E.G. White, GCB, April 1, 1901.

Although there was a superficial "acceptance" of the Spirit's admonitions and the position of GC President was temporarily suspended for the appointment of a GC Committee, Sister White later wrote that the Counsel of God's Spirit was disregarded, even outright ignored.

"What a wonderful work could have been done for the vast company gathered in Battle Creek at the general conference of 1901, if the leaders of our work had taken themselves in hand. But the work that all heaven was waiting to do as soon as men prepared the way was not done; for **the leaders closed and bolted the door against the Spirit's entrance**....The doors were barred against the Heavenly Current that would have swept away all evil...They built themselves up in wrong doing, and **said to the Spirit of God, 'Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.'**" Letter 123, August 23, 1902 (Battle Creek Letters, p 55-56).

"The results of the last general conference (1901) has been **the greatest, the most terrible sorrow of my life, no change was made**....Men did not receive the testimonies of the Spirit of God...

"It is a perilous thing to reject the light that God sends. To Chorazin and Bethsaida heaven's richest blessings had been freely offered. Day after day the Prince of Life had gone in and out among them....but they refused the heavenly gift, and of them the Saviour said; 'Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida, for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.'

"So today upon those who have had light and evidence, but who have refused to heed the Lord's warnings and entreaties, **heaven's woe is pronounced.**

"The Lord bore long with the perversity of Israel, but the time came when the people passed the boundaries..." 13MR 122-23 (Letter 17, January 14, 1903).

Any earnest student of the writings of Sr. White and the history of the SDA Movement knows that judgment swiftly followed the rejection of the Holy Spirit's Reign as King by the GC leadership. The Review and Herald Publishing House and the Battle Creek Sanitarium both burned down soon afterwards. The headquarters of the SDA Church was moved to the Washington DC area and many years later to Silver Springs, MD. Sr. White left an active role in the Church to devote her efforts to writing "The Conflict of the Ages" series.

Although SDA's like to brag that the SDA Church is unlike other churches in its structure, the fact remains that the GC President's position is still in place today. He is elected by delegates from the worldwide Church at the GC sessions, just as the pope is elected by the cardinals that make up the Holy See. The structure of the SDA Church government is a hierarchical one, very similar to Roman Catholicism.

A.T. Jones, one of the 1888 messengers who stood with the Holy Spirit and Sr. White in support of GC reform, wrote a series of studies on "the church" in which he made some very telling statements.

"In entering upon the study of The Church of the Living God, there is an essential that should first be considered: and not only first, but first and last and all the time. That essential is, The Place of the Holy Spirit. ... The Holy Spirit took His place [NOTE: in the Apostolic Church], which was the first place of all. Then they preached the Gospel and the work went on. **And that work went on with always the Holy Spirit in His own place, and that the first place of all and overall and through all and in all.** This is God's way with His Church and in His Church, and it must be our way. Let us trace for a little distance, this way of the Lord in and with His own Church: before man usurped the place of the Lord, and machinery the place of the Holy Spirit. ...

"From only this mere sketch of the book of Acts it is perfectly plain that the one thing that stands out plain and clear and prominent above all other things in the whole book and throughout the whole book, is that the Holy Spirit was then the grand sovereign, reigning, and guiding power in the Church and of the Church. And next to that one great thing there stands clear and plain and prominent throughout, the splendid corresponding truth that the Christians of the time constantly recognized and gladly yielded that sovereignty and reign and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Everywhere God's Spirit is recognized as first. In all things He is considered

first, and the first. If they had not done this, the record could not have been what it is; for then the experience would not have been what it was. **Let Christians again so recognize and yield the sovereignty and reign and guidance of the Holy Spirit over and in themselves and over all things in and to the Church, then again will experience of individuals of the Church prove to be what it was at the first; for Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

“Such only is the rightful place of the Holy Spirit in individuals and in the Church; and Christ needs only that Christians yield to Him that place and recognize Him in that place, to prove Himself to be all that He ever was in the place that is supremely His. Thus in all things of The Church and to The Church and in The Church, the place of the Holy Spirit is the first place. No step can be taken and nothing can be done in the right way until the Holy Spirit is given His place. And this must be so now with us in the study of this greatest of all things — The Church of the Living God. For it is the truth that, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which in The Church God hath prepared for them that love Him; but God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. ...

“And just as none but God, through Christ by His Spirit could possibly organize the Divine and Spiritual Body which is The Church. And just so much the more would anybody who would undertake to organize this Body have to be equal with God, and God of God. And that is just where the Scripture places the one who first “thought” of it and undertook to do it: “he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” That is not safe ground, for Christians. And still it is not any question of Organization. **The sole and only ground for question, is, Who is and who shall be, the Organizer? and who is, and whose shall be, the Organization? For the members of the body to under-take to organize the body, in order to have a fully organized body they must necessarily “organize” a head as well as any other part of the body.**

“Therefore in their ‘organizing’ the ‘Body of Christ, which is The Church’ they must ‘organize’ a head of and for that body. But Christ is the Head of that true body which is The Church: and will any of these ‘organizers’ say that they will ‘organize’ Christ as the Head of the body that they are organizing? Oh! no, of course not that. He is already organized, in God’s Organization. Christ is the Invisible Head. We ‘organize’ with ‘a visible head’ and ‘organize’ only ‘a visible head.’ And that is all that the church of Rome ever claimed. And all that the church of Rome is or ever was, is in that theory. Yes, ‘the trees of the forest are, each one a definite and wonderful organism.’ And by the Lord, His true children are called ‘trees’ — ‘trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.’ Isaiah 61:3. And while it is true, as before stated, that no such thing was ever known as the branches of any tree undertaking to organize the tree: yet, sad to say, it is also true that once upon a time the trees themselves did actually do the unreasonable thing of organizing themselves into proposed ‘harmony and system’ in which ‘to work together.’ ...

“Now what is the principle of The Church of the Living God? According to this principle and idea, What is The Church? It is this: ‘The Church is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.’ Ephesians 1: 22-23. It is ‘the House of God’ ‘built upon . . . Jesus Christ Himself . . . in Whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord . . . for an habitation of God through the Spirit.’ Ephesians 2: 19-22. And what is the principle in this and of this? It is more than a principle, it is a Person — the Personal God, all in all, in Christ,

building His own House, for His own habitation through His own Spirit. And the difference between these two ideas and these two realms as to The Church, is as wide as is the difference between man and God.

It is just the difference that there is between man and God: between sly and designing and ambitious and deceitful men, and the open and frank and honest and meek and lowly Jesus in Whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. ...

“And this challenge is carried over into the field of Christian thought and things; and is repeated to hold up all who would be ‘builders’ of The Church or in The Church which is ‘The House of God’ — ‘You builders:’ ‘The Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as saith the prophet: Heaven is My Throne, and earth My footstool, what house will ye build Me? saith the Lord?’ Acts 7: 48-49; 4:11. **Accordingly men, who undertake to build or to “organize” The Church or a church, in that very thing show their own utter ignorance of all that is The Church in truth. And they never do build Him an house. Always they build to themselves an house where in the place of God, themselves shall sit and reign and rule utterly unlike God.** No. The Church is the House of God. It is built only for the habitation of God, the place which He has made for Him who is equal with God, and therefore able and capable to compass and understand and truly express the thought of God in His ‘Eternal Purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ When this Eternal Purpose was purposed only in Christ Jesus, then it is utterly impossible for any other than Christ in person to be The Builder or the Organizer of The Church. And so only it is: ‘He shall build The Temple of the Lord; even He shall build The Temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory,’ Zechariah 6: 12-13. **And ‘He’ came and earned the position, and, by divine merit as well as by divine right, took the position of that Builder: ‘I will build My Church.’** But ‘the man of sin,’ ‘the son of perdition,’ ‘the mystery of iniquity,’ soon came in, and with its working supplanted Him as the builder, and became himself the builder of what is proposed as ‘the church,’ but which these builders built only for themselves and for their own glory, in which always there has sat this ‘man of sin’ above God, and ‘showing himself that he is God.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:4. **And the wicked course of that mystery of iniquity has been followed in the building of more others than there are days in the year: each one of them presented as the true Temple and the true House of God, but which in truth is only the habitation of men, who sit and rule there in place of God. *But the time has come, and now is, when the Mystery of God is once more to have its place above the mystery of iniquity: and this unto its glorious finishing.***

“And this mystery is God manifest, ‘God manifest in the flesh,’ ‘Christ in men the hope of glory.’ And in this, again it will be, as at the first, that God only, in Christ only, by the Holy Spirit only, will be the Builder of His own House unto its finishing in its own native glory and beauty.

Revelation 10:7; Ephesians 5:27. And so it is written: ‘Speaking the truth in love may grow up into Him in all things who is the Head even Christ, from whom’ and ‘in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy Temple in the Lord . . . for an habitation of God through the Spirit.’ Ephesians 4: 15-6; 2: 21- 22. **There is the Builder of The Church, the Organizer of The Church, and He is only Christ the Head. There is the Building of The Church, the organizing of The Church, and it is all only from Him who is the Head, by the Holy Spirit.**

And that is the House of God: a fit and becoming ‘House of habitation’ for Him Who first ‘built all things,’ and ‘Whom the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain.’”--EXCERPTS from “This is the Church” by A.T. Jones.

“It is conclusive that to be out of Babylon is only to be out of the realm and dominion and power of Satan.

“From these items of plain truth, it is equally plain that to be in or out of Babylon is not at all dependent upon place, but is wholly dependent upon condition – condition of spirit, of mind, and of heart.

“As to *place*, Daniel and his three brethren were in *Babylon*.

“But as to condition --in spirit and mind and heart, of thought and wish and purpose -- they were as far out of Babylon as Heaven is from the earth.

“And so as to *place*, bodily and physically Daniel was actually in *Babylon* at the moment of her frightful Fall.

“Yet as to condition, he was so utterly out of Babylon that even in the very midst of the crash of her Fall he was so far and away out of and above it all that he was perfectly safe.

“And that -- only that -- is what it is forever to be out of Babylon.

“Yet as plain and true as this is, the present-day preaching of those who make much of ‘calling people out of Babylon’ treats it as far more a matter of place than of condition: so much so indeed as to make it actually a physical thing rather than a *spiritual*.

“Holding, correctly enough, that the church of Rome is Babylon, they urgently call people out of that church and into another one that is constructed upon the same principle precisely and after the same pattern as that of Rome; and then tell them that they are ‘out of Babylon!’

“It is ridiculous, and it would be ludicrous if it were not so pitiably blind and blundering in the things of the soul and of eternity.

“To see people build up a ‘church’ in principle, in spirit, and in practice, after the very pattern of the ‘church’ of Rome.

“And then vociferously call, ‘Come out of her, come out of her.’

“And in the next breath cooingly murmur, ‘Come in here, come in here.’

“And it is sheer ecclesiastical cunning craftiness, first to build up a ‘church’ structure just like all the other ‘churches’ and teach the people that in the Scriptures a ‘church’ is a ‘woman’ and that Babylon is the mother and her daughters -- Rome and the other ‘churches’.

“And call the people out of all the other ‘churches’ and into this one and assure them that thus they are ‘out of Babylon’.

“To call people away from all the other ‘churches’ as ‘defiling’ (Rev. 14:4), and into this one that is just like all the others, or worse, and then delude them with the deceitful tale that ‘these’ -- of their ‘church’ -- ‘are not defiled with woman’ -- as though their ‘church’ were not a ‘woman’ -- is nothing short of the very trickery and confusion of Babylon itself.

"The truth is that any and every humanly constructed and 'organized' 'church' is by the Scriptures a 'woman' and is of the Babylon of 'the Mother' and her daughters, and is defiling: AND TO BE OUT OF ONE OF THESE AND IN ANOTHER OF THEM IS NOT TO BE OUT OF BABYLON AT ALL." (EXCERPTS from "From Babylon to New Jerusalem", by A.T. Jones)

So, essentially, the SDA Church leadership rejected the Sovereignty of the Holy Spirit, God's chosen King, and chose to organize its own head. By choosing to organize its own head, SDA set up the position of GC President to rule over the Church in "the place of God" as if he were "equal to God." **Thus, for SDA to tell the people in Babylon (Roman Catholicism and her daughters, apostate Protestantism) to "come out of her, my people" is the height of hypocrisy. To leave Roman Catholicism (a defiled humanly constructed "organized" church) and go into SDA (a defiled humanly constructed "organized" church) is to not be out of Babylon at all!**

Lest one think that Bro. Jones was alone in his assessment of the SDA leadership's spiritual condition, let us examine a dream that Sr. White was given in regards to this very issue.

" ... That night I dreamed that I was in Battle Creek looking out from the side glass at the door and saw a company marching up to the house, two and two. They looked stern and determined. I knew them well and turned to open the parlor door to receive them, but thought I would look again. The scene was changed. The company now presented the appearance of a Catholic procession. One bore in his hand a cross, another a reed. And as they approached, the one carrying a reed made a circle around the house, saying three times: 'This house is proscribed. The goods must be confiscated. They have spoken against our holy order.' Terror seized me, and I ran through the house, out of the north door, and found myself in the midst of a company, some of whom I knew, but I dared not speak a word to them for fear of being betrayed. I tried to seek a retired spot where I might weep and pray without meeting eager, inquisitive eyes wherever I turned. I repeated frequently: 'If I could only understand this! If they will tell me what I have said or what I have done!' " {1T 577.2}

"I wept and prayed much as I saw our goods confiscated. I tried to read sympathy or pity for me in the looks of those around me, and marked the countenances of several whom I thought would speak to me and comfort me if they did not fear that they would be observed by others. I made one attempt to escape from the crowd, but seeing that I was watched, I concealed my intentions. I commenced weeping aloud, and saying: 'If they would only tell me what I have done or what I have said!' My husband, who was sleeping in a bed in the same room, heard me weeping aloud and awoke me. My pillow was wet with tears, and a sad depression of spirits was upon me." {1T 578.1}

You will note that Sr. White heard one in the company of people, with “the appearance of a Catholic procession”, **people which she knew well**, pronounce over her house, “This house is proscribed. The goods must be confiscated. They have spoken against our holy order.” **Three times she heard him say this.** Her Battle Creek home can only represent the SDA Church. **The only conclusion possible from this prophetic dream is that ALL three movements within SDA (SDA, DSDA, BDSDA) would later be infiltrated and taken over by the spirit of Roman Catholicism, if not by Rome herself.** Church history since that day has shown this to be completely and utterly true. It is a done deal!

For further evidence that Bro. Jones was “spot-on” with his assessment of the spiritual condition of SDA in his day and onward, please peruse the following quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy through Sr. White:

“God has not changed toward His faithful servants who are keeping their garments spotless. But many are crying, ‘Peace and safety,’ while sudden destruction is coming upon them. **Unless there is thorough repentance, unless men humble their hearts by confession and receive the truth as it is in Jesus, they will never enter heaven.** When purification shall take place in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease, boasting of being rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing. {8T 250.1}

“Who can truthfully say: ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world’? I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. **Then He said to me: ‘Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? How is the faithful city become an harlot!’ My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!** For this cause there is weakness, and strength is lacking.’ {8T 250.2}

“A Call For Reformation

“Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, shall repent and be converted, she will eat of the fruit of her own doing, until she shall abhor herself. When she resists the evil and chooses the good, when she seeks God with all humility and reaches her high calling in Christ, standing on the platform of eternal truth and by faith laying hold upon the attainments prepared for her, she will be healed. She will appear in her God-given simplicity and purity, separate from earthly entanglements, showing that the truth has made her free indeed. Then her members will indeed be the chosen of God, His representatives. {8T 250.3}

"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit. The barriers separating believer from believer will be broken down, and God's servants will speak the same things. The Lord will cooperate with His servants. All will pray understandingly the prayer that Christ taught His servants: 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.' Matthew 6:10." {8T 250.4}

"Unwise Leaders Do Not Speak for God

"The voice from Battle Creek, which has been regarded as authority in counseling how the work should be done, is no longer the voice of God.--17MR 185 (1896)." {LDE 50.2}

"It has been some years since I have considered the General Conference as the voice of God.--17MR 216 (1898)." {LDE 50.3}

"That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be--that is past.--GCB April 3, 1901, p. 25." {LDE 50.4}

"Had those who claimed to believe the truth acted their part as wise virgins, the message would ere this have been given to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But five were foolish. The truth should have been proclaimed by the ten virgins, but only five had made the provision essential to join the company that walked in the light given to them. {RH, October 31, 1899 par. 10}

"The first, second, and third angels' messages are to be repeated. The call is to be given TO THE CHURCH: "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. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. . . . Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." {RH, October 31, 1899 par. 11}

"Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third, the last testing message to be given to the world, and a similar position will be taken when the last call is made." {RH, October 31, 1899 par. 12}

Let us make this perfectly clear! The Sovereign of The Church of the Living God (Elohim) is the Holy Spirit, the One through Whom Messiah reigns in the earth.

Everyone in the Church is subordinate to the Holy Spirit, individually AND

collectively. If this is not the case, then Messiah is not truly The Head, and He is not truly in control of the Body. **A church organized by man, with a man at the head, is NOT Messiah's Church. The spirit of Roman Catholicism ALWAYS organizes a church with man at the head and not the Spirit of God. This is the condition of Babylon, and any church with man at the head is in Babylon. To truly "come out of" Babylon, one must turn from following man and be subordinate to the Holy Spirit, the Under-leader of The Branch Himself (GC 415).**

The Church of the Living God is organized, administered, disciplined, and inspired by the Spirit of the Living God, NOT a man, NOT any longer. The ONLY way to receive the fruits of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit is to be a member of THIS CHURCH. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO TRANSLATION AND EVERLASTING LIFE THROUGH THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GIVE US NEW BIRTH (John 3:3-8)!

But, you say, why has God continued to give us human prophets in the office of the Spirit of Prophecy since 1901? Why have SDA, DSDA, and BDSDA had human leaders as the head of the church in the earth since that time? **Answer, - because the Spirit of God was rejected and put out of the Church.** All one has to do is read Revelation 3:14-22 to know the truth of this. God's people rejected His Under-leader, the Holy Spirit, and by doing so they put HIM out of the Church. He stands at the door and knocks (through His Second Self, the Holy Spirit), asking to be let in so that He can give us to eat of the Hidden Manna (the Afikomen, the "dessert" at the Seder Meal on the night of Passover, the Holy Spirit). Because His people have rejected His Spirit, He has sent us human messengers to intercede for Her. **You don't want to have a personal relationship with Her? Then you must know Her through a human representative.**

However, there is great danger that comes from this method of revelation. Because the representatives are sinful humans, then their messages are tainted by their sins and their weaknesses. The Bible gives us many stories of how the sins of man have altered and defaced God's Truth and His Plans. We see this also in the history of the human messengers that He and She have sent to us in SDA, DSDA, and BDSDA.

Bro. V.T. Houteff was a wise leader and inspired administrator, but he married a woman much younger than himself whose leadership, after his death, led to the dissolution of the DSDA movement for which he worked so tirelessly. His writings regarding the “Joshua of today”, the “antitypical David”, and other prophetic leaders of the future, have been misunderstood and misused, because of the way in which he wrote of them, by those who wish to exalt themselves above the people today. Bro. Ben Roden had himself crowned “King David” in the wilderness at New Mt. Carmel in 1970 and set himself up with the power of a “pope” in the Branch through his “Branch Supplement” to “The Leviticus of DSDA.” Sr. Lois Roden wrote of the Holy Spirit Daughter in her writings, but misunderstood just Who She was to the point that she began to believe that she herself was the Daughter in human flesh in the earth. Her self-exaltation led to a mighty fall that set up the deception in the Branch and brought the appearance on the scene of Vernon Howell, aka David Koresh, with his “serpent’s root” message. Although Sr. Roden repented publicly of her sins with Howell and of her support of his deceptions in her “Bride of Christ” pamphlets in 1985, this wasn’t soon enough to stop the growth of his “serpent’s root” message and movement.

The whole world witnessed the Divine Judgment of Ezekiel 9 which was executed upon BDSDA at New Mt. Carmel, Texas, on April 19, 1993. The BDSDA Movement was publicly judged and humiliated for the gross sin of following a man instead of God. Men, women, maids, and little children all died together that day. The judgment of that fateful day gave us a picture of God’s planned judgment for Satan and his evil angels and all who choose to follow him into the “lake of fire” (Revelation 19:20;20:10, 14, 15).

Did this Divine Judgment and the Execution of Ezekiel 9 wake up the Church? No, astonishingly, it did not! SDA continues on as always. DSDA is fractionated and scattered with many self-appointed and elected “vice-presidents.” BDSDA has several individuals proclaiming themselves to be the “Joshua of today” – most notably among them Trent Riffin Wilde and Charles Joseph Pace, present owner of the New Mt. Carmel property in Waco, Texas.

How does Messiah bring sinful man's self-exaltation and usurpation of the Holy Spirit's Position to an end?

Will the Holy Spirit ever be exalted and revered here on earth as She is throughout the rest of the universe?

CONTRARY TO HUMAN PLANNING

"Contrary to Human Planning.--Unless those who can help in _____ are aroused to a sense of their duty, they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard. When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about His work to meet their narrow ideas. **Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning.** There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when 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 that 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.**"--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300. (1885) {Ev 118.1}

"O that the Lord might guide you! You should never in a single instance allow hearsay to move you to action, and yet you have sometimes done this. Never take action to narrow and circumscribe the work unless you know that you are moved to do so by the Spirit of the Lord. Our people are doing work for foreign missions, but there are home missions that need their help just as much as these foreign missions. We should make efforts to show our people the wants of the cause of God, and to open before them the need of using means that God has entrusted to them, to advance the work of the Master both at home and abroad. **Unless those who can help in ----- are roused to a sense of their duty, they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard.** When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about his work to meet their narrow ideas. **Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning.** There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when 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 that 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.** Those who are accounted good workers will need to draw nigh to God, they will need the divine touch. **They will need to drink more deeply and continuously at the fountain of living water,** in order that they may discern God's work at every point. Workers

may make mistakes, but you should give them a chance to correct their errors, give them an opportunity to learn caution by leaving the work in their hands. Mrs. E. G. White." {SpTAO, No. 6, 1896}

Simple Means Glorify God.--At the taking of Jericho the mighty General of armies planned the battle in such simplicity that no human being could take the glory to himself. No human hand must cast down the walls of the city, lest man should take to himself the glory of victory. **So today no human being is to take to himself glory for the work he accomplishes. The Lord alone is to be magnified. Oh, that men would see the necessity for looking to God for their orders!** (RH Oct. 16, 1900). {2BC 995.6}

"I wish that occasionally the curtain could be rolled back and all could see the manner of the Lord's working, and the wonderful activity in the courts above. **The Lord often works in a manner which is not in accordance with the ideas of the men who are in responsible positions. The speculations and calculations of human minds are not always in wisdom of God.** Some move altogether too slowly, and their caution is a defective spoke in the wheel, keeping it from rolling. Again, others may devise and plan how this one and that one shall work, when the Lord has other work for these men to do, other places where he wants them to till in as his agents. **His plans are not built on any foundation that is laid by man, but as the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, he lays the foundation, and erects the structure, in lofty independence through those who will be worked by him.** The Lord Jesus takes those that he finds will be molded and uses them for his own name's glory, to meet his own spiritual conception. He sees material that others would pass by, and works all who will be worked. **Through very SIMPLE MEANS a door is opened in heaven, and the simplicity of the human agent is used by God to reveal God to man.**" {SpM 65.4}

These Spirit of Prophecy quotes share some direct, concise points with us regarding the work in the time before and during the Loud Cry:

- 1) **"Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this LAST WORK in a manner very much OUT OF THE COMMON ORDER OF THINGS, and in a way that will be CONTRARY TO ANY HUMAN PLANNING."**
- 2) **"God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that HE IS TAKING THE REINS IN HIS OWN HANDS."**
- 3) **"The workers will be SURPRISED BY THE SIMPLE MEANS that he will use to bring about and perfect his work of righteousness."**

- 4) “Never take action to narrow and circumscribe the work UNLESS YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE MOVED TO DO SO BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD.”
- 5) “Oh, that men would see the NECESSITY OF LOOKING TO GOD FOR THEIR ORDERS!”
- 6) “The Lord OFTEN WORKS IN A MANNER WHICH IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH the ideas of the men who are in responsible positions.”
- 7) “SIMPLE MEANS GLORIFY GOD.”

So ... essentially ... God is going to take the reins of the work into His Own Hands. He is going to do things by such A SIMPLE MEANS that everyone will be so surprised at how He will “perfect His righteousness” and give the Loud Cry. The Spirit of God will be in charge and will be the ONLY ONE giving the orders. There will be no room for human planning, only human cooperation.

DO YOU GET IT, FOLKS? No human leaders will be in control, ONLY the Spirit of God. PERIOD. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE KING!

“This is a wonderful announcement. Christ longed to be in a position where he could accomplish the most important work by few and **SIMPLE MEANS**. The plan of redemption is comprehensive; but its parts are few, and each part depends on the others, while all work together with the utmost simplicity and in entire harmony. Christ is represented by the Holy Spirit; and when this Spirit is appreciated, when those controlled by the Spirit communicate to others the energy with which they are imbued, an invisible chord is touched which electrifies the whole. Would that we could all understand how boundless are the divine resources!” {SW, November 28, 1905 par. 4}

THE “SIMPLE MEANS”

The phrase “simple means” certainly appears to be a very important one to the Lord. The Spirit of Prophecy uses this phrase a number of times, and its use is carried on down through the writings of the different prophets in the SDA Movement. **A close examination of HOW this phrase is used in the SOP leads to**

the conclusion that this phrase, “simple means,” refers to DIRECT INTERVENTION BY THE LORD THROUGH HIS SPIRIT in the human experience-- through the keeping of His Commandments, the cooperation with His natural laws of Hygiene and Healing, the strict adherence to the Instructions of His Holy Spirit in ALL aspects of our lives as well as in the Work to be done for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

“Many Unwilling to Study the Laws of Health.-- Many are unwilling to put forth the needed effort to obtain a knowledge of the laws of life and the SIMPLE MEANS to be employed for the restoration of health. They do not place themselves in right relation to life. When sickness is the result of their transgression of natural law, they do not seek to correct their errors, and then ask the blessing of God.” {CG 361.1}

“In every place that you visit, you will find the sick and suffering. Relieve them if possible, even if by so doing, you are detained some little time. . . . The use of SIMPLE MEANS in the treatment of the sick will be an object lesson. If at all consistent, pray for the sick one. God may raise him up, and this will be a witness for the truth. Tell the families you visit what they must do to keep well. Take with you some pamphlets bearing on health reform, and leave them with the people. Thus you can sow the seeds of truth.--Manuscript 18a, 1901.” {CM 89.2}

“A Great Work by Simple Means.--The striking feature of divine operations is the accomplishment of the greatest work that can be done in our world by very SIMPLE MEANS. It is God's plan that every part of His government shall depend on every other part, the whole as a wheel within a wheel, working with entire harmony. **He moves upon human forces, causing His Spirit to touch invisible chords, and the vibration rings to the extremity of the universe.--** Manuscript 22, 1897.” {Ev 93.1}

“The mind must be kept meditating upon pure and holy subjects. An impure suggestion must be dismissed at once, and pure, elevating thoughts, holy contemplation, be entertained, thus obtaining more and more knowledge of God, by training the mind in the contemplation of heavenly things. God has SIMPLE MEANS open to every individual case, sufficient to secure the great end, the salvation of the soul.” {HP 197.5}

“None need fear that I shall make dress reform one of my principal subjects as we travel from place to place. Those who have heard me upon this matter will have to act upon the light that has already been given. I have done my duty; I have borne my testimony, and those who have heard me and read that which I have written must now bear the responsibility of receiving or rejecting the light given. If they choose to venture to be forgetful hearers, and not doers of the work, they run their own risk and will be accountable to God for the course they pursue. I am clear. I shall urge none and condemn none. This is not the work assigned me. God knows His humble, willing, obedient children and will reward them according to their faithful performance of His will. To many the dress reform is too simple and humbling to be adopted. They cannot lift

the cross. **God works by SIMPLE MEANS to separate and distinguish His children from the world; but some have so departed from the simplicity of the work and ways of God that they are above the work, not in it.** {1T 523.2}

“I was referred to Numbers 15:38-41: ‘Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue: and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: that ye may remember, and do all My commandments, and be holy unto your God. I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.’ Here God expressly commanded a very simple arrangement of dress for the children of Israel for the purpose of distinguishing them from the idolatrous nations around them. As they looked upon their peculiarity of dress, they were to remember that they were God's commandment-keeping people, and that He had wrought in a miraculous manner to bring them from Egyptian bondage to serve Him, to be a holy people unto Him. They were not to serve their own desires, or to imitate the idolatrous nations around them, but to remain a distinct, separate people, that all who looked upon them might say: These are they whom God brought out of the land of Egypt, who keep the law of Ten Commandments. **An Israelite was known to be such as soon as seen, for God through SIMPLE MEANS distinguished him as His.** {1T 524.1}

“All the wonders which God has wrought for His people have been performed by the most SIMPLE MEANS. When the people of God are wholly consecrated to Him, then He will employ them to carry forward His work on the earth. **But we should remember that whatever success may attend us, the glory and honor belongs to God; for every faculty and EVERY POWER IS A GIFT FROM HIM.**” {YRP 260.2}

“The workers will be surprised by THE SIMPLE MEANS that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.”--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300. (1885) {Ev 118.1}

“God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that 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. Those who are accounted good workers will need to draw nigh to God, they will need the divine touch. **They will need to drink more deeply and continuously at the fountain of living water, in order that they may discern God's work at every point.**” {SpTAO, No. 6, 1896}

“Simple Means Glorify God. ... So today no human being is to take to himself glory for the work he accomplishes. The Lord alone is to be magnified. **Oh, that men would see the necessity for looking to God for their orders!** (RH Oct. 16, 1900). {2BC 995.6}

“The people well knew that there was no power in the serpent of brass to cause such a change in those who looked upon it. The healing virtue was from God alone. In His wisdom He chose this way of displaying His power. By this SIMPLE MEANS the people were made to realize that

this affliction had been brought upon them by their sins. They were also assured that while obeying God they had no reason to fear, for He would preserve them. {PP 430.2}

“The lifting up of the brazen serpent was to teach Israel an important lesson. **They could not save themselves from the fatal effect of the poison in their wounds. God alone was able to heal them.** Yet they were required to show their faith in the provision which He had made. They must look in order to live. It was their faith that was acceptable with God, and by looking upon the serpent their faith was shown. **They knew that there was no virtue in the serpent itself, but it was a symbol of Christ; and the necessity of faith in His merits was thus presented to their minds.** Heretofore many had brought their offerings to God, and had felt that in so doing they made ample atonement for their sins. They did not rely upon the Redeemer to come, of whom these offerings were only a type. **The Lord would now teach them that their sacrifices, in themselves, had no more power or virtue than the serpent of brass, but were, like that, to lead their minds to Christ, the great sin offering.** {PP 430.2}

“Here we see the SIMPLE MEANS by which character is often tested. Those who in a time of great peril were intent upon supplying their own wants, were not the men to be trusted in an emergency. The men of God's choice were the few who would not permit their own wants to hinder them in the discharge of duty. Not only did they possess courage and self-control, but they were men of faith. They had not defiled themselves by idolatry. God could direct them, and through them he could work deliverance for Israel. **The Lord designed to show his people that he was their source of strength. By the SIMPLICITY of the MEANS employed, he designed to rebuke their pride and self-exaltation.** {ST, June 30, 1881 par. 10}

“As with ancient Israel, so it is with the people of God at this age of the world. **The Lord can do but little for the children of men, because they are so ready to esteem themselves wiser than their Creator.** If blessed with a measure of success, many become elated and self-confident, and forget their dependence upon God. **There is too much reliance upon human plans and methods, and too little faith in the mighty God of Jacob; too much machinery, and too little of the life-giving Spirit and power of the Most High.** {ST, June 30, 1881 par. 11}

“The Israelites were stationed on the brow of a hill overlooking the valley where the hosts of the invaders lay encamped. ‘And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand which is upon the seashore for multitude.’ Judges 7:12, R.V. Gideon trembled as he thought of the conflict of the morrow. But the Lord spoke to him in the night season and bade him, with Phurah his attendant, go down to the camp of the Midianites, intimating that he would there hear something for his encouragement. He went, and, waiting in the darkness and silence, he heard a soldier relating a dream to his companion: ‘Lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.’ The other answered in words that stirred the heart of that unseen listener, ‘This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.’ **Gideon recognized the voice of God**

speaking to him through those Midianitish strangers. Returning to the few men under his command, he said, 'Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.'{PP 550.1}

"By divine direction a plan of attack was suggested to him, which he immediately set out to execute. The three hundred men were divided into three companies. To every man were given a trumpet, and a torch concealed in an earthen pitcher. The men were stationed in such a manner as to approach the Midianite camp from different directions. In the dead of night, at a signal from Gideon's war horn, the three companies sounded their trumpets; then, breaking their pitchers and displaying the blazing torches, they rushed upon the enemy with the terrible war cry, 'The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!' {PP 550.2}

"The sleeping army was suddenly aroused. Upon every side was seen the light of the flaming torches. In every direction was heard the sound of trumpets, with the cry of the assailants. Believing themselves at the mercy of an overwhelming force, the Midianites were panic-stricken. With wild cries of alarm they fled for life, and, mistaking their own companions for enemies, they slew one another. As news of the victory spread, thousands of the men of Israel who had been dismissed to their homes returned and joined in pursuit of their fleeing enemies. The Midianites were making their way toward the Jordan, hoping to reach their own territory, beyond the river. Gideon sent messengers to the tribe of Ephraim, rousing them to intercept the fugitives at the southern fords. Meanwhile, with his three hundred, 'faint, yet pursuing,' Gideon crossed the stream hard after those who had already gained the farther side. The two princes, Zebah and Zalmunna, who had been over the entire host, and who had escaped with an army of fifteen thousand men, were overtaken by Gideon, their force completely scattered, and the leaders captured and slain. {PP 550.3}

"In this signal defeat not less than one hundred and twenty thousand of the invaders perished. The power of the Midianites was broken, so that they were never again able to make war upon Israel. The tidings spread swiftly far and wide, that Israel's God had again fought for His people. No words can describe the terror of the surrounding nations when they learned what SIMPLE MEANS had prevailed against the power of a bold, warlike people. {PP 553.1}

"Representations have been made to me, showing that the Lord will carry out His plans through a variety of ways and instruments. It is not alone the most talented, not alone those who hold high positions of trust, or are the most highly educated from a worldly point of view, whom the Lord uses to do His grand and holy work of soulsaving. He will use SIMPLE MEANS; He will use many who have had few advantages to help in carrying forward His work. He will, by the use of SIMPLE MEANS, bring those who possess property and lands to a belief of the truth, and these will be influenced to become the Lord's helping hand in the advancement of His work.--Letter 62, 1909. {1SM 128.2}

“The striking feature of divine operations is the accomplishment of the greatest work that can be done in our world, by very SIMPLE MEANS. It is God's plan that every part of his government shall depend on every other part, the whole as a wheel within a wheel, working with entire harmony. He moves upon human forces, causing his Spirit to touch invisible chords, and the vibration rings to the extremity of the universe. {SpTA10 36.3}

“The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.” {SpTA10 37.1}

“I saw that with some there had not been a receiving of what God has shown. It has been doubted. It has borne but with a feather's weight. I saw that straight testimonies must be borne, and they have not been received. I then saw that the church must be united, and if they could not endure straight testimonies when they were needed, and we were bound, we must move the Office and go where we could bear them. I saw that we, neither of us, have done our duty. There has been a holding back, a shunning to declare the whole counsel of God. **I saw that God wanted us to be free, that if we did not follow the movings of his Spirit, and bear the testimonies he gave us, he would leave us in bondage, and then our health and strength would fail; and worse than all this, the bondage would be felt in the paper. I saw that if there was not freedom and liberty here, we must move where there would be freedom, and where the testimonies given us by God would be received.** I saw that some had doubted what God had taught, and therefore it could not have weight with them, nor serve to move them. **As I saw this I begged of God to use another instrument, to send by one whom they would receive, or to fit up the frail instrument that the church would be convinced. Said the Angel, God has chosen his own way, that through the SIMPLE MEANS he has ordained light should be given, and if it is not received, God will give them up to their own ways to be filled with their own doings.** E. G. White.” [Extract from a vision given at Rochester, April, 1854.] {PH016 32.2}

“**Through Simple Means.** We received and read your letter with interest. We feel very sad that your health has not been good. We do not cease to pray for you and for Brother and Sister Ings.

“We have not lost our faith in you or in the work in England. We know that there is a great work to be done. **The Lord has revealed to us that by the most SIMPLE MEANS He can do wondrously, as in the casting down of the walls of Jericho.** His people then were to do as He told them, and God would do the rest. God so planned it that His name should receive all the glory. The same God is willing to work by whom He will. **‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.’**” {3MR 22.1}

So ... to recap... the “SIMPLE MEANS” is to be used in,

- 1) Restoring Health

“Many are unwilling to put forth the needed effort to obtain a knowledge of the laws of life and the SIMPLE MEANS to be employed for the restoration of health.”

2) Divine Operations

“A Great Work by Simple Means.--The striking feature of divine operations is the accomplishment of the greatest work that can be done in our world by very SIMPLE MEANS.”

3) Personal Salvation

“God has SIMPLE MEANS open to every individual case, sufficient to secure the great end, the salvation of the soul.”

4) God’s Wonderful Works For His People

“All the wonders which God has wrought for His people have been performed by the most SIMPLE MEANS.”

5) Perfecting Righteousness

“The workers will be surprised by THE SIMPLE MEANS that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.”

6) God Is Glorified When HE Gives the Orders!

“Simple Means Glorify God. ... So today no human being is to take to himself glory for the work he accomplishes. The Lord alone is to be magnified. Oh, that men would see the necessity for looking to God for their orders!”

7) Rebuking The Sins of Israel Through The Symbol of The Brazen Serpent

“The people well knew that there was no power in the serpent of brass to cause such a change in those who looked upon it. The healing virtue was from God alone. In His wisdom He chose this way of displaying His power. By this SIMPLE MEANS the people were made to realize that this affliction had been brought upon them by their sins. They were also assured that

while obeying God they had no reason to fear, for He would preserve them.”

8) Testing Character

“Here we see the SIMPLE MEANS by which character is often tested. The Lord designed to show his people that he was their source of strength. ... By the SIMPLICITY of the MEANS employed, he designed to rebuke their pride and self-exaltation.”

9) Military Might For The Deliverance of His People

“... The tidings spread swiftly far and wide, that Israel's God had again fought for His people. No words can describe the terror of the surrounding nations when they learned what SIMPLE MEANS had prevailed against the power of a bold, warlike people.”

10) The Carrying Out of His Plans

“ ... He will use SIMPLE MEANS; He will use many who have had few advantages to help in carrying forward His work. He will, by the use of SIMPLE MEANS, bring those who possess property and lands to a belief of the truth, and these will be influenced to become the Lord's helping hand in the advancement of His work.”

11) Holding The Enemy In Check

“The striking feature of divine operations is the accomplishment of the greatest work that can be done in our world, by very SIMPLE MEANS. .. The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.”

12) The Giving Of Enlightenment

“ ... Said the Angel, God has chosen his own way, that through the SIMPLE MEANS he has ordained light should be given, and if it is not received, God will give them up to their own ways to be filled with their own doings.”

13) The Holy Spirit

“... The Lord has revealed to us that by the most SIMPLE MEANS He can do wondrously, as in the casting down of the walls of Jericho. His people then were to do as He told them, and God would do the rest. God so planned it that His name should receive all the glory. The same God is willing to work by whom He will. ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.’ {3MR 22.1}

How can there be any question as to just Whom the “Simple Means” is? **The SOP links the term “simple means” with the DIRECT INTERVENTION OF THE LORD THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT. The “Simple Means” is the Holy Spirit Herself!**

WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS MAN TO REIGN OVER US!

As any Davidian or Branch is well aware, there are many who bring new messages to the Movement claiming to be the new leader chosen by the Spirit of God to fill the office of the Spirit of Prophecy, the “Joshua of today,” the “antitypical David,” “the visible king.” When they are rejected, in one way or another, they invariably accuse the church members of saying, “We will not have this man to reign over us!” This is merely convenient for the claimant of office. It proves nothing.

The passage in question is found in Luke 19:11-14.

“And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom (G932) of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom (G932), and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS [MAN] (G3778) TO REIGN OVER US (G936).”

A breakdown of the pertinent words in this passage, according to the (online) Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, proves quite helpful here.

932. basileia ▶

Strong's Concordance

basileia: kingdom, sovereignty, royal power

Original Word: βασιλεία, ας, ή

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: basileia

Phonetic Spelling: (bas-il-i'-ah)

Short Definition: kingship, sovereignty, authority, rule, kingdom

Definition: kingship, sovereignty, authority, rule, especially of God, both in the world, and in the hearts of men; hence: kingdom, in the concrete sense.

HELPS Word-studies

932 *basileía* (from **935** /*basileús*, "king") – properly, *kingdom*; the realm in which a king sovereignly rules. A *kingdom* (**932** /*basileía*) always requires a *king* – as the kingdom (**932** /*basileía*) of God does with *King Jesus!* **932** (*basileía*) especially refers to the rule of Christ in believers' hearts – which is a rule that "one day will be universal on the physical earth in the Millennium" (G. Archer).

[The *kingdom* (**932** /*basileía*) is constantly used in connection with *the rule of Christ in the hearts of believers* – which also extends in various *stages*.]

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from **basileuó**

Definition

kingdom, sovereignty, royal power

NASB Translation

kingdom (159), kingdoms (3), reigns* (1).

3778. houtos, hauté, touto ▶

Strong's Concordance

houtos, hauté, touto: this

Original Word: οὗτος, αὕτη, τοῦτο

Part of Speech: Demonstrative Pronoun

Transliteration: houtos, hauté, touto

Phonetic Spelling: (hoo'-tos)

Short Definition: this, he, she, it

Definition: this; he, she, it.

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

probably from a redupl. of **ho**., used as a demonstrative pronoun

Definition

this

NASB Translation

afterward* (3), especially (1), fact (2), follow* (1), here* (1), hereafter* (1), man (1), now* (1), one (2), one whom (1), partly* (1), person (1), present (1), same (1), so (1), so then* (1), so* (1), some (2), such (2), therefore* (16), these (179), these...things (1), these men (10), these people (1), these things (192),

this (737), this man (56), this man's (2), **this one** (4), this reason* (1), this thing (2), this way (1), **this woman** (4), this* (1), this...thing (1), those (2), those things (1), very (3), very thing (2), who (2), whom (1).

936. basileuó ▶

Strong's Concordance

basileuó: to be king, reign

Original Word: βασιλεύω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: basileuó

Phonetic Spelling: (bas-il-yoo'-o)

Short Definition: I rule, reign, reign over

Definition: (a) I rule, reign, (b) I reign over.

HELPS Word-studies

Cognate: 936 *basileuō* (from 935 /*basileús*, "king") – to reign as king, i.e. exercise dominion (rule). See 932 (*basileia*).

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from *basileus*

Definition

to be king, reign

NASB Translation

become kings (2), kings (1), reign (12), reigned (4), reigning (1), reigns (1).

[Note: The above reference for G3778 from the online Strong's Concordance shows that this passage is just as likely to refer to a woman sitting upon this Throne as it is to a man. Even an "it" could be sitting upon this throne, but because there is no "it" in the HEBREW LANGUAGE (as there is in Greek), only "he" or "she", this is very unlikely.]

Of course, the usurpers to this Throne believe that the people are rejecting the one that God has appointed to rule – a **man** who rules as the “visible king” in the Son’s stead. A careful study of how this passage is interpreted in the SOP references discussing it will shed a very different light on the True Meaning of this passage.

“Today there is need of the voice of stern rebuke; for grievous sins have separated the people from God. Infidelity is fast becoming fashionable. **‘We will not have this man to reign over us,’ is the language of thousands. Luke 19:14. The smooth sermons so often preached make no lasting impression; the trumpet does not give a certain sound. Men are not cut to the heart by the plain, sharp truths of God's word.**” {PK 140.2}

“There has been a departure from God among us, and the zealous work of repentance and returning to our first love essential to restoration to God and regeneration of heart has not yet been done. Infidelity to God has been making its inroads in our ranks; for it is the fashion to depart from Christ, and give place to skepticism. The cry of the heart has been, “We will not have this man to reign over us.” (Luke 19:14.)--Letter 24, 1889, p. 6. (To "The General Conference Brethren," circa 1889.) {8MR 284.2}

“But you will need to make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. We are surrounded by the lame and halting in faith. Then help them, not by halting yourselves, but by standing like men--firm, tried, proved men--firm as a rock for principle. **I know that a work must be done for the people or many will not receive the light of the angel which is sent from heaven to fill the whole earth with his glory.** {1888 946.3}

“Do not think that when the latter rain comes you will be a vessel unto honor to receive the showers of blessing--even the glory of God--when you have been lifting up your souls unto vanity, speaking perverse things, secretly cherishing the roots of bitterness you brought to Minneapolis, which you have carefully cultivated and watered ever since. The frown of God will surely be upon every soul who manifests a spirit so unlike the spirit and mind of Christ. There is work to do in your own individual hearts, else you will sow tares. When the Lord touches your lips with a live coal from off His altar, then the trumpet of every true watchman will give a certain sound--very different from that which we have heard. {1888 946.4}

“God has a living testimony, not a tame, lifeless, sermonizing. Men in responsible positions are not to study to meet the world's plans, to cater to the world's ideas, to speak smooth words and prophesy deceit. **The Comforter--the Holy Spirit of God whom Christ said the Father would send in His name--with unsparing lips reproveth the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.** ‘Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine.’ 2 Timothy 4:2. {1888 947.1}

“We have a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. We stand forth under the Divine commission, and the solemn vows made to God. We stand forth as messengers in Christ's stead, as the stewards of the mysteries of God. Ever remember that we are surrounded with a cloud of witnesses. The heavenly intelligences are looking upon us as the ambassadors of the King of kings and Lord of lords. We have a right to lift the standard high. Thus saith the Lord, who realizes the dignity of our calling, the sacredness of our work. We may well humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, else He will humble us. The Lord looks upon men-pleasing with disfavor, where there is a satanic accusing of the men who should be respected, whom God is using. {1888 947.2}

“The tenderness, the kindness, the true courtesy, and the refinement of feelings which evidence that men are learning in Christ's school, have been dropped out of the hearts and characters of many who think God is using them. The True Witness says, ‘I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. . . . I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.’ Revelation 2:4, 5. If there were far more repenting, and less self-sufficiency and self-boasting, we should see spiritual things much more clearly. God wants you to come into vital connection with Himself. Then there will be a purer flame kindled in every soul, and the love of Christ will abide in the heart. {1888 947.3}

“There has been a departure from God, and there has not as yet been zealous work in repenting and coming back to the first love. Infidelity has had a large place among us. It is the fashion to depart from Christ, to forsake the Lord and accept skepticism. "We will not have this man to reign over us." Luke 19:14. Baal will be the purpose, the faith, the religion of a sorrowful number among us, because they choose their own way instead of God's way. The true religion, the only religion of the Bible--believing in the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and the blood of the Lamb-- has been not only slighted and spoken against, ridiculed, and criticised, but suspicions and jealousies have been created, leading into fanaticism and atheism. The true life in Jesus Christ alone is the true religion of the Bible. **The Holy Spirit of God is to be an active, working principle in the religious character.** The love of Christ must become an abiding principle to make the soul fruitful unto good works. **It should be the force and power of every message that falls from human lips.** {1888 948.1}

“What kind of a future is before us if men will be united in Christ? If this long controversy that has been kept up through satanic agencies shall end in the unity that Christ prayed might exist, then we will not see men framing plans and [dictating the] manner of working when they have not spiritual eye sight to discern spiritual things. They see men as trees walking. **They need the divine touch that they may see as God sees and work as Christ worked.** Zion's watchmen then will sound the trumpet in clearer, louder notes because they see the sword coming. {1888 948.2}

“It is no time now for us who claim to keep God's commandments to range ourselves on the side of the transgressors, to see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their perverted senses. We must press together. We must labor to be a unit, to be holy in life and character, and no longer bow the knees to the idol of men's opinions or to any shameful lust. We must no longer bring the offering of a polluted, sin-stained soul to the Lord. ‘Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and in ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell.’ Matthew 11:21-23.” {1888 948.3}

Sr. White equates “we will not have this man to reign over us” with “a departure from God”! She then says that “the Holy Spirit of God” which the Son sent “in His Name” “is to be an active, working principle in the religious character.”

Let’s make this clear, folks! Sr. White is saying in these passages that refusing to let God reign over us is the same as rejecting the Guidance of His Holy Spirit!

“The ‘certain Nobleman’ in this parable, is Christ, Himself, Who, soon after His resurrection, departed to the heaven of heavens, ‘the far country,’ to be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. His ten servants, who are to occupy until His coming, represent, manifestly, the ministry at the closing of the gospel dispensation. And his citizens, accordingly, represent the laity—the subjects of His kingdom. Together, then, his servants and his citizens make up His entire kingdom—church.

“As they ‘sent a message after Him, saying, We will not have *this man* to reign over us,’ the only conclusion admissible is that shortly before His return, Christ shall inform His ‘citizens’ that He is taking ‘the reins in His own hands’ to set up His kingdom, and that they, upon hearing the announcement, shall refuse to submit themselves to the one through He is to rule.

“Observe that in the message which they ‘sent after Him,’ His servants did not say, ‘We will not have *You* to reign over us,’ but rather, ‘We will not have *this man* to reign over us.” **What they objected to was having Christ reign over them through someone else. Clearly, then, before He is coronated, and prior to His return to reckon with His servants, He appoints a ‘man’ to reign over them in His stead. Whereupon they say to Him, by their attitude and stand toward His message, ‘We will not have *this man* to reign over,’ although ‘this man,’ as we now see, is THE ANTITYPICAL DAVID (THE ‘SIMPLE MEANS’), THE VISIBLE KING.”** V. T. Houteff, Tract 8, pp. 70,

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Bro. Houteff gets even more specific as to the interpretation of this Scriptural passage and prophecy uttered by Messiah Himself. **He states that the ministry AND the laity BOTH object to the appointment of this king to reign over them in Messiah’s stead.** He also states, very specifically, that the one whom Messiah appoints is **“the antitypical David (the ‘simple means’), the visible king”** and that this “David” is appointed soon after Messiah ascends to Heaven, the “far country.” **Therefore, we can see without any room for doubt that the Holy Spirit fulfills the role of “David” because She was the One Who was appointed in Messiah’s Place according to BOTH Time and Type—at the Third Hour on Pentecost ten days after His Ascension to Heaven.** At the same Time He received His Mediatorial Crown and His Mediatorial Kingdom.

"The Wave-sheaf was inaugurated in their mediatorial kingdom with their great High Priest at Pentecost, **a double ceremony, in heaven and on earth.**" (Merkabah 3, Lois I. Roden, p. 25)

However, the Apostolic Church, the First Brass Mountain, was ready and waiting on the day of Pentecost for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They welcomed Her with rejoicing. **According to Messiah, the True fulfillment of His prophecy occurs at a time when BOTH the ministry AND the laity reject Her Sovereignty. Therefore, this prophecy finds its True and Literal Fulfillment AFTER 1901, according to the SOP. It is in OUR DAY that this prophecy is actually fulfilled.**

"THE WOMAN OF REVELATION 12:17

"Therefore, behold, I will allure HER, and bring HER into the wilderness, and speak (through a Comforter) comfortably unto Her. And I will give HER vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and SHE (Israel) shall sing there, as in the days of HER youth (under Moses), and as in the day when SHE came up out of the land of Egypt.' Hos. 2:14,15.

"Having brought HER into as strait and embarrassing circumstances as one can be in [loss of her husband and children]. God promises to allure her, and to bring her into the wilderness, there to speak comfortably to her. Specifically speaking, having emerged from the 'great tribulation [538 + 1260 years = 1798 2 S.R. 261,262], such as was not since the beginning of the world' (Matt. 24:21), God brings her, NOT into her vineyard, NOT into the Promised Land, but into the 'wilderness' (into the lands of the Gentiles [Mt. Carmel Center]), there to speak comfortably to her, and to help her reform. After this comforting meeting takes place she is to have her vineyards from thence [from that place], and the Valley of Achor (Rev. 12:16) for a door of hope; there she is to sing [the law (song) of Moses and the Lamb] and rejoice as in the days of her youth, and as in the day she came out or Egypt.

"The Valley of Achor, you note, is HER door of hope - it is the only way out of her predicament. The valley has but ONE significance: it stands for a thorough purging, for destroying the sinners that are in her midst BEFORE POSSESSING THE LAND - her only hope of becoming a decent, respectable wife of God. **It was in the Valley of Achor that Joshua stoned the last of the sinners in Israel - Achan and his household. THEN IT WAS that the Israelite nation was permitted to take the promised land, the vineyard. Just such a purging as this is the church's only 'door of hope,'** says Inspiration, HER ONLY escape from her present plight. THEN she is to RETURN to her former position and grace. THEN she is to receive the promised blessing as verily as ancient Israel received hers. That remarkable incident in the Valley of Achor is now seen to typify the purging for the REPOSSESSION of the promised land - typifying the Judgment for the Living, the gathering of the saints, and the destruction of the sinners - the separation of the wheat from the tares, the goats from the sheep, the good fish from the bad fish. The 'barn' (Math 13:30), connotes the Kingdom here projected as does the Lord's right, and as do the vessels.' - Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No.21, pp. 12,13.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias (the Messenger of the Covenant, the Holy Spirit-The Answerer, Book No. 1, p. 79) truly shall first come, and restore all things.' Matt. 17:11.

"Observe that in the message which they 'sent after Him,' his servants did NOT say, 'We will not have You [Christ the Branch], to reign over us,' but rather, 'we will not have this man [or rather, a woman with her husband's masculine name, [Branch - the Holy Spirit] to reign over us.' What they objected to was Christ's reigning over them through someone else [The Branch She, The Lord Our Righteousness]. Clearly, then, before He is coronated, and prior to His return to reckon with His servants, He appoints a 'man' (a wo-man with the masculine family name) to reign over them in His stead. Whereupon they say to Him (Her), by their attitude and stand toward His [Her] message, 'We will not have this [wo] man to reign over us,' although 'this [wo]man,' as we now see, is the antitypical David (the 'simple means'), the visible king."

Mount Sion At "The Eleventh Hour," Tract No. 8, p. 71.

"God means what He says; 'I desire a change here.' The Lord wants His Spirit to enter. He wants His Holy Spirit to be king.' - General Conference Bulletin, April 1, 1901." (LIR, Branch Field Letter, Purim, March 14, 1979)

Sr. Roden just comes right out and says that the "antitypical David" is the Holy Spirit, the Ruler of Whom the ministers and the citizens say, "We will not have this [wo]man to rule over us!" They don't mind having the Male Messiah ruling over them, but they do not want the Female Messiah to rule over them. How sad! They are rejecting the very One of Whom they will receive the New Birth into the Kingdom! Remember the warning of Messiah:

Matthew 12:31. 32

"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy [against] the [Holy] Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, NEITHER IN THIS WORLD, NEITHER IN THE [WORLD] TO COME."

THE VISIBLE KING

We have shown how the "antitypical David", the "simple means," can be none other than the Holy Spirit Daughter. However, there is a final description given to "David" that many may think disqualifies the Holy Spirit as the One Who sits on this Throne. "David" is called "the visible king." A skeptic may say that no one has ever seen the Holy Spirit, thus She cannot be "the visible king." A close examination of Scripture and the SOP will show this to be an INACCURATE assessment.

The Glory of God appeared as a “cloud by day” and a “fire by night” over the encampment of Israel in the wilderness and the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem.

Numbers 14:13, 14

“And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear [it], (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) **And they will tell [it] to the inhabitants of this land: [for] they have heard that thou LORD [art] among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and [that] thy cloud standeth over them, and [that] thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.**”

Exodus 13:21

“And the LORD went before them by day in **a pillar of a cloud**, to lead them the way; and by night in **a pillar of fire**, to give them light; to go by day and night:”

“From the creation and fall of man to the present time, there has been a continual unfolding of the plan of God for the redemption, through Christ, of the fallen race. The tabernacle and temple of God on earth were patterned after the original in heaven. Around the sanctuary and its solemn services mystically gathered the grand truths which were to be developed through succeeding generations. **There has been no time when God has granted greater evidences of his grandeur and exalted majesty, than while he was the acknowledged governor of Israel. The manifestations of an invisible King were grand and unspeakably awful.** ... “ {RH, March 2, 1886 par. 9}

“Above the mercy seat was the Shekinah, the manifestation of the divine Presence; and from between the cherubim, God made known His will. Divine messages were sometimes communicated to the high priest by a voice from the cloud. Sometimes a light fell upon the angel at the right, to signify approval or acceptance, or a shadow or cloud rested upon the one at the left to reveal disapproval or rejection.”{PP 349.1}

“No language can describe the glory of the scene presented within the sanctuary--the gold-plated walls reflecting the light from the golden candlestick, the brilliant hues of the richly embroidered curtains with their shining angels, the table, and the altar of incense, glittering with gold; beyond the second veil the sacred ark, with its mystic cherubim, and **above it the holy Shekinah, the VISIBLE MANIFESTATION of Jehovah's presence;** all but a dim reflection of the glories of the temple of God in heaven, the great center of the work for man's redemption.” {PP 349.3}

“The most terrifying calamity that could occur had befallen Israel. The ark of God had been captured, and was in the possession of the enemy. The glory had indeed departed from Israel when the symbol of the abiding presence and power of Jehovah was removed from the midst of them. With this sacred chest were associated the most wonderful revelations of God's truth and power. In former days miraculous victories had been achieved whenever it appeared. It was

shadowed by the wings of the golden cherubim, and **the unspeakable glory of the Shekinah, the VISIBLE SYMBOL of the most high God**, had rested over it in the holy of holies. But now it had brought no victory. It had not proved a defense on this occasion, and there was mourning throughout Israel.” {PP 584.1}

“**Christ** was their instructor. As He had been with them in the wilderness, so He was still to be their teacher and guide. **In the tabernacle and the temple His glory dwelt in the holy Shekinah above the mercy seat.** In their behalf He constantly manifested the riches of His love and patience.” {PK 18.2}

“The history of a thousand years of privilege and blessing, granted to the Jewish people, was unfolded to the eye of Jesus. The Lord had made Zion his holy habitation. There prophets had unsealed their rolls and uttered their warnings. There priests had waved their censers, and daily offered the blood of slain lambs, pointing forward to the Lamb of God. **There had Jehovah dwelt in VISIBLE GLORY, in the shekinah above the mercy-seat.** There rested the base of that mystic ladder connecting earth with Heaven,—that ladder upon which angels of God descended and ascended, and which opened to the world the way into the holiest of all. Had Israel as a nation preserved her allegiance to Heaven, Jerusalem would have stood forever, the elect metropolis of God. But the history of that favored people was a record of backsliding and rebellion. They had resisted Heaven's grace, abused their privileges, slighted their opportunities.” {4SP 18.2}

“**The sanctuary in Heaven, in which Jesus ministers in our behalf, is the great original, of which the sanctuary built by Moses was a copy. ... And beyond the second vail was the HOLY SHEKINAH, THE VISIBLE MANIFESTATION of God's glory, before which none but the high priest could enter and live.** The matchless splendor of the earthly tabernacle reflected to human vision the glories of that heavenly temple where Christ our forerunner ministers for us before the throne of God.” {4SP 260.2}

The SOP through Sr. White mentions “the Shekinah” 38 times. While this word is not mentioned in Scripture, She is alluded to in many other ways through key words also used in the SOP: the Glory of God, His Name, the Angel of the Lord, the Holy Ghost, the everlasting Spirit, another Comforter in My Name, Jerusalem, the New Jerusalem, to mention a few. Sr. Roden wrote extensively on the Shekinah, equating Her with the Holy Spirit (which is corroborated in Jewish writings and thought).

“SANCTUARY, THE DWELLING PLACE OF THE HOLY **SHEKINAH**, WHEN THE SCRIPTURES ARE TAKEN AS THEY READ.

"THE SANCTUARY (Gender). Gr. Hagia . . . scholars generally agree that the reading hagia is to be preferred. There is a grammatical problem to be settled with respect to hagia. Taken by itself its UNACCENTED form may be: (1) A FEMININE SINGULAR FORM that would make it an

adjective modifying skin, 'tabernacle.' The clause would then read, 'which is called holy [tent].' (2) A NEUTER PLURAL FORM that would be rendered 'holies,' or 'holy [places].' THE SPELLING OF THE TWO FORMS IS THE SAME; however, when the word is ACCENTED, the FEMININE SINGULAR form has the accent on the SECOND syllable, whereas the NEUTER PLURAL form has the accent on the FIRST syllable. Since the earliest manuscripts were UNACCENTED, it is IMPOSSIBLE, on the basis of them, to determine which form may here have been intended (SINGULAR FEMININE, or PLURAL NEUTER) . . . all this is NOT conclusive evidence against a singular (FEMININE) reading, for the manuscript copiers, who SUPPLIED the ACCENTS, WERE UNINSPIRED MEN. They placed the accent where they FELT the context required it However . . . A SINGULAR (FEMININE) FORM CANNOT BE DENIED. . ." - S.D.A. Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, pp. 448, 449. (Parentheses added; brackets belong to quotation)

"Masculine gender was not even indicated. Uninspired translators put what they THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE. The sanctuary would naturally have a feminine image as it represents the dwelling place of the Holy Shekinah who is Herself termed Feminine. The "AH" ending is feminine in the Aramaic (The Hebrew Goddess, p. 141)." {Behold Thy Mother, Part 1, p. 9, by Lois I. Roden}

Messiah was the "invisible King of Israel," and the Shekinah was the "visible manifestation" of the "glory of God." Both of Our Messiahs were in the wilderness tabernacle which later became known as "the tabernacle of David"; however, it was the Shekinah that was VISIBLE to all!

"The Shekinah had departed from the sanctuary, but in the Child of Bethlehem was veiled the glory before which angels bow. This unconscious babe was the promised seed, to whom the first altar at the gate of Eden pointed." {DA 52.3}

"1-8. Shekinah Glory Revealed to Isaiah.--Christ Himself was the Lord of the temple. When He should leave it, its glory would depart--that glory once visible in the holy of holies over the mercy seat, where the high priest entered only once a year, on the great day of atonement, with the blood of the slain victim (typical of the blood of the Son of God shed for the sins of the world), and sprinkled it upon the altar. This was the Shekinah, the visible pavilion of Jehovah. {4BC 1139.5}

"It was this glory that was revealed to Isaiah, when he says, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple" [Isaiah 6:1-8 quoted] (MS 71, 1897)." {4BC 1139.6}

When Messiah walked the earth as a Man, the Shekinah, the Glory of God, was "veiled" within Him. He became the "visible King", and She became the "invisible King." The Second Adam contained within Him the Second Eve. At the Cross of Calvary, She came forth from His Body Temple as a Separate Being, partaking of His flesh, and becoming the True Woman. This was prefigured in the offering of the Two Turtledoves (Lev. 14).

“4-8 (John 1:29). Two Birds--One Dipped in Blood.--The wonderful symbol of the living bird dipped in the blood of the bird slain and then set free to its joyous life, is to us the symbol of the atonement. There were death and life blended, presenting to the searcher for truth the hidden treasure, the union of the pardoning blood with the resurrection and life of our Redeemer. The bird slain was over living water; that flowing stream was a symbol of the ever flowing, ever cleansing efficacy of the blood of Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, the fountain that was open for Judah and Jerusalem, wherein they may wash and be clean from every stain of sin. We are to have free access to the atoning blood of Christ. This we must regard as the most precious privilege, the greatest blessing, ever granted to sinful man. And how little is made of this great gift! How deep, how wide and continuous is this stream! To every soul thirsting after holiness there is repose, there is rest, there is the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit, and then the holy, happy, peaceful walk and precious communion with Christ. Then, oh, then, can we intelligently say with John, ‘Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world’ (Letter 87, 1894).” {1BC 1111.4}

On the Day of Pentecost, the first 120 of the Apostolic Church received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as **VISIBLE CLOVEN TONGUES OF FIRE**. She was recognized as the Under-Leader of the Son, as “another Comforter,” and the Only Sovereign of the Apostolic Church on earth. **At this time, She sits above the Mercy Seat in the earthly “Tabernacle of David”, hidden away as a Bride preparing Herself for the return of Her Bridegroom.**

“Among the righteous still in Jerusalem, to whom had been made plain the divine purpose, were some who determined to place beyond the reach of ruthless hands the sacred ark containing the tables of stone on which had been traced the precepts of the Decalogue. This they did. With mourning and sadness they secreted the ark in a cave, where it was to be hidden from the people of Israel and Judah because of their sins, and was to be no more restored to them. That sacred ark is yet hidden. It has never been disturbed since it was secreted.” {PK 453.2}

“Because of Israel's transgression of the commandments of God and their wicked acts, God suffered them to go into captivity, to humble and punish them. **Before the temple was destroyed, God made known to a few of His faithful servants the fate of the temple, which was the pride of Israel, and which they regarded with idolatry, while they were sinning against God.** He also revealed to them the captivity of Israel. These righteous men, just before the destruction of the temple, removed the sacred ark containing the tables of stone, and with mourning and sadness secreted it in a cave where it was to be hidden from the people of Israel because of their sins, and was to be no more restored to them. That sacred ark is yet hidden. It has never been disturbed since it was secreted.” {SR 195.1}

The Ark of the Covenant, the Throne of the Shekinah, the Merkabah, is yet hidden. It has never been found. The “cloud by day” and the “fire by night” have been gone from Israel since before the destruction of Solomon’s Temple by Babylon. **But do NOT despair! Prophecy tells us that in the End-Time the Ark of the Covenant AND the “tabernacle of David” AND the VISIBLE manifestation of God WILL RETURN to God’s people!**

Isaiah 4:5,6

“And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory [shall be] a defense. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.”

Amos 9:11

“In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:”

Acts 15:15-17

“And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, **After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:** That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.”

“There are abundant evidences of the immutability of God's law. It was written with the finger of God, never to be obliterated, never to be destroyed. **The tables of stone are hidden by God, to be produced in the great judgment-day, just as He wrote them (RH March 26, 1908).**” {1BC 1109.3}

“When the judgment shall sit, and the books shall be opened, and every man shall be judged according to the things written in the books, **then the tables of stone, hidden by God until that day, will be presented before the world as the standard of righteousness.** Then men and women will see that the prerequisite of their salvation is obedience to the perfect law of God. None will find excuse for sin. By the righteous principles of that law, men will receive their sentence of life or of death (Ibid., Jan. 28, 1909).” {1BC 1109.4}

“The glory of God (The SHEKINAH - HOLY SPIRIT) had indeed departed from Israel when the symbol (the ark of the covenant) of the abiding presence and power of Jehovah was removed from the midst of them.” - P.P., p. 584.

“As for that place (cave where the ark is hidden), it shall be unknown until the time that God gather his people AGAIN together, and receive them unto mercy. Then shall the Lord

shew them these things, and the GLORY of the Lord (THE SHEKINAH) SHALL APPEAR, AND THE CLOUD ALSO, as it was shewed under Moses. . .” 2 Macc. 2:7, 8.

” . . . then the tables of stone (in the **ark of the covenant**) hidden by God until that day, will be presented before the world as the standard of righteousness. . . . just as he wrote them.” - R.H., Jan. 28, 1909, Mar. 26, 1908”{Behold Thy Mother, Part III, p.26, Lois I. Roden}

The Holy Spirit Daughter is the “Visible King” of Israel. As the Shekinah, She was in the “pillar of a cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night.” As the Glory of Messiah, She enshrouded Him and hid Him from view in the wilderness, as well as in Solomon’s Temple. When He walked the earth as a Man, She was the Glory hidden within Him, just as Eve was hidden within Adam. On the Mount of Transfiguration, the favored disciples caught a glimpse of Her when She briefly shown forth from within Him. At the Cross, She came forth from His Body Temple as the Second Eve, a partaker of His human flesh. On the Day of Pentecost, She came down on the 120 as cloven tongues of fire. She has been in the earth as “another Comforter” for the last 2,000 years, hidden from our view “in a cave” on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant, interceding for us and covering us with Her Mercy. **At the appointed time, the Ark of the Covenant will be brought forth by “righteous men” and the tables of stone will be held up before the world in judgment. At that time, the “cloud by day” and “fire by night” will return to God’s people. The Church and the world will see, without any doubt, that the Shekinah, the Holy Spirit Daughter, is indeed the VISIBLE KING of Israel!**

GOD’S VICEGERENT

The term “vicegerent” is such that at least one pretender to the Throne of “antitypical David” is applying it to himself. This title is used for the most part exclusively in Roman Catholicism and the Church of England.

“VICEGERENT, n. [L. vicem gereus, acting in the place of another.]

“A lieutenant; a vicar; an officer who is deputed by a superior or by proper authority to exercise the powers of another. Kings are sometimes called God’s vicegerents. It is to be wished they would always deserve the appellation.

“VICEGERENT, a. Having or exercising delegated power; acting by substitution, or in the place of another.”—Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary.

The SOP uses the term “vicegerent” for Adam, Saul, David, any king of a theocracy, and the father in the Christian home.

“... Satan's dominion was that wrested from Adam, but Adam was the vicegerent of the Creator. His was not an independent rule. The earth is God's, and He has committed all things to His Son. Adam was to reign subject to Christ....” {DA 129.4}

“The Lord foresaw that Israel would desire a king, but He did not consent to a change in the principles upon which the state was founded. The king was to be the vicegerent of the Most High. ...” {PP 603.2}

“Here Saul was subjected to the final test. His presumptuous disregard of the will of God, showing his determination to rule as an independent monarch, proved that he could not be trusted with royal power as the vicegerent of the Lord. ...” {ST, June 1, 1888 par. 12}

“... The time had come, and David, by solemn rite, is consecrated by the nation to his office as God's appointed vicegerent. ...” {ST, June 15, 1888 par. 9}

“The father of the household represents the divine lawgiver, whom God has made His vicegerent in his family to carry out upright principles, as did Abraham, keeping heaven continually in view, and doing his work after the divine order for time and for eternity.--Ms 24b, 1894, p. 6. (“Testimony Concerning Idleness,” April 30, 1894.)” {6MR 47.2}

As SDAs, we have had a negative attitude towards the use of the title “vicegerent” of any human being, and justifiably so. Many of those who have called themselves “vicegerents” have been horribly unworthy of the power, religious and civil, that comes with it. Bro. Roden gives us a different take on this title.

“God's Theocracy in the Last Days and Its Types

“When the Israelites first settled in Canaan, they acknowledged the principles of the THEOCRACY, and the nation prospered under the rule of Joshua.’ - Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 603.

“The time had come, and David, by solemn rite, was consecrated to his office as God's VICEGERENT. The scepter was placed in his hands.’ - Ibid., p. 702.

“Just because Israel wanted a king like the other nations in the days of Saul, God did not allow a change of His Representative before the Kingdom. **His Representative was still to be a theocratic Governor, a Vicegerent; in other words, a civil and religious ruler, not only of the nation, but of the church as well.** He was to be the visible Representative of God to the church and the nation because this plan was established at Sinai under Moses, and God would allow no change in the principles of the kingdom.

“When the term, ‘vicegerent,’ is mentioned most Seventh-day Adventists think of the pope and Rome. True, the pope is a religious and civil leader over Vatican City under

Rome's laws. 'Thus the pope came to be almost universally acknowledged as the vicegerent of God on earth, endowed with authority over church and state.' - The Great Controversy, p. 51.

"It is a clever trick of Satan to counterfeit God's glorious form of Government for His saints on earth just before Jesus comes the second time (1 Thess. 4:16). **The enemy has cunningly perverted the idea of God's theocratic government to the extent that those teaching a Theocratic Kingdom before His second coming are considered heretics.**

"What saith the Scriptures? 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, . . . for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.' - Isa. 2:2, 3. (Micah 4:1-3; Jer. 30:3, 18, 24.)

"The office of vicegerent, under God, is a civil and religious form of government established with Moses at Sinai and is now to be restored in God's kingdom on earth. **The term 'Theocracy' applies to God's Sovereignty over His people with a vicegerent through whom He rules as in the days of Moses, David, and, in the near future, through the antitypical David when He gathers the twelve tribes of Jacob back to New Jerusalem in their homeland.**

"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.' - Hosea 3:4, 5.

"From the weight of evidence we then will have to take these facts into consideration in our position and stand on Pentecost." (BLR, The Pentecost, p.8)

While Bro. Roden makes it sound like he is establishing that a true theocracy has a sinful human being as its vicegerent, he still makes it clear that it is the "antitypical David" Who will rule in God's Restored Kingdom on earth. He capitalizes "Representative," "Governor," and "Vicegerent." We must remember also that the Holy Spirit Daughter has taken on human flesh since the Cross of Calvary. It is quite interesting that Bro. Roden should connect the titles "vicegerent" and the "antitypical David" with "Pentecost." Is it not? His interpretation leaves sufficient basis for Sr. Roden's prophecy further expounding upon this issue: **"Whereupon they say to Him (Her), by their attitude and stand toward His [Her] message, 'We will not have this [wo] man to reign over us,' although 'this [wo]man,' as we now see, is the antitypical David (the 'simple means'), the visible king."** Mount Zion At "The Eleventh Hour," Tract No. 8, p. 71.

"Question 1

"What is Ezekiel's testimony regarding God's latter-day servant, David? Eze. 34:1, 2, 23-26.

"Note – 'In the days of this antitypical David God gathers His flock from all the countries where they have been scattered, and brings them into their own land. God will no longer leave them in the mountains and the hills of the Gentiles. 'Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel. Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.' Hos. 1:11; 3:5." - Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 17,18.

"The self-centered shepherds against whom the prophet is told to write, are to be replaced by one shepherd, David. When this takes place God's people will then have but one shepherd. **This, of course, cannot be Christ Himself, for Inspiration never calls Him David, but rather It calls Him the Son of David.** Since God's people have always had, and still do have many shepherds, the truth stands out as clear as crystal that the David of verses 23 and 24 is yet to come (in 1947), and that the shepherds whom Inspiration addresses are in particular those whom David is to succeed.

"Ezekiel, then, was not given a vision of the shepherds in his day, nor of those before his day, but of the shepherds after his day - the day in which God raises up this antitypical David to feed His hungry and neglected flock. God's people shall then no longer serve strangers, 'But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.' Jer. 30:9. Here we see that not only Ezekiel, but Jeremiah also was given a vision of this same truth. Yes, all the prophets." - Ibid., pp. 14,15.

"In view of the fact that the Son of the Eternal Father came to earth, lived as a man lives, and gave his life a ransom for the fallen race, the earth in its fullness belongs to Him and He ever lives to reign over it. **However, since the third overturning was at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., 40 years after the Messiah had returned to Heaven to sit on the right hand of God in His Father's throne (Heb. 8:1), and by the fact the Messiah's throne is established on the earth (Rev. 3:21), under the whole heaven (Dan. 7:27), in the latter days, before the millennium, according to the mouth of all the holy prophets, the coming of the one whose right it is evidently refers to the antitypical David, the heir to David's throne (Acts 15:15-17), in fulfillment of God's covenant promise with David of old (Jer. 33:17-22).** - B.L.R.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.' - Matt. 17:11.

"Do you see that the prophet appears in a day he can restore all things, everything that was lost through sin, even the Kingdom?" - Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 7, p. 11.

"So it is that what a multitude of shepherds have failed to do, one shepherd, even David, will, in God's hands, get done." - Ibid., No. 2 (Revised), p. 17.

"Question 2 How does Hosea envision this same latter-day King David? Hos. 2:11; 3:5.

"Note – 'The Word of God, therefore, definitely declares that the subjects of the torn-down kingdoms - Judah and Israel - as Christians, along with the Gentiles that have joined them, will gather together and appoint themselves a king.

"In a similar symbolism, the prophet was told that after many days of obscurity and wandering, 'shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king [evidently David is the 'one head' whom they appoint], and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.' Hos. 3:5.' - Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 6, p. 17. [Brackets belong.]

"Here we are definitely told that in the latter days, God's saints, without a sinner among them, are to be gathered together from the four corners of the earth, and be organized into a Theocratic government, of which antitypical David is to be the king." - Ibid., No. 21 (Revised), p. 7.

"In this part of the prophecy, you see, we are told that after they have sojourned among the Gentiles for 'many days' without a king, and without any sign of identification (having been entirely lost sight of as a nation and as a people), they shall finally have antitypical David rule over them. This would not be ancient David as he was already dead when the prophecy was made. Neither could this promised David be Christ Himself, for Christ is the son of David (Matt. 22:42), not David himself; and if He shall, moreover, sit on the throne of David (Luke 1:32), then David must have a throne for Him to sit on.' - Ibid., No. 43, p. 17. (Parentheses belong.)" (BLR, "The Kingdom Lost and Restored", p.19-21)

ROMANS 1:3

"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;"

Christ is called the "Son of David" because He came as a man born in the line of the earthly David through Mary. SHE was the Davidic lineage of whom He, Christ, was the son in the earth. Joseph was shown to be of the line of David in the genealogy, but Christ did not get His blood line from Joseph. Joseph was not Christ's genetic father. Yahshua had NO earthly father. Both earthly parents of Yahshua (Jesus) were of Davidic lineage, therefore Christ is the "son of David". Yahshua had a conferred patrilineal connection to King David through Joseph.

Matthew 1:20 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to

take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

Luke 1:27 “To a virgin espoused to a man whose name **was Joseph, of the house of David**; and the virgin's name [was] Mary.

1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, [thou that art] highly favoured, the Lord [is] with thee: blessed [art] thou among women.

1:29 And when she saw [him], she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son OF THE Highest: and the Lord GOD SHALL GIVE unto him THE THRONE of his FATHER David**:

1:33 **And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever**; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

You see, there is “no end” to this study. This introduces the fuller concept and truth of Messiah Yahshua from the perspective of the Divine Family.

David means "beloved" in Hebrew. In the Song of Solomon, the Holy Spirit says a number of times that She is "my beloved's" and "my beloved is mine." She is the Son's Beloved. He is Her Beloved. They are ONE in the marriage covenant, soon to be solemnized. This is True for the Mother and Father also. **Christ is the Son of the Heavenly David(s), the Mother and the Father.** This truth overlays and melds Heaven and earth together into ONE, which was the plan of redemption from the beginning.

We also are told of the House of David in the Scriptures. "David" is the Family Name. The Daughter is the Divine depository of the Name David in the earth because She is the One Who continues the Family Line. We become a part of the House of David through Her when we are “born again”, begotten through the Word (Christ the Son/Father/Creator).

So, we may conclude that the “David” (the King) in prophecy for our time (Ezekiel 37:24) is a real person, certainly human, but also Divine. Christ’s counterpart, His

Bride, “My Sister, My Spouse” (Song of Solomon) is also of the earthly lineage of David. This duality of Messiah-Christ, the Son of YAH, is shown in many places in Scripture and type.

IN CONCLUSION

We have presented abundant and conclusive evidence as to just Whom the “antitypical David, the ‘simple means’” is—the Holy Spirit Daughter. Therefore, we shall conclude with some very pertinent Scriptures.

Jeremiah 33:15-17

“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. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and **this [is the name] wherewith SHE shall be called, The LORD our righteousness**. For thus saith the LORD; **David shall never want a MAN to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;**”

Micah 4:8

“And thou, O tower of the flock, **the strong hold of the DAUGHTER OF ZION, unto THEE shall it come, even the FIRST DOMINION; the kingdom shall come to the DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM.**”

**We are on the Borders of Eternity!
Come join with the holy angels and the residents of the
unfallen worlds as one Body, in recognition of our Mother-**

**THE Antitypical David
THE “SIMPLE MEANS”
THE Visible King of Israel**

THE Vicegerent of God HalleluYah!

"THY WATCHMEN shall lift up the voice (One Head); with the voice together (One Body) shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, (One Message) when the LORD shall bring again Zion." Isa. 52:8.

By His Spirit – The Branch



