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"All the paternal love which has come down from generation to generation through the channel of human hearts, all the springs of tenderness which have opened in the souls of men, are but as a tiny rill to the boundless ocean when compared with the infinite, exhaustless love of God. Tongue cannot utter it; pen cannot portray it. You may meditate upon it every day of your life; you may search the Scriptures diligently in order to understand it; you may summon every power and capability that God has given you, in the endeavor to comprehend the love and compassion of the heavenly Father; and yet there is an infinity beyond. You may study that love for ages; yet you can never fully comprehend the length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of the love of God in giving His Son to die for the world. Eternity itself can never fully reveal it..."

—Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 740.

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CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Message of 1888 Marks a New Era in the Proclamation of the Third Angel's Message

Careful study of the instruction given by the Spirit of Prophecy leads to the deep conviction that the coming of the message of **Righteousness by Faith** at the Minneapolis Conference, was a signal providence of God—a providence designed to initiate the beginning of a new era in the finishing of His work. The following statement, written just four years after the Minneapolis Conference in 1888, affords basis for this conclusion:

"The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth." —*Review and Herald*, Nov. 22, 1892.

Almost alarming in character are the statements in the foregoing paragraph. They have a very important bearing on the work which Seventh-day Adventists are carrying forward, and therefore are of the greatest interest to all who are connected with the work of proclaiming the third angel's message. Let us reread the paragraph from an analytical standpoint:

1. The time of test is just upon us
2. The *loud cry* of the third angel has already begun.
3. It began in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ (the message of 1888).
4. This marks the *beginning* of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth.

The events mentioned in this paragraph are the

same as those brought to view in Revelation 18:1, 2: "After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And He cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

The explanation of this scripture, as given by the Spirit of Prophecy, should be carefully noted:

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice....The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message." —*Early Writings*, p. 277.

The panorama of events presented in the foregoing paragraph is so extensive and so full of meaning that it may be helpful to note each

event separately:

1. A mighty angel comes down from heaven to earth.
2. The work of this angel is:
 - a. To unite his voice with the third angel.
 - b. To give power and force to the third angel's message.
3. Great power and glory were imparted to this angel:
 - a. The earth was lightened with his glory.
 - b. The light penetrated everywhere.
4. The work of this mighty angel comes in at just the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message.
5. As a result of the coming of this mighty angel, the message swells into a loud cry.
6. The power attending this mighty angel prepares the people of God to stand in the hour of trial.
7. This preparation is recognized by heaven in the bestowal of "a great light" to rest upon God's people.
8. The culmination of all these events is a *united people, fearlessly proclaiming the third angel's message.*

Inseparably connected with this program of great events is the visitation of the "latter rain" upon the remnant church. Note the following paragraph:

"While the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." —*Early Writings*, pp. 85, 86.

This places the latter rain visitation with the loud cry, the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, and the flooding of the earth with the light of the third angel's message.

This is a program of truly thrilling events. It was outlined by the Spirit of Prophecy at the very beginning of our movement. And then, to awaken and arouse us to its serious import, a most solemn and impressive message regarding the same events was given us following the memorable Conference of 1888. The following vital statements taken from that message will give emphasis to the subject under consideration:

1. An Eventful Period of Time.

"The days in which we live are eventful and full of peril. The signs of the coming of the end are thickening around us, and events are to come to pass that will be of a more terrible character than any the world has yet witnessed."

2. The "Loud Cry" Begins.

"The time of test is just upon us for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth."

3. The Essential Preparation to Stand in the Time of Trouble.

"If you would stand through the time of trouble, you must know Christ and appropriate the gift of His righteousness, which He imputes to the repentant sinner."

4. The Message to Be Preached.

"A work is to be accomplished in the earth similar to that which took place at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the days of the early disciples, when they preached Jesus and Him crucified. Many will be converted in a day; for the message will go with power."

"The theme that attracts the heart of the sinner is Christ, and Him crucified. On the cross of

Calvary, Jesus stands revealed to the world in unparalleled love. *Present Him thus to the hungry multitudes*, and the light of His love will win men from darkness to light, from transgression to obedience and true holiness. Beholding Jesus upon the cross of Calvary arouses the conscience to the heinous character of sin as nothing else can do."

"Christ has not been presented in connection with a law as a faithful and merciful high priest, who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He has not been lifted up before the sinner as the divine sacrifice. His work as sacrifice, substitute, and surety, has been only coldly and casually dwelt upon; but this is what the sinner needs to know. *It is Christ in His fullness as a sin-pardoning Saviour*, that the sinner must see; for the unparalleled love of Christ, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, will bring conviction and conversion to the hardened heart."

5. *The Power That Gives Efficiency to the Preaching.*

"The work of the *Holy Spirit* is immeasurably great. It is from *this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God*; and the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul."

"When the earth is lightened with the glory of God, we shall see a work similar to that which was wrought when the disciples, *filled with the Holy Spirit*, proclaimed the power of a risen Saviour."

"*The revelation of Christ by the Holy Spirit* brought to them [the disciples] a realizing sense of His power and majesty, and they stretched forth their hands unto Him by faith, saying, 'I believe.' Thus it was in the time of the early rain; but the latter rain will be more abundant. The Saviour of men will be glorified, and the earth will be lightened with the bright shining of the beams of His righteousness." —*Review and Herald, Nov. 22 and 29, 1892.*

It will be seen that all these events are associated together to be in operation at the same time. Placed in their natural order, they stand as follows:

1. The revelation and appropriation by faith of the righteousness of Christ.
2. The bestowal of the latter rain.
3. The impartation of great power to the receiver.
4. The swelling of the third angel's message into the "loud cry."
5. The enlightening of the earth with the "bright shining of the beams of righteousness."

It is evident that the beginning, or opening, of all these events is at the same time. The appearance of one is a signal for all to appear.

And now mark the positive declaration: "The loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth." —*Review and Herald, Nov. 22, 1892.*

This was declared in 1892. What marked the fresh, or new, revelation of the righteousness of Christ and the beginning of the loud cry? As the statement itself points out, it was "the revelation of the righteousness of Christ" as set forth at the Minneapolis Conference.

Now these important manifestations are ordained of God for the finishing of His work in the earth. When they began, they marked the starting point for that closing work. That place, that hour, was reached in 1888.

This is a tremendous conclusion, but what other conclusion can be reached with all the statements before us? Why should this conclusion be thought incredible? We believe the statements to be true. We have looked for their fulfillment. Our waiting for the fulfillment has been anxious and long. The fulfillment will

be witnessed by someone. Why may we not see it and be in it?

Should we not seek most seriously and earnestly to know what may be hindering the fulfillment in all its power? And why should we not pray for a yearning desire to co-operate fully with the Lord in hastening His work to its close?

Note: This is chapter five of the book, *Christ Our Righteousness*,—a study of the principles of Righteousness by Faith as set forth in the Word of God and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy). To be continued.

Note - Ellen White informs us that unfortunately the Angel of Revelation 18:1 was forced to turn back after the 1888 General Conference Session:

"The whole of Revelation 18, will be fulfilled in the glorious closing of this work. It hasn't yet been fulfilled, and yet the light of the **Fourth Angel's Message** began to shine in that strange and impressive way at Minneapolis. The only reasonable conclusion is that the **light was put out by human instrumentalities.**" —*E. G. White, Letter 106.*

"An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord's message through Brethren Waggoner and Jones. By exciting that opposition Satan succeeded in **shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special power of the Holy Spirit that God longed to impart to them.** The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying the truth to the world, as the apostles proclaimed it after the day of Pentecost. **The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted,** and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world." —*1 Selected Messages, 234-235.*

Brother Houteff also points out: "Likewise, the Advent Movement, right after the Minneapolis Conference in 1888, would have begun the work of the Loud Cry angel, but as a result of the unbelief of many in the *Testimonies* of the Spirit of God, the 'cry' was silenced for forty years, while the Movement retreated 'toward Egypt.'" —*2 Answerer, p. 55.*

"...Unbelief in the message of Righteousness by Faith proclaimed at the Minneapolis Conference sent the Seventh-day Adventist denomination into a forty-year wilderness wandering, until 1930, with the arrival of the message, at the voice of which each must either do God's bidding or die as did Achan and his household. May God grant that the Israel of today, the children of those who have repeated the history of Israel of old (*Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 160*), be admonished by the mistakes of their fathers, and heed the call of the Eleventh Hour." —*3 Answerer, p. 22.*

Indeed, praise be to God, the message is to come back again, in its fullness!

Elder A.T. Jones, a leader in presenting the message of **Righteousness by Faith** in 1888 points out: "That (the 1888 message) however, is but a sample. There will be things to come that will be more surprising than that was to those at Minneapolis, more surprising than anything we have yet seen. And brethren, we will be required to receive and preach that truth. But unless you and I have every fiber of that spirit rooted out of our hearts, we will treat that message and the messenger by whom it is sent, as God has declared we have treated this other message." —*General Conference Bulletin, 1893, p. 185.*

The message dear friends is here! "In the year 1930, God again spoke to His people...." —*2 Ans., p. 55.* Yes, the Shepherd's Rod message is the message of the hour! "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thess. 5:21

THE EXODUS OF TODAY

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This afternoon we shall study Zechariah 8. The first thing we need to know in the study of this chapter is whether its promises are made to the people of Zechariah's time or to the people of our time. To find this out, it is necessary for us to read a few scattered verses. We shall begin with—

Zech. 8:7,8—"Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in Truth and in righteousness."

In these verses we see that God is promising to save His people not from the land of ancient Babylon, where Zechariah then was, but from the east and from the west, and to bring them to Jerusalem. They are to be His people, not by virtue of their ancestry, or by some other, but in Truth and righteousness. Now, since the promise in these verses did not meet its fulfillment in Zechariah's day, nor at any time thereafter, it stands to reason that it must meet its fulfillment sometime in the future. Let us read—

Verse 13—"And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong."

Besides promising to save His people from the east and from the west, the Lord promises to save also the house of Judah and the house of Israel, both of the scattered ancient kingdoms. You are well acquainted with the fact that the

ten-tribe kingdom constituted the house of Israel. And since these two kingdoms have never yet been united and brought back to Jerusalem, there is but one logical conclusion to be reached: The promises of this chapter are to be fulfilled in the time of the "gathering of the people" from the four corners of the earth. In view of this great and grand work the Lord expects our hands to be "strong." Next we shall read—

Verses 20-22—"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord."

Since we know that no nation aside from the Jewish nation in Zechariah's day went to seek the Lord and to pray before Him in Jerusalem, there is no alternative but again to admit that the promises of Zechariah 8 belong to the people in the time of the final harvests, in the gathering time.

Having completed our analysis of the time this chapter meets its fulfillment, we can, I am sure, now study the prophecy itself with much greater interest than we could have otherwise. Let us begin with—

Verses 1-3—"Again the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto

Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of Truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain."

Yes, wonderful things are spoken of Zion and Jerusalem. At one time the Lord forsook the city and scattered the people. But at the time these scriptures are being revealed, He is to return, to gather His elect, and to bring them to Zion and Jerusalem. When this great work shall have been accomplished Jerusalem will then be called "a city of Truth,...the holy mountain"—a people well versed in God's whole Truth and without a sinner in their midst. This great wonder evidently takes place during the Judgment of the Living, the righteous are taken there while the wicked are being bound in bundles as it were for to be destroyed. And while the Lord dwells in Zion, His Truth shall then emanate from Zion and Jerusalem. Then it is that "many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord." Now is our greatest chance to work and pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

Verses 4, 5—"Thus saith the Lord of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof."

Jerusalem shall be a city of joy, too. There shall be no fear or accident; even the children shall safely play in the streets. There shall be no "long faces," and no worried looks. So shall it be for both young and old.

Verse 6—"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; if it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in Mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts."

Just because the fulfillment of this prophecy might seem too marvelous and impossible, must it necessarily seem impossible to the Lord, also?—Indeed not.

Verses 7, 8—"Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in Truth and in righteousness.

Zechariah predicts the gathering of the saints out of all nations into God's purified and Truth-filled church, the Kingdom, just as the parable of the harvest teaches, only the wheat is to be put into the barn, church. There is to no mixed company of saints and sinners in the "holy mountain of the Lord."

Verse 9—"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built."

God here counsels us to let our hands be strong, and stable.

We, too, should hear the words of the prophets and though we be not building the temple which they were building, yet that is the only way that our work can prosper. We cannot afford to close our ears to what the prophets say, or to sit down in an unconcerned attitude.

Verses 10-12—"For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour. But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the Lord of hosts. For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase,

and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things."

How thankful and glad we ought to be that the days of our affliction are almost at the end, that now if we hear His prophets, and brace ourselves for the work, the Lord assures us of peace and prosperity. This may soon be ours if we but steadfastly cling to the Truth, and thus to the Lord.

Verse 13—"And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong."

Though we have been great sinners and a great curse among the heathen, yet even far greater will our blessings be if we let Him give them to us. Our hands, should be strong to hasten that glad day.

Verses 14, 15—"For thus saith the Lord of hosts: As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, saith the Lord of hosts, and I repented not: so again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not."

Again and again we are assured that as great as had been His people's punishment, just that great shall be their joy and comfort now in the gathering time.

Verse 16—"These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the Truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of Truth and peace in your gates."

Everyone of us is admonished to teach the Truth to his neighbour, to do whatever he finds close to his hand. We are to execute judgment of Truth rather than waste breath and time talking about the sins of others lest we fail to

see the knotty "beam" in our own eyes. Let us, as this scripture instructs, speak the Truth, execute judgment and peace in our homes and in our midst. Never should we busy ourselves with other people's concerns. We should do well if we manage our own.

Verse 17—"And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord."

Of all the things Christians need to learn, this one thing is most urgent: That they be honest with themselves and with others, that they always speak the truth, that they cease imagining evil against one another. Remember, when you repeat hear-say you most likely are speaking falsehood, either wholly or in part. This you cannot afford to do, for "there shall no wise enter [the city] anything that...maketh a lie" Rev. 21:27. Evil speaking and evil surmising are things which the Lord hates.

Verses 18, 19—"And the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: "The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts: therefore love the Truth and peace."

These ancient and typical fasts shall turn to be antitypical feasts of joy and gladness.

Verse 22—"Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord."

It is interesting to envisage the expansion of God's Truth as outlined in this chapter: First, one individual speaks the Truth to another individual. Then one city communicates It to another city. Finally, one strong nation invites another nation to join the Lord. Thus will the harvest continue until the gospel work is

finished, until God's faithful people stand on the Lord's right side (in the Kingdom), and the hypocrites with the heathen stand on His left side (in the condemned Gentile world that is ready to perish).

Verse 23—"Thus saith the Lord of hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you."

It is logical to conclude that the ten men who take hold of all the languages of the nations in the time of this great ingathering are figurative of a group of people (the church freed from tares in the harvest time), just as the ten virgins (Matt. 25:1) are figurative of the church while the tares are still commingled with wheat. The ten servants (Luke 19:13), and the ten horns (Rev. 12:3; 17:3) are numbers of universality. **These ten men will speak all the languages as did the Apostles on the Pentecost.**

Obviously, the "Jew" whose skirt the people will take hold of must be the one through whom the Lord is working to reveal Himself and His Truth to the people. Having discovered this fact, naturally they will say, "We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." This particular Jew, of course, is not of the present-day identified Jews, but most likely a descendant of the Christian Jews,—perhaps of those who in the apostolic age lost their identity by naming themselves Christians (Acts 11:26). Again, he may be a descendant of any of the Jews who were driven from their homeland, scattered throughout the nations, and assimilated by them, then converted to Christianity.

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the

second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth....And there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria: like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt." Isaiah 11:10-12, 16.

Thus shall the gathering of the people be in the final exodus of today.

This ends the eighth chapter of Zechariah, and now we shall in a brief summary consider some of the things which we have learned:

First and most important of all, we have learned that the promises contained in Zechariah's prophecy are to be fulfilled in our day, and that very shortly wonderful things are to happen; that at one time the Lord had to forsake Jerusalem and scatter His people throughout the world, but now He is to return and gather His elect from the four corners of the earth; that Jerusalem is to be called a city of Truth and of joy—no fear, no accidents, no sorrow there; that God's people are to enjoy peace and prosperity; that they are to speak well of everyone, no longer will they waste their breath or time talking of the sins of others; that never will they busy themselves with other people's concerns; that they are to manage their own, and execute judgment and peace in their homes; that God's Truth is to expand rapidly: at first one individual speaking the Truth to another; then one city communicating It to another city; finally one strong nation is to invite another nation to join the Lord.

I agree with you that these promises do seem incredible and even fantastic. But the more they so appear, the brighter the prospect, for

God does not do what seems possible to man, but He does the things that seem altogether impossible to them. Think of God's marvelous work in the Exodus Movement: He led them out of Egypt, while they marched through the Red Sea, through the desert, and through the Jordan. He brought down manna from heaven, and continued to do so for forty long years. Visualize, if you can, Pharaoh's brick slaves becoming prophets, priests, and kings! The three Hebrews comfortably standing in the midst of the fiery furnace; and of Daniel in the lion's den; of Mordecai's victory over Haman; of David's victory over the giant; of Joseph feeding the world; of Moses surviving the Nile; of Samson pulling down the temple by bare hands. Countless are the wonders of God's mighty power all through the ages. All these deliverances, and many others were absolutely impossible with men, but very much possible with God. These mighty miracles bring us face to face with the fact that God is in the business of making "possibles" out of discordant "impossibles." Therefore, "let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words" of the Lord.—*Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 16.*

(Note - Brother Houteff gives additional information concerning the Exodus Movement Of Today):

"...our work has also as its type the Exodus movement going out of Egypt, establishing itself in the promised land. As they were freed from their Egyptian bondage, so we shall be freed from the world's yoke; and just as they possessed the land, and set up the kingdom, so shall we if we make their mistakes our stepping stones to success." 1TG.9:11.

"We are given the promise that the saints' experience is to be similar to that of the Exodus movement; that is, just as they were led out of Egypt by the mighty hand of God, and were brought safely into the promised land, so shall it be now.

" 'And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.' " Isaiah 11:11, 12. 1TG.28:16.

"...plainly this is the final harvest of the earth, the gathering of the people from all countries. It is the day in which to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. This is to be the **second and last Exodus Movement**. So great will it be that it will entirely eclipse the Movement of Moses' day. Do we, then, realize that we are on the verge of a new day?—a great day for the faithful and a dreadful one for the unfaithful?" 1TG.30:19.

"Yes, the Lord will open the way for the gathering of His people. The Exodus of today, therefore shall be as the Exodus of yesterday, only on a greater scale. **God's people in these last days shall be gathered from every land, not from the land of Egypt only.** 2TG.31:8.

"Quotes Ezek. 36:22-28....Note how clear these verses make the picture—that what God does for his people, He does, not because they are worthy of it, but for the sake of His own name; that He does it not before, but after, He takes them out of all countries and brings them into their own land; that He then and there cleanses them and changes their hearts. All of which shows that as long as His people are commingled with the tares, and live among the Gentiles, they can never be fitted for translation. Obviously, therefore, the land of our fathers is to be our final and superb dressing chamber to fit us for the society of pure, sinless, eternal beings.

"Do we see, then, as plain as we should, that to fail to heed the truth of this most momentous event in all church history, is to forfeit the gift of miracles, fitness for translation, and the right to live and reign with Christ during the thousand years? We dare not let the enemy cheat us of this new-heart fitness for Heaven.

"This ingathering is indeed to be the second exodus and it is to be exactly as the Lord has said: (Quotes Isaiah 11:11, 16). **2 TG.46.37, 38.**

"...This glorified repetition of God's leading an exodus movement by the shepherd's rod, shows that He is again using the same method to bring modern Israel out of the nations. Where the Jews failed to make their kingdom a working model of Theocracy, ordained solely to manifest God's power and thus convert the world to their precious Faith, **the present kingdom movement must succeed....**" **Tract 4:42.**

"In one of his grandest prophecies, Isaiah projects in lineaments unmistakable **the great antitypical counterpart of the Exodus Movement:** 'And there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left from Assyria; *like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.* Isa. 11:16' " **Tract 8:73, 74.**

"...It was the shepherd's Rod that freed ancient Israel, and the Lord has chosen 'The Shepherd's Rod' to deliver modern Israel. It was a Rod that led the first Exodus, and it is now seen that a Rod is making ready to lead the second Exodus (Isaiah 11:11; Mic.7:14, 15; Ezek. 20:36, 37)" **GCS:36.**

"In the Old Testament is brought to view a religious Movement which is an 'ensample' or type, of a counterpart in the New Testament. And just as God yesterday organized and led the one to emancipate His people from a cruel bondage to heathen masters, so also will He do with the other today. Likewise as He instructed the one, so will He instruct the other as to how

to expect to be liberated and established in the land of their inheritance, the kingdom of freedom, peace, and plenty. In assurance of this, He declares: 'Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.' 1 Cor. 10:11. And 'there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.' Isa. 11:16.

"These scriptures plainly show that the **Exodus Movement of old led by Moses through his shepherd's rod, from Egypt to Canaan, points forward in type to the final deliverance of God's people from their long servitude to the kingdoms of this world, to freedom in the kingdom of God.** Accordingly, this final and latter day Exodus Movement is to be led by the antitypical Shepherd's Rod, and liberated from all earthly bonds—from sin and from sinners...." **3 Answerer:19, 20.**

Ellen G. White, too, had information on this subject:

"...The Lord showed me that He had stretched out His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, and that efforts must be redoubled in this gathering time...." **Early Writings, p. 74.**

Sister White writing in **Captivity and Restoration**, the original title of the book, **Prophets and Kings**, makes these statements: "Of special value to God's church on earth today—the keepers of His vineyard—are the messages of counsel and admonition given through the prophets who have made plain His eternal purpose in behalf of mankind. In the teachings of the prophets, His love for the lost race, and His plan for their salvation, are clearly revealed. The story of Israel's call, of their successes and failures, of their restoration to divine favor, of their rejection of the Master of

the vineyard, and of the carrying out of the plan of the ages by a goodly remnant to whom are to be fulfilled ALL the covenant promises—this has been the theme of God's messengers to His church throughout the centuries that have passed...." **Prophets and Kings, p. 22.**

"That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today... These witnesses for God are numbered among spiritual Israel, and to them will be fulfilled ALL the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people." **Ibid. 714.**

A review of some of the covenant promises to ancient Israel:

Gen. 12:7—"And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land...."

Gen. 13:14-17—"And the Lord said unto Abram... Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it, for I will give it unto thee."

Gen. 15:7—"And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it."

Gen. 15:18-21—"In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites, and the

Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Gen. 17:8—"And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Isaiah 14:1—"For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land...."

Jer. 42:12—"And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you and cause you to return to your own land."

Ezek. 34:13—"And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country."

Ezek. 36:24-26—"For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh...."

Ezek. 37:14, 21—"And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord... Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land...."

The second Exodus Movement will indeed be a glorious event. May we all be ready!

THE WORK IN THE CARIBBEAN

ST. LUCIA

The work in St. Lucia is doing **great**. I visited St. Lucia and the brethren are trying their best to spread the message to the church. Br. Paul and Br. Lowrencin are doing a good job. While I was there I studied with families and individuals willing to know more about the message and to take their stand for it. I visited one of the government offices while there and met a S.D.A. sister. I spoke to her about the message and she was very impressed and wanted to know more about the wonderful truths in the *Rod's* message. I gave her the literature and she promised to study for herself to know the truth and take her stand with it. There are two young brothers who are on fire for the Truth. At this moment we have many new believers ready to take their stand for the Truth. We can say praise God for that, because St. Lucia is on fire for the Present Truth.

BARBADOS

Barbados is a beautiful island, but the S.D.A. brethren are fighting the Truth on every side, yet they cannot stop the message from moving forward! The Davidian group is doing fine, they are working very hard. I was able to help and encourage them in this matter. We had a wonderful time in studying the message. Some S.D.A. brethren came and saw clearly that this is the Truth, that the *Rod* message is the message for the hour. Praise God for that. The group in Barbados was very happy to see me, and we had a good time in the Lord. They asked me to return and I promised them that I will come back and help them in the summer.

GRENADA

There are 3 families of believers in Grenada. As we know Grenada is a hard place to work. They are not declining but they need help. Grenada has a history of rejecting the *Rod*, but in spite of all this the Lord is still blessing.

When I arrived the brethren were very happy to see me as I was to see them. Br. George and I went to the city to visit an S.D.A. family. While we were talking, she kept telling me that what I was saying, sounded good and that she needed more of it. I told her there was more to come. She told me, "Brother give me your phone number and take mine." We exchanged numbers, but the next day we called and to our surprise no one was home, so we returned to the city. I gave more *Rod* studies on Thursday. The sister called and said she was coming up to get more studies. She left her work and came all the way up to Saint Andrews to study the message. Not only that, but the Sabbath before I left, she and her husband arrived at the study. She said that if this is the Truth she does not want to be left out. This sister is earnest in the Truth, but is having trouble with some opposers. Let us pray for this sister, as well as for the brethren in Grenada.

ST. VINCENT

The work in St. Vincent has been very low for some time, but praise God He is able to raise a small plant again in this beautiful island. On the way to Grenada I stopped in St. Vincent. The Spirit impressed me to visit a sister who was once learned in the Lord, but has forgotten for a long time. I was able to study with her and bring her back to the fold of Truth and she is willing to hold on to this wonderful Truth again. She is alone with her grandmother and needs help. She has the courage to stand alone for the Truth on this island. She has a daughter and is asking that we pray for her family that they will make it to the Kingdom of God.

MARTINIQUE AND UNION ISLAND

Tapes and tracts have been sent here. The brethren are studying them and we will be visiting them soon as they need studies. Pray for them!

Dear Fellow Brethren:

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord in the light of thy countenance. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." Psalms 89:15, 34.

Warmest Christian greetings in the name of our loving, gracious and just Commander and Chief, Jesus Christ. So it is that He has extended time over to 1998. We trust that your daily walk with the Lord is becoming more intense and beautiful daily.

As for the work, world-wide, we are seeing it steadily progress even against all odds. One of our ministers has just returned from co-laboring with the Lord to revive fellow believers and reach out to new converts in Trinidad. Another minister just returned from a missionary trip to England and Holland; a report will be in the next issue of the *Code* concerning this trip. The Philippines and Africa continue to grow as the believers zealously share the Truth. One of our senior ministers has just returned from the Caribbean, having visited and helped brethren on four islands. See a brief report elsewhere in this issue of the *Code*. Praise God, even in the part of the world once called "the iron curtain" Present Truth has penetrated, resulting in brethren there rejoicing in the 11th hour message. El Salvador also has opened up. There is a promising group of believers standing firmly on what they have learned so far. There are two ministers presently working there. The field is buzzing!

On the home front, there is a special fishing campaign in the mid-west receiving results. The west-coast continues to grow. We have reports of our fellow Laodicean brethren who once rejected the Truth taking a second look at the message and beginning to study for themselves. The cry of the adversary of Truth is becoming louder and louder; Satan is being hurt by the power of God in His people. Press onward to

perfection in Him is the command of our Lord. Even now, there are those among us who are beginning to sample through faith the sure, precious promises He has made to us.

In the planning phase:

By God's grace, plans are being made to give a more global exposure of the Rod's Message to our Laodicean brethren. More details will be forthcoming as things come together. We are asking your prayers on behalf of this project that He will guide us in all things.

Still further, we are moving forward with special seminars to be held at various parts of the U.S. to make an extra effort to reach out to our brethren who have need of Present Truth.

"But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which 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." 1 Cor. 2:9, 10.

This year will not be anything like last year for any of God's people. Our Lord says, "...in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

So onward and upward let us grow in Christ. Seek the Lord's will in what He would have us accomplish through His strength this year. Than purpose in our hearts to succeed by His grace. May we all make new discoveries and advance in Christ as never before. May the Lord bless and keep us all as we move closer to his Kingdom.

In the Master's Service,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

YOU CAN'T STAY HERE

Yes, the storm is here and building in intensity daily at an exponential rate. Those things that the testimony of Jesus Christ had long foretold are already taking place. The new World Order is on the march daily pursuing its goal of global government by the year 2000. Although all things timewise are given into the hands of the Lord, are you ready?

Of paramount importance to us as professed Seventh-day Adventist Christians, however, is the question: Have I fully surrendered my life to Christ to the point of conversion and beyond; am I perfecting holiness daily through Him? One may say, why? I am a member of the remnant church and well versed in *'Present Truth.'* Even so, you must fully live the Truth and be possessed by it.

"Those who are finally victorious will have seasons of terrible perplexity and trial in their religious life; but they must not cast away their confidence, for this is a part of their discipline in the school of Christ, and it is essential in order that all dross may be purged away. The servant of God must endure with fortitude the attacks of the enemy, his grievous taunts, and must overcome the obstacles which Satan will place in his way.

"Satan will seek to discourage the followers of Christ, so that they may not pray or study the Scriptures, and he will throw his hateful shadow athwart the path to hide Jesus from the view, to shut away the vision of His love, and the glories of the heavenly inheritance. It is his delight to cause the children of God to go shrinkingly, tremblingly, and painfully along, under continual doubt. He seeks to make the pathway as sorrowful as possible; but if you keep looking up, not down at your difficulties, you will not faint in the way, you will soon see Jesus reaching His hand to help you, and you will only

have to give Him your hand in simple confidence, and let Him lead you. As you become trustful, you will become hopeful" —*MYP*, p. 63.

When we gain a more personal experience with God, we will settle into His truth both intellectually and spiritually so that we cannot be moved. This is what it takes. Anything less than the seal of the living God is not sufficient for us to face what is just ahead. Forces and obstacles greater than one can imagine will take out the unprepared, the careless, and those who take for granted their standing with the Lord.

"Now and onward till the close of time the people of God should be more earnest, more wide-awake, not trusting in their own wisdom, but in the wisdom of their Leader. They should set aside days for fasting and prayer. Entire abstinence from food may not be required, but they should eat sparingly of the most simple food." —*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, pp. 188, 189.

It is more important now than ever before that God's people keep a strong and clear body and mind so we may hear and act immediately to God's voice. It could be a matter of life and death.

Just how serious is it? Take a good look around you. Can you imagine the rate of rapid changes that are taking place in the world today, not tomorrow? These are just a few that stand out:

□ **Foreign troops and equipment on American soil and in other countries.**

"Why are four Soviet submarines (Typhoon class) berthed with normal shipping in Mobile

Bay, Alabama? These subs are usually equipped with 22 ICBMs and are MIRVed so that each missile has from five to ten independent warheads on top.

"Why are trains carrying foreign military vehicles around this country? We have pictures of 100 car freight trains carrying Hungarian, French, British and U.S. armored personnel carriers, trucks, tractors and various combat vehicles in Montana. The serial numbers on the flatcars, when checked with friendly railroad personnel, either don't exist or belong on rolling stock going somewhere else.

"Why are hundreds of new Russian military trucks (ZLL 131), each capable of functioning during chemical and biological and nuclear war, parked in Saucier, Mississippi? They are on federal land in the DeSoto National Forest, seven miles north of Gulfport on Highway 49. They are allegedly being refurbished, although they are new, by the Airmar Corporation, which is obviously another CIA proprietary. The bill of lading from East Germany specified that each truck is reserved for the United Nations. Airmar is connected with New Way in Iowa. John McLaughlin at New Way admits that another 1,000 trucks are to be brought to Saucier.

"Why were Americans in the Southern States subjected to a military operation called Agile Provider 94 in which 44,000 U.S., French and Dutch troops spread out through Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia, going door to door and training in forcible entry and search and seizure? This took place 22 April and 11 May."¹

□ **U.S. Military bases closed down or converted into detention centers (concentration camps) for future dissenters to the New World Order**

"Washington—In its biggest strategic review since the Cold War's close, the Pentagon called

Monday for new rounds of military base closing and elimination of 225,000 active duty, reserve and civilian support jobs to free funds for new weapons and troop readiness.

"Despite expected fierce opposition from Congress, the long awaited report said that only with new base cuts will the U.S. military be able to afford a superpower's obligations to keep forces based near danger spots around the world while performing costly peacekeeping operations and other missions.

"'We must shed more weight,' Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, who has called for new rounds of base closings in 1999 and 2001, said in introducing the report. 'If you want to keep the bases, then you will not modernize.'

"The report, six months in preparation had been expected by some experts to make difficult choices between buying new weapons and maintaining a large force structure. When the work was completed, however, officials decided that the Pentagon needed almost all the new weapons and almost all the troops—and looked to politically unpalatable base closings to pay for them."²

[If no war is on the horizon, then why is our military being dismantled? What ever happened to the policy of peace through strength? This is one of the best confirmations to warn the alert prophecy student that war is on the way.]

□ **American troops being sent away from America on peace keeping assignments**

"Why have two U.S. Army generals announced that they will not allow the troops under their command to leave the country? These men now face court martials and the destruction of their careers in addition to loss of retirement pay. Could it be that hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops are scheduled for deployment to Korea and Europe by July? Would foreign

troops actually be brought here to replace them? Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Subcommittee, recently signed an agreement with Russia for joint exercises in our country. Military television network reported three days ago that 100,000 Russian troops are in our country at this time."³

□ **New World Order plan calls for extinction of all Christians and patriots.**

"...before the people of the world would accept the Luciferian Government which Weishaupt, an apostle of Lucifer, hoped to eventually achieve, there would have to be a culture change within the societies of the people first, along with a spirit of unrest and riots in the air. The people of the world would have to be reduced into a godless society. Atheism was just a tool to destroy Christianity in France during the Revolution. Weishaupt and his 'Inner Circle' were not **ATHEISTS**; they believed in a god. However, this god was not Jesus Christ, but Lucifer. Communism is just an anti Christian, atheistic force to destroy Christianity and all world governments, by modern day Luciferians who actually control world commerce."⁴

□ **Weather modification, the HAARP program is believed to cause havoc with world weather to effect food shortages.**

HAARP stands for High Frequency Active Auroral Research Project.

"An ARCO: company has the bid for construction of HAARP:ARCO

"Power technologies Inc. APTI holds a patent (#4,686,605 'Method and Apparatus for Altering a Region in the Earth's Atmosphere, Ionosphere and/or Magnetosphere', inventor: Bernard J. Eastlund; assignee: APTI Inc., Los Angeles) which matches closely the HAARP proposal dealing with transmitting extremely large amounts of radio-frequency energy into

the ionosphere. It is evident that HAARP will at least test, if not fully implement, the patent capabilities.

"Patent #4,686,605 claims it has the following uses: 'cause...total disruption of communications over a large portion of the Earth...disrupting not only land-based communications, but also airborne communications and sea communications (both surface and subsurface)...missile or aircraft destruction, deflection or confusion...weather modification...by altering solar absorption...ozone, nitrogen etc., concentrations could be artificially increased..."⁵

□ **The disarming of American citizens is in progress. This final state is necessary before total global tyranny.**

Definitions

"As used in this chapter—

"(a) The terms 'arms control' and 'disarmament' mean the identification, verification, inspection, limitation, control, reduction, or elimination, of armed forces and armaments of all kinds under international agreement including the necessary steps taken under such an agreement to establish an effective system of international control, or to create and strengthen international organizations for the maintenance of peace.

"(b) The term 'Government agency' means any executive department, commission, agency, independent establishment, corporation wholly or partly owned by the United States which is an instrumentality of the United States, or any board, bureau, division, service, office, officer, authority, administration, or other establishment in the executive branch of Government.

(c) The term 'Agency' means the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

"Pub. L. 87-297, Title 1, 3, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 631.)"⁶

The plan to disarm the U.S. was agreed to behind the backs of the citizens as we see in this record back in September 26, 1961. It is now being carried out.

□ **Huge new bureaucracy set up to begin by January 1, 2000 A.D.**

"The shadow government's sinister plan to minutely control our daily lives via a global, beast computer network has recently made astonishing advances. The high tech noose is quickly being tightened around the necks of the citizenry.

"President Bill Clinton announced last October 10th that the government wants every home in the United States to have a computer and be linked on the internet.

"The goal is to bind us all together as 21st century slaves under the watchful, electronic cyclops eye of Big Brother. Project L.U.C.I.D. [Logical Universal Communication Interactive Database] thunders ahead!

"The National Security Agency (NSA) has now established a consortium of computer hardware and software corporations to further develop this unified control. Under the system about to be launched, no individual in the world will be able to access a computer without his or her Universal Biometrics I.D. Card.

"Big Brother wants to keep all patriots, nationalists, constitutionalists, fundamentalist Christians, and other supposed 'discontents' off the internet. Working the internet and getting their message out exposing the New World Order will no longer be allowed.

"The scheme to require the Universal Biometrics I.D. Card for computer access was first revealed in an article in *The European*

newspaper (29 Aug.-4 Sept. 1996, p. 21).

"To insure that all goes well and the behemoth *Project L.U.C.I.D.* is fully implemented by the final target date of January 1, 2000 A.D., last July 15th, President Clinton signed an executive order (No. 13010, Federal Register, July 17, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 138, pp. 37345-37350) setting up a monstrously huge federal bureaucracy to oversee and direct all high tech, citizen control operations and systems. The executive order established the '*President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.*' Its membership includes top-level officials from the Treasury, Justice, Defense, Commerce, Energy, and Transportation Departments.

"Meanwhile, a global police organization called the '*Infrastructure Protection Task Force*' (IPTF) was also established. Made up of FEMA, the FBI, the CIA, and the NSA, the IPTF will use its considerable police, law enforcement, and intelligence authority to whip the citizenry into line. The internet and all individual computers will be monitored and censored to make sure that no 'cyber terrorists' can thwart or prevent *Project L.U.C.I.D.*"⁷

□ **Certain economic collapse lurks up ahead.**

"Here we will learn how American bankers connected with the Rothschilds and the history behinds the Federal Reserve Trap.

"Gary Allan, in his book *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*, point out that in Marx's Communist Manifesto, one of the planks written for world conquest was to get control of the Monetary Systems. Gary says:

"Lenin later said that the establishment of a **CENTRAL BANK WAS NINETY PERCENT OF COMMUNIZING A COUNTRY.** Such conspirators knew that you cannot take control of a nation without military force unless that nation has a central bank through which you can control its economy."⁸

"Lenin announced to the world before the overthrow of the Tsar in Russia the following: 'After Russia we will take Eastern Europe, then the masses of Asia, then we will encircle the United States which will be the last bastion of capitalism. We will not have to attack. It will fall like an overripe fruit into our hands.'"⁹

"Since that statement Russia, China, Mongolia, Tibet, Afghanistan, Algeria, Ethiopia, Libya, North Korea, North and South Vietnam, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Romania, Yugoslavia, Albania, Cuba, Chile, etc. are under Communist rule; and now Central America and Mexico are threatened with Communist guerrillas.

"However, the Communist plan to overthrow the last bastion of capitalism (The United States) is to be attacked politically, socially and economically as Lenin planned. Robert L. Preston, in his book *Wake Up America*, states the following:

"When Nikita Khrushchev visited the United States, he boasted that the Communists would bury us and that our grandchildren would live under Communist rule. He even outlined the exact manner in which they would accomplish it:

"You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept Communism outright, but we'll keep feeding you small doses of Socialism until you'll finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We won't have to fight you. We'll so weaken your economy until you'll fall like overripe fruit into our hands."

"As outlined by Khrushchev and Lenin, there is no intention for the Communist to attack us in battle; they expect us to fall into their hands like overripe fruit. They intend to bring this about by weakening our economic structure until we are financially insolvent and by giving us more and more Socialism until we are too weak to resist the final thrust into complete Communist rule. As we review the Socialist and economic

picture in this nation today, we are forced to admit that they have once again proceeded exactly as planned."⁹

Preston goes on to quote in his book on page 18 the second point Khrushchev made that was to cause the overthrow of the United States:

"The best way to destroy the Capitalist System is to debauch the currency. By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens."⁹

□ **New money containing detectable metallic strips replacing old Federal Reserve notes as in the new \$100's and \$50's to be followed by the \$20's, \$10's and \$5's.**

□ ***Old news - bar codes on most things you buy. This is a convenience for sales information and inventory. What about being a precursor to the cashless mark of the beast system?***

□ **Plus much, much more. Wake up God's people! You can't stay here! We can't stay in this world the way it is becoming.**

What can we gather from the recent events we see taking place? We can certainly conclude that the apparatus for the global control spoken of in Rev. 13:15-17 to function as the image beast is just about completely in place. The beast with the lamb-like horns, the United States (*Great Controversy*, p. 440) through the United Nations's structure and its superior global military force has, "...power to give life unto the image of the beast that the beast should both speak, and cause as many as would not worship the image should be killed." Rev. 13:15. The U.N. can at will place blockades on a country such as Iraq or take it over without its consent as in South Africa.

The events mentioned in this article and many more occurrences that could have been mentioned all clearly reveal that Communism is

very much alive and daily growing toward its final goal of world domination, in spite of the controlled media declaring otherwise. The unmistakable signs that we see in America and hear about in other countries stand as proof. Some years ago when we studied the Assyrian Confederacy, we learned that the threat of Communism would be the motivation for the nations to come together.

Today more than ever, socialism, the precursor to Communism is gaining ground in America. The globalist realize that the destruction of capitalism and Christianity is necessary before their global anti-God government can take over. Some of them referred to as "white doves" are in favor of a more soft form of tyranny while their comrades referred to as "hard liners" are in favor of a stern, hard type total rulership. They both agree on global tyranny under the control of the self appointed and self-anointed elite. It could be that as things progress sometime in the near future some event or under some condition it will become painfully evident that the current state of affairs is an imminent threat to the delicious western lifestyle. At that point, socialism's influence could be denounced from within and resisted thus giving impetus to the Assyrian Confederacy to assure the continuance of that way of life. Prophecy does not give great detail on this matter.

Today, with the current move towards military action against Iraq, shepherded by the U.S. and England, we hear both Russia and China warning that such action can lead to another world war. The facts become painfully clear that the champions of Communism are aligning themselves against the champions of Capitalism. What this present scenario will escalate into, only time can really tell! But are you ready?

Will America be taken over by the military sometime in the near future, either before or after Ezekiel 9? Perhaps so. I do not know of any definite statements from Inspiration that clearly answers this question. In *Early Writings*,

p. 283, however Sister E.G. White states that during the time of trouble before the death decree, "in some places, before the time for the decree to be executed, the wicked rush upon the saints to slay them; but angels in the form of men of war fought for them." No explanation is given why the angels were in the form of men of war. This event would tend to suggest some sort of mass military control at that time.

Thank God for the deliverance of the saints when Michael stands up. (See Daniel 12:1; *Early Writings*, p. 277).

The present day second reassertion of the U.N. appears to be the third attempt at world government.

Although the third attempt to confederate may appear to be successful, Inspiration says, "*Associate yourselves O ye people and ye shall be broken in pieces... Take counsel together and it shall come to nought, speak the word and it shall not stand....*" Isa. 8:9, 10; 13 Symbolic Code, No. 3, pp. 6, 7.

The global system is doomed to complete failure by God's Holy Word. However, God's people have a part to play and we must have faith to do it. *We must not only refuse to participate in the Confederacy, we must protest against it.* (Isa. 8:10, 11, 12; 13 Symbolic Code, Nos. 3 & 4, pp. 7, 8. Protesting will likely bring on Jacob's Time of Trouble, but we learned it is Jacob's trouble that saves him. 13 Symbolic Code, Nos. 1 & 2, p. 10. Still further we recall that Jacob's Trouble comes as he approaches the borders of the homeland—the Kingdom. We see further that the war in the Middle East (Zechariah, chapters 12-14) is soon to propel things into rapid action.

Some may say, "That's not fair. I have worked so hard and sacrificed so much to get to where I am and now I have to leave it all behind." Not to worry my friend, what God wants to give us is more precious than anything we could have

ever thought to ask for. 1 Cor. 2:9, 10. Yes, give it all up now for Jesus. It will be the greatest deal you will ever make. Put it all on the altar now before you lose it and your soul forever.

ALL OUR POWERS BELONG TO HIM

"God's stamp is upon us. He has brought us and he desires us to remember that our physical, mental, and moral powers belong to him. Time and influence, reason, affection, and conscience, all are God's and are to be used only in harmony with His will. They are not to be used in accordance with the direction of the world; for the world is under a leader who is at enmity with God.

"The flesh, in which the soul tabernacles, belongs to God. Every sinew, every muscle, is His. In no case are we by neglect or abuse to weaken a single organ. We are to co-operate with God by keeping the body in the very best possible condition of health, that it may be a temple where the Holy Ghost may abide, molding, according to the will of God, every physical and spiritual power.

"The mind must be stored with pure principles. Truth must be graven on the tablets of the soul. The memory must be filled with the precious truths of the Word. Then, like beautiful gems, these truths will flash out in the life." —*Messages to Young People*, p. 69, E.G. White.

But where will I go? The Luciferians say, "you can run but you can't hide." This is true. It is not only true for us but also for them. No wicked will escape the judgment and wrath of God, not even the wicked in the church. We know that the wicked in the church will not even be around to see the Mark of the Beast in its full manifestation. (Rev. 7:3; 3T:266, 267; Ezek. 9:1-11). However, God's faithful people will need His protection and guidance up to, and through Jacob's time of trouble, into the Kingdom and beyond. This protection is

assured by the seal of the living God on the faithful in the Church—the 144,000 and then the Great Multitude.

So where will the faithful sealed ones go? *They will go to the Kingdom of God in the land of promise. What a blessed assurance in Christ.*

What an opportunity to be saved in Christ with eternal life, riches beyond measure and even greater to be used by Him to take the gospel of the Kingdom to the ends of the earth. What a time to live!

Having been forewarned by the word of God, can I personally say I am heeding His voice in all things? Have I given my will up to Him entirely that He may shape and mold me into His image? Am I still holding on to some hidden idol? Am I seeking to build up the Kingdom of God or the kingdom of self? Which will it be once and for all?

Things are happening fast. Don't delay, make your final choice **NOW**, because **YOU CAN'T STAY HERE!!**

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THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH

LYCOPENE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION

We've heard time and again that eating carotenoid-rich foods can promote health and protect against heart disease and cancer. Now, a new study suggests that of the many types of carotenoids found in food, lycopene is the carotenoid of choice for heart health and anticancer benefits.

The substance, which gives tomatoes their bright red color, acts as a potent antioxidant, preventing free radical damage to cells and DNA. Though this carotenoid is found abundantly in tomatoes, the body absorbs it much more easily when the tomatoes are cooked. Thus, foods such as heat-pasteurized tomato juice and tomato sauces are good choices. In addition, the body needs adequate dietary fat (avocados, nuts, seeds, olive oil, the best choices) to absorb lycopene. —*Delicious!*, January 1998.

Lycopene, also seems to be a primary skin protector. This reddish pigment also found in watermelon, pink grapefruit and guava is concentrated in the blood and skin in equal to or even greater amounts than that of beta carotene and has twice the power of the more popular nutrient, as well as 10 times the power of vitamin E to neutralize free radical molecules. Free radicals form in the skin from various activities and are believed to be largely responsible for skin aging. Lycopene appears to be the primary antioxidant that knocks out free radicals in the skin. —*Good Medicine*, Winter 1996.

Dr. Winston Craig, professor of Nutrition at Andrews University points out that lycopene is very significant in the prevention of cancers of the breast and prostate.

EATING WELL FOR BETTER BONES

Susan Brown, Ph.D., and Susan Delaney, M.D., are strong advocates of a healthy diet for preventing osteoporosis. They recommend a bone-building vegetarian diet and increasing our intake of grains, rice, barley and greens. Two cups of vegetables at lunch and dinner are helpful. Cooked vegetables are easier to digest. Chewing our food well and eating in a peaceful, relaxed environment will also help digestion.

—*Delicious!*, January 1998.

BROCCOLI SPROUTS

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University have found that broccoli sprouts have a high concentration of cancer-fighting compounds. The tiny sprouts pack up to between 10 to 100 times more sulphoraphane—the compound that helps the body neutralize chemical carcinogens—than adult broccoli.

You can get broccoli sprouts in many health foods stores and supermarkets. —*Natural Health*, January-February 1998

CALMING HERBS

Long before chemical tranquilizers were available, people relied on specific plants to steady their nerves and quiet their minds. Following are some of the most popular "sedative" herbs available over-the-counter at health food stores.

□ **Valerian root** comes from an upright perennial that grows wild in woodlands, along river banks, and in damp meadows all over Europe. It is recommended for sleeplessness, mild, anxiety, and restlessness. Valerian is an

approved over-the-counter medicine for insomnia in Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, and Italy.

□ **Passionflower** consists of the dried flowering and fruiting top of a perennial climbing vine. The German Kommission E has authorized the use of Passionflower for the treatment of nervous unrest. A 1986 survey in Britain revealed that passionflower was the most popular herbal sedative.

□ **Chamomile** is a member of the daisy family and is native to Europe and western Asia. It contains mild sedating properties. Although not as strong as valerian or passionflower, chamomile can be considered an option for children, especially for sleeplessness caused by teething or colic.

□ **Hops** comes from a perennial climbing plant found wild in many places throughout the world. It's mostly cultivated in the United States, West Germany, and Yugoslavia for brewing beer. Hops has demonstrated a strong sedative effect on individuals with nervousness and/or insomnia.

□ **Skullcap** is a North American perennial that grows in wet areas throughout Canada and the northern and eastern United States as well as other parts of the world. When used alone or in conjunction with valerian root, skullcap effectively relieves nervous muscle spasms, twitches and general convulsions. —*Nature's Impact*, Dec./Jan. 1997/1998

MEDICARE TO TEST ORNISH PROGRAM

In September of 1997, Medicare officials announced that they will test the heart disease prevention program developed by Dr. Dean Ornish. This program eliminates all meat, including chicken as implicated in the primary cause of heart disease. Dr. Ornish in his world-

renown program for reversing heart disease—not just preventing or stopping it, but actually undoing the damage—shows that meat is high in cholesterol which clogs the arteries; is high in saturated fat, which raises blood cholesterol levels, is high in oxidants, such as iron which oxidizes cholesterol to a form that is more easily deposited in the arteries and is low in antioxidants. His total vegetarian regimen excludes all flesh, fish or fowl, as well as eggs, milk and cheese.

Up to 1,000 patients nationwide will be tested, and if the program is deemed effective, Medicare may reimburse hospitals for enrolling heart patients in Ornish's program. Said Ornish, "For the first time, Medicare has agreed to study in a demonstration project a nonsurgical, non pharmacologic, alternative approach to medical care."

As reported by Reuters' Health Information, heart patients enrolled in the Ornish program cost Mutual of Omaha a maximum of slightly more than \$5,000 per person annually. However, "...for those patients not on the Ornish plan," the insurers say, "treatments for heart problems cost double or triple that amount." Indeed, Dr. Ornish's patients are able to bypass the \$40,000 bypass operation or the \$10,000 balloon angioplasty procedure.

Forty-five insurance companies currently pay for the Ornish program. —Adapted from *Vegetarian Journal*, Jan./Feb. 1998

MEAT-EATERS GAIN WEIGHT

A new study confirms that meat-eating encourages weight gain. Researchers from the American Cancer Society studied 79,236 young and middle-aged men and women, measuring their diets in 1982 and again in 1992. Those who ate more than three servings of meat per week were much more likely to gain weight as

the years went by, compared to those who tended to avoid meat. The more vegetables the participants ate, the more resistant they were to weight gain.

Previous studies have shown that people who switch to a vegetarian diet become, on average, about 10 percent leaner. Dr. Dean Ornish's study using vegetarian diets to reverse heart disease also yielded an impressive 22-pound average weight loss per person in the first year. Dr. Andrew Nicholson's diabetes study found that a vegan diet knocked off an average of 16 pounds in 12 weeks.

Part of the problem with meats is their fat content; even skinless chicken breast is 20 percent fat. But meats are also very high in protein and have no complex carbohydrate or fiber. High-protein, low-carbohydrate diets tend to inactivate thyroid hormone, which, in turn, may lead to weight gain. —*Good Medicine, Autumn 1997*

FAT AND BREAST CANCER

A new study in a group of women in Italy showed that saturated fat (the type of fat found mainly in meats and dairy products) was the element of the diet most predictive of breast cancer risk. Alcohol was the second biggest culprit.

In a separate report, Ernst L. Wynder, M.D., of the American Health Foundation weighed the evidence on fat and breast cancer for the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, finding that the more fat women eat, the higher their risk of breast cancer. Those studies that failed to find this association, Wynder concludes, suffered from methodological problems. —*Good Medicine, Autumn 1997*

Other studies show that cheese was associated with a 43 percent increase of breast cancer.

Indeed, S.D.A. vegetarian women who eat lots of dairy products have about the same rate of this cancer as do Americans in general. The fat in these products, as well as various estrogens, other chemical contaminants and growth-promoting substances are suspected villains. —*Good Medicine, Winter 1997*

GARLIC - A CLOVE A DAY...

From lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels to relieving the common cold, garlic performs many beneficial processes. Now, a new study published in *Circulation*, the journal of the American Heart Association, adds decreasing the risk of heart disease to the list. The 2 year study concluded that participants taking 300 milligrams of garlic supplements a day maintained better aortic elasticity than those in the control group, who took no garlic supplements.

Aortic elasticity is very important, according to the study's lead researcher: "The aorta and the major arteries store up to 50 percent of the blood volume of every heartbeat. Elasticity helps smooth the peaks in pressure. A loss of elasticity forces the heart to work harder to pump that blood through the body." Such stress on the heart's main artery is often a precursor to cardiovascular diseases, such as heart attack, stroke and angina.

While the aorta naturally stiffens with age, the study findings suggest it's never too late to stave off aortic rigidity through preventative care. Of the 202 nonsmoking participants between the ages of 50 and 80, those in their 70s and 80s (the group at the highest risk for aortic stiffening) saw the best results. —*Vegetarian Times, February 1998*

BRISK WALKS FOR LONGER LIFE

Taking brisk, half-hour walks just six times a month appeared to cut the risk of death by 44 percent among twins in a study researchers say is the first to separate the influences of heredity and exercise on longevity.

The study tracked almost 16,000 healthy men and women in a national registry of twins in Finland for an average of 19 years. The authors, led by Dr. Urho M. Kujala of the University of Helsinki, reported their findings in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The researchers found that even occasional exercisers—those who did less than the equivalent of six brisk, half-hour walks a month—were 30 percent less likely to die than their sedentary twins during the study. Vigorous exercisers—those who did at least the equivalent of 6 brisk walks or jogs lasting 30 minutes each month—were 44 percent less likely to die.

"Even if you have bad genes, this study strongly suggests that increasing physical activity can help you live longer," said exercise physiologist Steve Farrell, associate director of the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas. He was not involved in the study.

The importance of family history—a locked-in trait—has gained attention in recent years with the identification of specific genes that make people susceptible to such illnesses as heart disease and cancer. But much research also makes clear the importance of exercise in lowering the risk of early death and disease.

"We have a large body of evidence that suggests that, the more physically active people are, the less likely they are to die," Farrell said. "But this study is unique because it was able to separate out mortality due to genetics vs. mortality due to fitness." The researchers took into account difference in smoking habits.

"It doesn't take an enormous amount of exercise to give people protection," Farrell said. "The findings apply to everyone, not just twins."
—*Riverside Calif. Press Enterprise, 2-11-98*

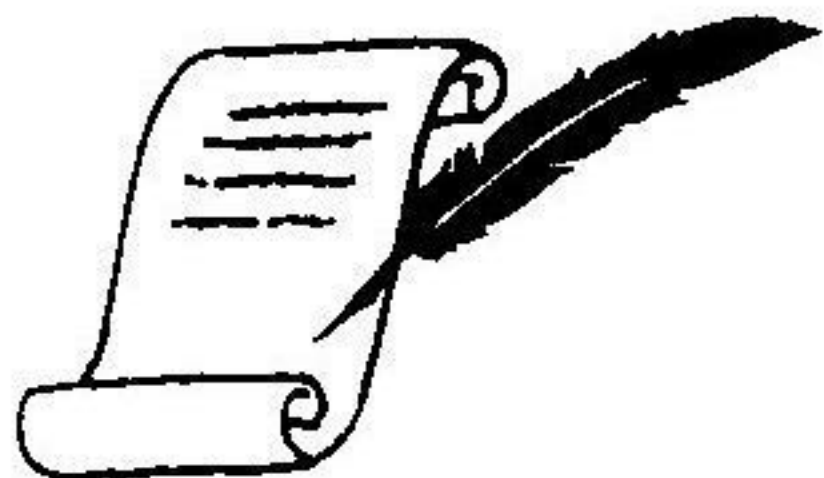
Inspiration says: "When the weather will permit, all who can possibly do so ought to walk in the open air every day, summer and winter. But the clothing should be suitable for the exercise, and the feet should be well protected. A walk, even in winter, would be more beneficial to the health than all the medicine the doctors may prescribe. For those who can walk, walking is preferable to riding. The muscles and veins are enabled better to perform their work. There will be increased vitality, which is so necessary to health. The lungs will have needful action; for it is impossible to go out in the bracing air of a winter's morning without inflating the lungs...Exercise will aid the work of digestion...."—*E. G. White, Counsels on Health, p. 52*

"Many have expected that God would keep them from sickness merely because they have asked Him to do so. But God did not regard their prayers, because their faith was not made perfect by works. God will not work a miracle to keep these from sickness who have no care for themselves, but are continually violating the laws of health, and make no efforts to prevent disease. When we do all we can on our part to have health, then may we expect that the blessed results will follow, and we can ask God in faith to bless our efforts for the preservation of health. He will than answer our prayer, if His name can be glorified thereby. But let all understand that they have a work to do. God will not work in a miraculous manner to preserve the health of persons who by their careless inattention to the laws of health are taking a sure course to make themselves sick."
—*Counsels on Health, p. 59.*

HEALTH HINTS, CAUTIONS AND REMINDERS

- Vegetables generally lose 50 percent less minerals during steaming than boiling.
- Research shows that beta carotene plays a role in preventing cancer and other diseases. Their orange color tells you that carrots, sweet potatoes, and cantaloupe are excellent sources of beta carotene. But so are many dark leafy greens, such as dandelion greens, kale, spinach, and various other green vegetables.
- Some vegetables contain surprisingly large amounts of calcium. A cup of cooked collard greens supplies nearly half the daily RDA for calcium, and a medium spear of broccoli about one-quarter the RDA.
- Broccoli, nutrition's crown jewel, is a powerhouse of nutrients. One cup, chopped, supplies lots of beta carotene, vitamin C, significant amounts of niacin, calcium, thiamin, and phosphorus, and 25 percent of your daily fiber needs. Not only that, but other substances in broccoli, such as sulforaphane, protects against cancer.
- Sugar is implicated as a contributing factor in almost every major disease, including mental and nervous disorders, diabetes, obesity, arthritis, heart disease, fatigue and digestive ailments.
- The real purpose for achieving good health is to prepare the way for our spiritual growth and perfection.
- Christians eat too much junk foods. To pray for a healthy body and refuse to study nutrition, is as illogical as praying for spiritual growth and refusing to read the Bible.
- Elephants, the longest lived of all animals can survive up to 70 to 80 years; turtles, live up to 70 years; parrots, up to 40 years. All are vegetarians.
- Health secrets are no secrets at all. They are a blend of common sense, knowledge and willingness to comply with the laws of nature.
- In a study, those eating 90 to 100 percent raw foods became incapable of smoking or drinking. The body would not tolerate these unnatural substances.
- Constipation has been called the father and mother of all diseases. Indeed, most diseases result from faulty, inadequate elimination and poor drainage, allowing toxins to remain in the body. Exercise aids the elimination process. Activity is life. Stagnation is death.
- Exercise is the most effective means of promoting circulation, and is a necessary partner for any nutrition program.
- As the fad of nutritionless foods increases, the number of violent crimes escalates.
- Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a pauper.
- Nutrition - neither modern ignorance nor ridicule have been able to detract from it.
- Coffee is fast becoming one of America's most addictive drugs and health problems. Several cups a day can lead into the well known chamber of multiple physiologic and pathologic horrors. It can cause conditions leading to genetic defects and diseases of the heart, brain, nervous system and other key body organs.
- Hypertension, (high blood pressure) is unknown in cultures that don't use salt.
- Garlic can kill germs penicillin won't touch! It also has a rejuvenative effect on all body functions.

THE MAIL BAG



Dear Brethren:

I have enjoyed a few of the tapes that your ministry has put out, namely *The Great Image of Daniel Two* and *The Great Multitude*. It has been a privilege of mine to share these tapes with many others that attend the same college. I would really like to receive the other tapes that are put out by you as I have indicated on the order form. Thank you for your time. May God bless in your ministry.

CALIFORNIA, USA

Dear Sir:

I was so surprised when I received the printed matter addressed to me. I presumed somebody got my address and you were able to send me a nice tract.

I was very impressed and interested for the following free tracts and tapes and any others you have:

1. Health Is Wealth
2. God's Four Thrones, Why?
3. The Great Paradox of the Ages
4. The Judgment and the Harvest
5. The Seven Trumpets

6. The Seven Seals
7. Thy Kingdom Come
8. 3 Days and 3 Nights in the Heart of the Earth
9. The 144,000, Who Are They
10. The Image of Daniel 2

Thank you very much for helping me in nurturing our brethren through good magazines, books, tracts, cassette tapes and audio/video tapes.

THE PHILIPPINES

Dear Brethren:

God bless you for the spiritual food that you sent me. I have received almost all that I need. I have no doubt the Lord will help you as you spread His Truth all over the world. I too, am planning to help my Laodicean Seventh-day Adventist family and some other friends.

Please send the following material:

1. *The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1 and Vol. 2*
2. *Selected Answerers, Tracts, and Timely Greetings* as listed.

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

The Education Director:

Greetings in the name of the Lord. Hoping that the brethren at Mountindale, Mt. Carmel are all well. I have finished my correspondence course, I thank God because now I have a broader knowledge of the message. Thanks and may God bless you all.

ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Friends:

I've received the last package you sent me and was glad to receive it as I have given most of them away already. Most of them have gone to leading men in the church so please pray that the seed planted will yield fruit.

If there are any E. G. White books, tapes or other literature available please send them as this material is hard to get down here. The brethren in present truth send their love and wish you all the best both now and forever.

JAMAICA, WEST INDIES

Dear Sir:

I have received both your package of books and also your tapes. I am so very thankful to you; I am enjoying them with gladness of heart. I have never heard anything like that in the church.

Please send me any other literature you have, including Volume II of the *Shepherd's Rod* and information on the 144,000, and the 2300 days. Please let me hear from you. I do hope you will be my friend and continue sending the literature. Thanks.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Dear Universal Pub. Association:

I just heard Daniel 2 on a tape my friend gave me. We are going to set aside a day to study, read, pray and recreate.

I loved that tape!!! I have been studying the sanctuary for years. I want to know more about

what you have to offer. Saved by His Grace for His service.

TENNESSEE, USA

Dear Sir/Friends:

It was almost like a dream when I saw the parcel of tapes and your publications—the books of *Timely Greetings*. I feel very blessed and fortunate. Words cannot express the joy I have had in listening to the tapes on *Thy Kingdom Come*, *The 144,000*, *Who Are They?* *The Harvest*, and *The Great Paradox*. I have learned much!

I would like to request more religious materials like books, Bibles, tapes and videos—some of which I could distribute to friends and members freely. May our correspondence continue unabated as your organization rejuvenated my spiritual zeal! Truly it is indeed a pleasure and privilege to work with Christ in the interest of saving souls.

KENYA, EAST AFRICA

Dear Brothers:

My name is _____ and I live in France. I first found out about you at the General Conference Session held in Holland two years ago. I want all your booklets and tapes because it is present truth and the brethren in the church do not know these interesting things.

I never knew there was to be a slaughter in the church, indeed "our people perish by ignorance." It is very important that we get this information. God bless you!

FRANCE

Dear Teacher:

I have heard a lot about you as a good teacher in the Word of God. I am a soldier at the age of 45 years old who knew not God, always moving with bad people, smoking hemp and all sorts of cigarettes, drinking all sorts of drinks, womanizing and beating or mistreating people mercilessly.

Sir, I've been to some countries for peacekeeping operations with the U.N. peace keeping force for about eight years now and the very point which stopped me from bad doings was Israel. I went there on leave and was taken to the birth place of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Lazarus' tomb, Golgotha, Temptation Mountain, the Dead Sea, the Jordan river and many places where Jesus performed wonders. I was changed at once and confessed my sins and was baptized in the river Jordan. I am now not as I was for the past years and want to know more about God.

One of my Christian brothers gave me your address. Do please add my name to your correspondence course. I will be very grateful if you will add one Holy Bible and some of your books and pamphlets to read. I have now taken Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and join you in the family of God. Please do not turn down my humble request and give me a helping hand. I ask this in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Yours in Christ.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA

Dear Staff Members:

May the Lord be with you for your kindness by giving me the book, *Desire of Ages*.

I have a friend who has changed his position from Islamic worship to Christian worship as well as to keeping the Sabbath through my being involved with you. He is now in need of much prayer as he deals with his family. I have given him some of my books, *Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, and *Ministry of Healing*. Again we need more literature and much prayer. Your Bible student.

AFRICA

Greetings:

I am seeking for more information concerning your faith, denomination and publishing. I am a missionary worker for God. I came to know of the Rod about 3 years ago. Am not connected with any organization; I left the mother church almost 5 years ago and have been self-supporting ever since under God's leading.

From what I know about the *Shepherd's Rod*, I am in full agreement with its teachings and as God blesses I make copies of what I have to try to reach others. Please send me all of the Rod books, tracts, etc., to be distributed. I would like to have my personal book or books also available without delay.

I know we have no time to lose and soon it will all be over both for the church and for the world. May God be glorified and the Davidian Kingdom be filled.

AFRICA

**Trust ye in the Lord forever:
for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting
strength. Isaiah 26:4.**

EYES AND EARS ON THE WORLD

Did you know? Have you heard the latest **real news**, developments such as, the HAARP weather modification program; foreign military and equipment on U.S. soil; the U.S. being disarmed; Russia's arms build-up; U.S. military forces going under U.N. control; three Chinese military battle ships at California's Long Beach Naval Base; new money being issued; imminent financial collapse; new viruses being brought into other countries and the U.S.; a state of emergency already declared since tensions escalated in the Middle-East, etc., etc? Perhaps not. Surely not if you rely on mainstream news media. You can do better if you choose to.

Some suggestions:

- A. Know what the Word of God (the Bible), Spirit of Prophecy - Rod message have to say. Fortify your life with the Word, the seal of the living God.
- B. Purchase a good quality world band short wave portable radio frequency range 2.5 megahertz or higher up to 21.0 megahertz and listen in. The digital type with PLL continuous tuning is easiest to operate and do not have frequency gaps between the bands. WWCR (Worldwide Christian Radio) 3.215 MHz; 4.735 MHz; 5,070 MHz; 12.160 MHz; BBC (The British Broadcasting Company); HCJB-South America; Deuche Wella-Germany are just a few. Maintain patience as you develop skill in operating your radio. Frequencies, broadcast times and reception conditions may change throughout the day and year.

- C. Subscribe to good independent magazines and papers such the **Spotlight, Perception Magazine, Media By-pass Management** or others. Do not be caught off guard.
- D. Select special news sources on TV such as C-span and others.
- E. Become aware of behind the scene world events through audio cassettes. Be alert, be informed, evaluate all you see, read and hear.

There is a desperate need for all Present Truth believers to be sober, alert and informed of rapid breaking news events in the world, because the storm is fast approaching.

Can you afford to say, "*I did not know?*"

"Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming...The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that **the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.**" —*Education, p. 179.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UP-COMING SESSION, FRIDAY JULY 24 - SABBATH AUG. 8, 1998

It is with great joy and anticipation that we announce the date of the up-coming Session, (Friday July 24, 1998 through Sabbath August 8, 1998). We are grateful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for His grace and mercy toward us for this term. In spite of the obstacles that seem to loom before us, *the Mighty God of Israel has not forsaken His work or His people.* His torch of truth is still brightly burning, dispelling the gross darkness that has engulfed our beloved church. In spite of Satan's best efforts to the contrary, men and women everywhere are becoming more aware of the mighty Shepherd's Rod Message.

Thus we will come together again to fellowship and with the aid of our heavenly Father to lay plans for His work for the next term (1998-2000).

A *second notice* will be posted in the *Spring Symbolic Code* giving more *details and preparation notes.* Please begin to submit your items for the Agenda now. Spiritual and physical preparations may also be initiated for the appointed dates.

All should make special effort to attend this Session. We look forward to hearing from you. May the Lord bless and keep the children of modern Israel in His ways!

THE DAVIDIC-LEVITICAL INSTITUTE - NOTICE

The time has come for another DLI class. If you are desirous of attending the 5 month Bible Teacher Training class, and have a fellowship card or can acquire one by June 1998, or if you would like to have more information about the classes and the requirements for matriculation, please contact the office **immediately** by letter or phone. Do not delay. The Education Department is assessing the prospects for a 1998 class. Your call or letter is important.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

There are brethren who write into Headquarters from all parts of the world from time to time requesting Spirit of Prophecy books. As you know, we do not have them to give out. Herein lies a golden opportunity for you to work in co-partnership with Christ. Are you able to donate books or to finance the purchase of Spirit of Prophecy books for some of our less fortunate brethren? Can you imagine what potential good that can be done by getting the Testimony of Jesus Christ into the hands of someone who is hungry and thirsting after righteousness?

Write or send to:

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF D.S.D.A.
P.O. Box 119
Mountaindale NY 12763 or-

Phone: (914) 434-5282

FEED A SMALL MULTITUDE

Wanted Cook - Do you have the talent to prepare attractive, nutritious meals economically? Individual must be a card holder, able to shop, store, prepare and serve meals to present truth believers. It is imperative that one be courteous, patient, and tolerant of individuals of various backgrounds and disciplines. Need more information? Write or call the office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have some spare time to give to the Lord? The Cause is in need of individuals who are willing to volunteer a few hours per week to proof-read some of the Rod material we are currently re-typesetting. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact us by either writing or calling the office.

SPECIAL THANKS

Sister Criselda Home would like to thank all the brethren and sisters for the many considerations shown to her during the recent special event. Many, many thanks!! God bless you all!

THE STORY OF REDEMPTION

THE SPIES AND THEIR REPORT

ELLEN G. WHITE

The Lord commanded Moses to send men to search the land of Canaan, which He would give unto the children of Israel. A ruler of each tribe was to be selected for this purpose. They went and, after forty days, returned from their search, and came before Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of Israel, and showed them the fruit of the land. All agreed that it was a good land, and they exhibited the rich fruit which they had brought as evidence. One cluster of grapes was so large that two men carried it between them on a staff. They also brought of the figs and the pomegranates, which grew there in abundance.

After they had spoken of the fertility of the land, all but two spoke very discouragingly of their being able to possess it. They said that the people were very strong that dwelt in the land, and the cities were surrounded with great and high walls; and, more than all this, they saw the children of the giant Anak there. They then described how the people were situated around Canaan, and the impossibility of their ever being able to possess it.

As the people listened to this report they gave vent to their disappointment with bitter reproaches and wailing. They did not wait and reflect and reason that God, who had brought them out thus far, would certainly give them the land. But they yielded to discouragement at once. They limited the power of the Holy One and trusted not in God, who had hitherto led them. They reproached Moses and

murmuringly said to one another, This, then, is the end of all our hopes. This is the land that we have been traveling from Egypt to obtain.

Caleb and Joshua sought to obtain a hearing, but the people were so excited that they could not command themselves to listen to these two men. After they were calmed a little, Caleb ventured to speak. He said to the people, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." But the men that went up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." And they continued to repeat their evil report, and declared that all the men were of great stature. "And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

ISRAEL MURMURS AGAIN

"And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. Then Moses and Aaron fell

on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel."

The Israelites not only gave vent to their complaints against Moses but accused God Himself of dealing deceitfully with them by promising them a land which they were unable to possess. Their rebellious spirit here rose so high that, forgetful of the strong arm of Omnipotence which had brought them out of the land of Egypt and had thus far conducted them by a series of miracles, they resolved to choose a commander to lead them back to Egypt, where they had been slaves and had suffered so many hardships. They actually appointed them a captain, thus discarding Moses, their patient, suffering leader; and they murmured bitterly against God.

Moses and Aaron fell upon their faces before the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation, to implore the mercy of God in favor of a rebellious people. But their distress and grief were too great for utterance. They remained upon their faces in utter silence. Caleb and Joshua rent their clothes as an expression of the greatest sorrow. "And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us: a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land: for they are bread for us: and their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not."

"Their defense is departed from them." That is, the Canaanites had filled up the measure of their iniquity, and the divine protection was withdrawn from them, and they felt perfectly

secure and were unprepared for battle; and, by the covenant of God, the land is ensured to us. Instead of these words having the designed effect upon the people, they increased their determined rebellion. They became in a rage and cried out with a loud and angry cry that Caleb and Joshua should be stoned, which would have been done had not the Lord interposed by a most signal display of His terrible glory in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

MOSES' PREVAILING PLEA

Moses went into the tabernacle to converse with God. "And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke Me? and how long will it be ere they believe Me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they. 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. Now if Thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of Thee will speak, saying, Because the Lord was not able to bring his people unto the land which He swore unto them, therefore He hath slain them in the wilderness."

Moses again refuses to have Israel destroyed and himself made a mightier nation than was Israel. This favored servant of God manifests his love for Israel and shows his zeal for the

glory of his Maker and the honor of his people: As Thou hast forgiven this people from Egypt even until now, Thou hast been longsuffering and merciful hitherto toward this ungrateful people; however unworthy they may be, Thy mercy is the same. He pleads, Wilt Thou not, therefore, spare them this once, and add this one more instance of divine patience to the many Thou has already given?

"And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word: but as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. Because all those men which have seen My glory, and My miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted Me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to My voice; surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it: but My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed Me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it."

BACK TO THE WILDERNESS

The Lord bade the Hebrews return and go into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea. They were very near the good land, but, by their wicked rebellion, they forfeited the protection of God. Had they received the report of Caleb and Joshua, and gone immediately up, God would have given them the land of Canaan. But they were unbelieving and showed such an insolent spirit against God that they brought upon themselves the denunciation that they should never enter the Promised Land. It was in pity and mercy that God sent them back by the Red Sea, for the Amalekites and Canaanites, while they were delaying and murmuring, heard of the spies and prepared

themselves to make war with the children of Israel.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against Me." The Lord told Moses and Aaron to say to the people that He would do to them as they had spoken. They had said, "Would God we had died in the land of Egypt: or would God we had died in this wilderness!" Now God would take them at their word. He told His servants to say to them that they should fall in the wilderness, from twenty years old and upward, because of their rebellion and murmurings against the Lord. Only Caleb and Joshua should go unto the land of Canaan. "But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised."

The Lord declared that the children of the Hebrews should wander in the wilderness forty years, reckoning from the time they left Egypt, because of the rebellion of their parents, until the parents should all die. Thus should they bear and suffer the consequence of their iniquity forty years, according to the number of days they were searching the land, a day for a year. "And ye shall know My breach of promise." They should fully realize that it was the punishment for their idolatry and rebellious murmurings which had obliged the Lord to change His purpose concerning them. Caleb and Joshua were promised a reward in preference to all the host of Israel, because the latter had forfeited all claim to God's favor and protection. (*The Story of Redemption, Chapter 20, pp. 158-163*) To be continued.

"So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." Heb. 3:19

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