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## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIS CHURCH

“God chose Israel to reveal His character to men. He desired them to be as wells of salvation in the world. To them were committed the oracles of heaven, the revelation of God’s will. In the early days of Israel the nations of the world, through corrupt practices, had lost the knowledge of God. They had once known Him; but because ‘they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, . . . their foolish heart was darkened.’ Romans 1:21. Yet in His mercy God did not blot them out of existence. He purposed to give them an opportunity of again becoming acquainted with Him through His chosen people. Through the teachings of the sacrificial service, Christ was to be uplifted before all nations, and all who would look to Him should live. Christ was the foundation of the Jewish economy. The whole system of types and symbols was a compacted prophecy of the gospel, a presentation in which were bound up the promises of redemption.

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Dear Jeff,

My husband and I just finished watching the series you did in Blythe. It was excellent. I have been an Adventist my whole life and there are things you said that I have never heard. Thank you. I would like to receive your monthly newsletter and audiotape. Do I need to call to request this information? My mailing address: \*\*\* Thank you for your work. A fellow sister in Christ, SZ-CA

We have added you to our mailing list. God bless. Jeff

Hi Jeff

Let me try and explain what I am talking about. As P and I are looking at this differently too.

References to the "Daily":

Daniel 8:12—And an host was given him against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

Daniel 8:13— Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

Daniel 11:31—And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

Daniel 12:11— And from the time that the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Are not all the verses talking about the same event? If not please clarify? Also with the 3 horns, 1 was removed before 508 and the remaining 2 between 508–538. Also when you read history, reference is always made that it was Eastern Rome that seemed to do all the work in removing the Horns? The first horn: the Vandals were helped to be removed by one of the other horns Heruli with Eastern Rome. So my argument is that the 3 horns cannot be the "daily" if the daily was removed in 508 and papacy set up in 508 to start the 1290 years?

Please correct me on my logic and my understanding. Thanks, MB—England

Dear M:

I am traveling again, so I am not close to a concordance and other study books that I have at home, but I thought about this subject a few times in passing before I received this email. I would put two thoughts into your discussion.

First thought: The "daily" is mentioned five times in Daniel. I believe each time is emphasizing a different aspect of the "daily". Daniel 12:11 deals with the transition from pagan to papal Rome, and the religious manifestations of paganism counterfeiting the earthly sanctuary and its services, then to be followed by Papalism counterfeiting Christ. And even though it is not specifically identified in the truth connected with the setting up of the papacy from 508 through 538, the passage also points forward to the counterfeit of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit by the false prophet. Each of the three unclean spirits counterfeits one aspect of the work of the godhead. Paganism is a counterfeit of the earthly sanctuary or the first covenant, Papalism is a counterfeit of the work of Christ and the false prophet counterfeits the work of the Holy Spirit during the time of the judgment. This is of course a simplistic defense of Daniel 12:11, but it is supportable.

Daniel 11:31 emphasizes what pagan Rome did in order to place the papacy on the throne of the earth. Changing the pagan religious profession of the seven kings is but one of four achievements of the papacy at that time. Daniel 12:11 bases its time prophecy on the historical events recorded there: it marks the prophetic significance of that change of religions, whereas verse 31 reports the history.

In Daniel 8:11, pagan Rome's exaltation of paganism against the religion of Christ is emphasized. Nothing is reported there about the rise of papalism.

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Daniel 8:13 discriminates between the pagan pressure against truth and the papal blasphemy. These are different aspects of the trampling by the two continual offenders. The verse focuses not on the exaltation of the paganism or the effrontery of papalism, but identifies both as desolating powers.

Therefore I suggest that the “daily” in verse 12 is another view of paganism and its fall. The verse’s primary subject, in my understanding, is the combination of church and state established between the seven European kings and the papacy in Daniel 7.

So my first thought is that in each of the five mentions of the “daily” Daniel reveals some of its different historical and prophetic aspects. As I read your comments, it seemed to me that you may be trying to establish that the significance of the “daily” is the same in each mention (but I may not understand you correctly).

My second thought requires a concordance. In Daniel 11:24 pagan Rome would “forecast his devices ‘against’ the strong holds.”

Uriah Smith points out that the word here translated “against” is better translated “from”. Then verse 12 would say that a host, or military power, was given the papacy “from” paganism by the combination of church and state.

A man who spoke in our little church last Sabbath was a great trial for us all, as his speaking style and message were at minimum a stumblingblock. I won’t elaborate here, but after two others and I had met for an hour or so identifying what was inappropriate in his message and his style, we found out that prior to that Sabbath he had told our pastor that he had been forewarned about Jeff Pippenger, and had given testimony to a few of the problems he and others have with me. One of the main accusations against me (and there are several)

is that I dwell on the “daily” when we have been counseled not to speak about the subject.

I have dealt on the “daily” but my understanding of it has been a slow development. I usually arrived at my understanding of a component of the “daily” before I understood what the pioneers or others understood on the subject. Usually my understanding agreed with what I later found to be the pioneer position, but not always. I have taught that the removal of the three horns is a taking away of the “daily” or paganism, but that concept has been waning as I understand more about it.

Verse 12 is the only place where I might argue that the seven European kings took down the three horns, and that they were all part of the kingdom of pagan Rome; therefore in a minor sense they were pagan and represented the “daily”. I am open for correction on this, and I think I understand your dilemma and question. You have affirmed that the same word in verses 11:24 and 8:12 is translated “against”; if it were translated “from” in both verses, then perhaps I am satisfied to understand that 8:12 is simply says that the papacy was given military support through the action of combined church and state.

I return home on Monday, then we leave the next weekend for a weekend meeting in Tennessee, followed by a camp meeting in Florida that is being held by the main people in Adventism who teach that there is no Holy Spirit. I am sure they will try to correct or convert me there, so I am trying to prepare a position paper on the godhead, in order to eliminate any long drawn-out discussions. I am weary of constant controversies with brethren, and I think one of my weakest character flaws is the inability to deal with those who appear to me to be wrapped up in delusions in a Christ-like fashion. My lack of patience too often emerges in those situations,



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and without patience I will never be among the faithful remnant here at the end, so I dread these obvious confrontational situations.

Nevertheless I made an agreement that when invited I would go, so I need to trust that there are some there who may awaken to the deception they are in, and that perhaps the Lord wants me to practice interacting with these individuals as He interacts with me concerning my erroneous ideas. God bless you all. Let me know what you think. Jeff

Hi Jeff:

Thanks for the reply. Yes I checked Daniel 11:24 and 8:12 and it's the same Hebrew word. I think if we use "from" it makes a lot of sense. My brother P. was wondering this point also. For me it makes clearer sense to not take the 3 horns as the "daily".

I am in discussions with Adventists who think the church is part of Babylon now. How they manage to twist Sister White's writings to support their ideas? I am at a loss. They follow a new prophet, (Ron Beulou or something like that).

I hate confrontation also, but I am sure there are some honest people there just waiting to be enlightened. Indeed you and I initially had our confrontational encounter with each other over Daniel 2, and I changed my view: So there must be hope for others.

Would love a copy of your paper on the Holy Spirit, or maybe even better you should put in the next newsletter? Will be praying for you and that the meetings go well. God Bless, MB—England

Dear MB:

The following is my understanding of the "daily". This statement is a disclaimer for all my presentations prior to 2007.

Daniel 8:11—Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

My understanding of Daniel 8:11—Pagan Rome magnified itself against Christ at His birth and death, and through pagan Rome the religion of paganism was lifted up and exalted,

and in the year 330 Constantine cast down the city of Rome, where the Pantheon Temple is located, in order to establish the city of Constantinople as the Roman Empire's new capital city.

Daniel 8:12—And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

My understanding of Daniel 8:12—Military and economic support was provided to the papal power from the seven European kings through the combination of church and state that took place initially from 496 through 508, thus allowing the papal power to enforce its false doctrines upon men from 538 through 1798.

Daniel 8:13—Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

My understanding of Daniel 8:13—Daniel hears a question concerning both the desolating power of paganism and papalism that would trample down God's sanctuary and His people. The question was emphasizing the duration of the complete vision of Daniel 8, not a singular point in time. The answer to the question is found in verse 14, identifying 1844 as the conclusion of the period. Therefore the question of verse 13 begins in 457 B.C. to preserve the year 1844 in verse fourteen. If we identify the "daily" as Christ's sanctuary ministry, we then destroy 1844, for Christ did not begin His ministry until the year 31, which if applied to verse thirteen would place the cleansing of the sanctuary and the beginning of the investigative judgment in the year 2,331.

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The question is, How long is the complete vision of Daniel 8 that begins in the time of the Medes and Persians and concludes in 1844, and that describes the trampling of God's sanctuary and people by both paganism and papalism?

Daniel 11:31—And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

My understanding of Daniel 11:31—Military and economic power will be supplied to the papacy, initially from 496 through 508, and then on through the 1,260 years of papal supremacy. The military and economic support will come through the seven European kings of Daniel seven, who will accomplish four actions for the papacy in the verse. They will first stand up. They will then participate in warfare that ruins the city of Rome, which was prophetically and historically the Roman Empire's "sanctuary of strength". The seven European kings will also progressively remove the legal profession of paganism in each of their nations, starting with France in 496 and concluding with England in 508. The seven European kings will then place the papacy on the throne of the earth in 538.

Daniel 12:11 & 12—And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

By 508 paganism under all seven European kings of Daniel 7 will have been changed by law to the religion of Catholicism. At this point the final preparation necessary to place the papacy on the throne of the earth thirty years later, in 538, will have been

accomplished. The two primary actions during the thirty years of preparation: Emperor Justinian granting the civil power of Rome to the papacy in 533, and the removal of the Goths from the city of Rome in 538. The thirty-year preparation period emphasizes the transition from the first desolating power (paganism) to the second desolating power (papalism). The transition between these two powers counterfeits the transition from the earthly to the heavenly ministry of Christ when He began His work in the heavenly temple in A.D. 31. The second of the time prophecies, 1335 days, identifies the year 1843 when Christ began His closing work in the heavenly temple, and it sets forth the promise to the Millerites as found in their fulfillment of the parable of the ten virgins. The promise, or "blessing", is set forth in the book of Revelation:

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. Revelation 19:9.

Dear Brother Jeff,

Please convey my thanks and love to Kathy, Bronwyn, and Jason. They made us feel wanted and cared for and we will always be grateful. I'm especially grateful for the opportunity you have offered to help with your written presentations. . . .

We purchased the Blythe DVDs and some books. In the short week we have been home, I have tried to listen to Russell's presentations in that year-ago school, hoping to gain a foothold to understand his presentations this December. I've spent many hours on that project, some of them shared with my wife D., and sometimes I feel I'm getting the idea; then D. points out that my idea is wrong. What I'm trying to say is, that although my English is strong, I am too often prepared to express an idea I've gained, without asking her to edit me. Everyone needs an editor, I most specially.

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## DISCLAIMER

I am about to express a pet idea of mine which seems to contradict one of yours. I know these DVDs are from your position a year ago, and it may have changed in some respects since that time. We haven't received the DVDs from the recent session and I can't check my observations.

Especially I want to emphasize that my approach to study is far different from yours, and not likely to produce the wonderful challenges you do. And even in my approach, I do not have the necessary education to really study the original languages; I rely only on my observations of a few verses of scripture.

Several years ago I noticed a curious network of strange translations surrounding the 2300 days, and I have mentioned it to you earlier. Now I need to present it in detail to you and ask your consideration of it. The bottom line is that I think you have made a very minor error in saying that the last vision of Daniel begins with 10:1—I believe that Daniel 10:1 is the last verse of the previous vision.

It often occurs in the Bible that the translators have placed verse and chapter divisions with which we do not agree—but I can't think of a good example at this moment, except Daniel 10:1.

Please refer to Daniel 10:1 and its relation to Daniel 9:23: At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Daniel 10:1: In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. .

Daniel 9:23:  
understand      *biyn*  
the matter      *dabar*  
and consider    *biyn*  
the vision      *mareh*

We are seeing only the roots of the Hebrew words in *Strong's*, and the actual words are probably different in sound, in particles, etc. But "understand" and "consider" are both translated from the same root.

This structure is a chiasm, a kind of poetry where the writer is emphasizing an idea by expressing it a second time in different words. I believe Daniel is being told to understand the vision by understanding the matter.

*Dabar* (matter) is most often translated "word" including speech, sayings,—about 800 times out of 1441 occurrences in the Bible.

*Mareh* is the name Jesus gave to the 2300-days part of the vision of chapter 8. It would certainly be fair to translate Daniel 9:23 understand the word and understand the 2300 days.

Now look at Daniel 10:1: as you point out, "thing" occurs three times in the verse, always translated from *dabar*. In English this hides from us the back-reference to Daniel 9:23, which is more apparent if we do not translate *dabar*:

a *dabar* was revealed unto Daniel . . . the *dabar* was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the *dabar* and had understanding of the 2300 days.

Because of this very close association, I believe Daniel 10:1 should have been numbered Daniel 9:28, and the chapter should have begun with Daniel 10:2. I realize that the Hebrew scribes were probably the ones responsible for the chapter separations (as you know, the text was written in blocks), but could not verify since my Interlinear shows only a colon ending sentences, not the original panels of script.

Anyway, I do not think that "a thing was revealed unto Daniel" constitutes a separate vision, and it seems very clear that the vision of Daniel's understanding in 10:1 was the 2300 days of 8:14. For that reason I would have agreed if you had said that Daniel's last vision began with 10:2.

At this point in my study of the DVDs of Blythe, I have a short list of questions and comments. Remember that my middle name is Pikipiki, and I'm hoping that my editorial comments are accepted as trying to help.

DVD #2 chapter 1 frame 8: Rendering should be Rendering.

I have eliminated the words incredible and unbelievable from my vocabulary, and I urge that all speakers for the Lord should do so as well. Both words mean that the information indicated is not true; but this meaning has been corrupted in our generation to mean wonderful.

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You use them correctly, but I wonder whether your listeners derive the correct meaning?

You have made a great point of the meaning of the names of prophets. However I think I understand that God first chose in sequence two men to carry His message to our pioneers: Foy and Foss. If either of those men had become a prophet, would their names have fit the pattern?

My wife tells me the Seventh-day Adventist church claims 18 million members at this time. If the proportion of 1000:1 were applied, that would indicate 18,000 among the 144,000, which sounds about right.

You emphasize that the Close of Probation is THE all-important test; but I think there will be others of equal importance to follow. I would not like to teach that one who passed the first test is guaranteed to pass all the others as well.

You repeat that the "at that time" of Daniel 12:1 is best answered by the events of 11:44, 45; but please note that verse 40 also begins with "at that time." I saw it and kept waiting for you to acknowledge it in your talk.

Regarding King of kings and Lord of Lords, you make a great point of the capitalization; but please recognize that capitalization is a style in the hands of the translators and editors, not of the author.

Lord (capitalized) is the style used specifically to indicate Yahweh in the KJV (most editions) Old Testament. The same style in the New Testament of course indicates something entirely different, since YHWH does not appear in Greek.

I find it very interesting that the editors of *Review and Herald*, and *Signs of the Times*, adopted a new style about the turn of the century, in that they began to capitalize even pronouns which they thought were meant to indicate deity. But in each case where we read such capitalization in our Bibles, we must be very careful to evaluate who is speaking, and remember that the style is only a fashion of the editors.

I was asked by a reader to capitalize Him when Ellen White referred to Jesus, even though it might appear in the older papers as him. I had found several instances where I could not be entirely sure whether divinity was meant, and I refuse to do so. (Modern style books deplore the style, but for different reasons.) I agree with my correspondent that capitalization makes it easier for the reader to "understand," but is the understanding correct?

Bottom line: King is capitalized when part of a proper name: King Nebuchadnezzar, not otherwise: king of Babylon. When we write King of kings, we indicate that Deity is King over the kings (lowercase) of earth. But when you write Lord or Lords (both uppercase) on your slides, you are indicating that Jesus is Lord over the other (heavenly) Lords.

Enough criticism already. I found a wonderful insight in Leslie Harding's, *Jesus Is My Judge*: he says that when Daniel heard Jesus say "unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed," Daniel knew that the sanctuary was cleansed on only one day of the year—the Day of Atonement—and that he knew therefore, that the vision was for 2300 years. That is a much more satisfactory explanation than my own guess, which had been that Daniel counted 2300 days, and when the prophecy wasn't fulfilled, then he knew it was for years, not days.

Interesting: that *tsaba'* is usually translated host or hosts 391 times, war, armies, battle 83 times out of 485 occurrences, time appointed only once, Daniel 10:1.

Again I ask you to study my poor explanation of the network of strange translations around the 2300 days. I believe no other prophecy has so many forward-and back-references to indicate to us its extreme importance. And the fact that these references were so obvious in Hebrew, and so hidden in English, tells me that God Himself did the sealing, and also did the opening of the seals at the time of the end. As you know, I believe God was present in the congregations of translators of the KJV; which no other translation can claim. CT—TN

Dear Brother C:

A few points—in response to your email. You sent me some of these thoughts on the word *dabar* a few years ago and I accepted your insight, although have not fully settled into what line of truth is being tied together as he employs these words in his writings. As always, I refuse to think that the words Daniel uses are an accident, so there is certainly something relevant there that is clouded by what I would say is an inconsistent translation, though I have no criticism for the translators.



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I understand your thinking on Daniel 10:1, but when chapter nine begins with 9:1 “In the first year of Darius” and chapter ten begins with “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel” it is hard for me to insist that verse one of chapter ten should be part of chapter nine, and verse two the starting point for chapter ten. In terms of the message I have no problem following your logic, and I certainly believe the entire book of Daniel needs to be addressed as a whole unit of thought, in spite of the different languages and time periods in which it is written, the different languages it is written in, and even more than one author. At least in one sense the book of Daniel is simply an expression of truth that was produced by the mind of the Holy Spirit, or the word of Christ. That being said, I agree with the line or connection you are noting with the word *dabar*.

When it comes to names in the Bible, I have noted an interesting phenomenon, though I have not and am not now attempting to prove or establish the following observation. I have checked many names of people and places in God’s word for their meaning. In doing so, I find that almost always, when the meaning is found it has a direct relationship with the story at hand. Also I have found that almost always, men who represent God’s faithful people in the passage have a godly name or meaning, but the wicked in the passage usually have a meaning consistent with their ungodly role. But many times, when it comes to the names of the ungodly in the passage, there is no known meaning for their names. I have come to believe, (though I have not proved) that this refers to the fact that the godly will have their names recorded and remembered in the book of life, but the ungodly will not.

Although I have not done an exhaustive search for the names of Hazen Foss and William Foy there is an interesting, though no doubt unimportant observation. The historical account of Hazen Foss is that he ended up as a lost man, but not so with William Foy. Though Foy declined the prophetic office it appears at a surface level that he continued to be a practicing Christian. In my limited search of the meaning of Hazen Foss, there is no meaning for either name, whereas with William Foy his name means as follows:

William (Short form Wil) This popular Christian name has many variations in different European languages. There are more than forty saints of this name. It originates from German and means “strenuous guardian”.

Foy\, n. [F. foi, old spelling foy, faith. See {Faith}.]1. Faith; allegiance; fealty. [Obs.] — Spenser.

So William Foy would or could mean “strenuous guardian of the faith”.

Jeff

Dear Jeff:

Got your message. I gave a talk on Sabbath past. In studying with my wife J. this week I discovered something that you need to look at if you have not already done so. In the story of Jacob and his wives, Leah and Rachel, as you know he worked for 14 years. And in this story is imbedded the prophecy of the 2,520. Jacob worked 7 years for Rachel and he married Leah, then another seven and he married Rachel. These are two sets of 2,520 days, just as Christ’s ministry was 7 years or 2,520 days. That’s not all. Ten sons were born to Leah and her hand maid, and 2 sons to Rachel. In the sons of Jacob we eventually see the Davidic kingdom split under Rehoboam and Jeroboam in 1 Kings 12. Ten tribes make up the northern kingdom and two tribes make up the southern kingdom. In this we can see the scattering and the gathering. In Genesis 49 when Jacob is pronouncing the blessings on his 12 sons you

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can see the characters of those who come under the scattering, and in Revelation 7, these 12 sons are sealed or gathered. In Revelation 14 they are found with their Father's name written in their foreheads, and are without fault before the throne of God. This a brief look at this study it needs much more study, please let me know what you think. Blessings to you Jeff: D&J—CA

Dear Jeff,

Even though we've never met, I had spoken to you on the phone in the past when you were with Hope International. I am currently a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the —, Virginia area. I believe you preached here sometime in the last ten years. I am a friend of WW who lives in Richmond, Virginia. You may or may not remember him as you meet so many people in your ministry, but the two of you conversed when you spoke at the Amicus SDA church in Ruckersville, Virginia some time ago. I've always appreciated the depth and thoroughness of your studies. The reason I am contacting you is that a controversial teaching has cropped up in the Potomac Conference. I will give you a brief synopsis. I would like to know if you've run across this teaching in your travels and if you can offer any insights. I sent the following information to a couple of other friends for their input as well:

We had an interesting Sabbath at — SDA church in Cumberland County (1/6/2007). The speaker was the Potomac Conference evangelist, Ron Rogers who is planning on conducting a series here in a couple of months. We had an afternoon question and answer addressing concerns regarding a sermon he preached in late November 2006 wherein he alluded to portions of Matthew 24 applying only to the destruction of Jerusalem and not the Second Coming. Prior to this past weekend's session I had obtained a videotaped copy of the sermon and converted it to DVD format. I will send you a copy if you wish. I believe you would be very interested in what he has to say.

When I pressed him regarding his position on the matter he stated that Matthew 24 verses 3 through 23 dealt specifically with the destruction of Jerusalem and has nothing to do with the

Second Coming and challenged many of the Adventist preachers of the past who taught contrary. He also indicated that my position was in direct conflict with the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy and the General Conference (in an attempt to discredit me since I was the one pressing him on the matter). He quoted a portion of Uriah Smith to support his view. I afterward went home and examined every Spirit of Prophecy statement regarding "the destruction of Jerusalem" and found him to be in gross error on the matter. There is one statement that particularly interests me:

"In his answer, Jesus did not take up separately the destruction of Jerusalem and the last great day of his coming. He mingled the description of these two events. When he spoke of the destruction of Jerusalem, his words referred also to the final destruction that will take place when the Lord rises out of his place to punish the world for its iniquity. The entire chapter in which are recorded Christ's words regarding this, is a warning to all who shall live during the last scenes of this earth's history." *Review and Herald*, December 13, 1898.

It is apparent from this statement that an issue would arise where enemies of the truth would seek to divide this chapter into sections isolating the two events and even imply that the great commission to go to all the world and preach the gospel only applies to the first coming of Jesus. If verses 3 through 23 applies to the destruction of Jerusalem and not the Second Coming then what do we do with verses 12, 13 and 14:

Matthew 24:12: And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:13: But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:14: And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Have you run into this issue before? This is a new one to me. Let me know what you know about this. Would you like a copy of his sermon? If so, where do I send it? God bless. LW

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Dear LW:

I of course know and remember WW. I never have run into this before. I have very little time to study the truth, let alone to take time and study error, so I will pass on looking his presentation over. Jeff.

“Many know so little about their Bibles that they are unsettled in the faith. They remove the old landmarks, and fallacies and winds of doctrine blow them hither and thither. Science, falsely so called, is wearing away the foundation of Christian principle; and those who were once in the faith drift away from the Bible landmarks, and divorce themselves from God, while still claiming to be His children.”  
*Review and Herald*, December 29, 1896.

Jeff:

I'd like to have hard copies of everything on the prophecy school DVD's so that I can highlight key points with various colored magic markers while I read them. Where could I purchase them? Or if I can't, where do I purchase the DVD's? I was sent your studies by e-mail so I don't know where to get this information. BK

Dear BK:

You can purchase these things from us. The DVD's are \$128 plus \$10 shipping. I recommend them for all the quotes, Bible, SOP and pioneers are portrayed on the screen, and also all the charts that we develop on the white board are there as well. The visual is very important to some of the more theoretical studies. Jeff

Hi Jeff

Thanks for the information concerning Hiram Edson's teaching on the 2,520. I am trying by God's grace to study the book of Revelation to get a fuller understanding of it and to link it to Daniel. I have been looking at the throne room scene in Revelation 4 and am trying to understand "the four beasts" that are before the throne of God. I have looked at Uriah Smith's explanation and William Miller's and they seem to be saying that they are symbolic of the church in its different phases, living creatures, or people. However, in discussing it with other brethren they are saying that they are seraphim. I am confused so could you shed any light on this matter and are the beasts and their role significant as they play a part in the seals in Revelation 6 and the giving of the vials to the 7 angels in Revelation 15. Thanks for your help in this matter. God bless. HL—email

Dear HL:

I have an understanding of these things, but do not have the time to place it all in an email currently. My apologies. I agree that the four beasts are seraphim, but may have a different understanding of their meaning throughout the book of Revelation than some. But in order to set that forth would require time I do not currently have. I will save your email and when I can I will answer it and perhaps include your email anonymously in our newsletter so the thoughts get a public hearing. Sorry. Jeff

Jeff:

My name is GH. I heard you speak at the Ventura Church in California some time back. I don't know if you've seen the article, but I think it's worth looking at. The Russians are calling for a world government. Thank you for your newsletter and sharing God's message. GH—CA

### **May 7, 2006—Is it Time to Take a Serious Stab at World Government?**

Russian Foreign Secretary Sergueii Lavrov called for the establishment of a world government, bringing together the United States and Russia. Lavrov's call comes at a time of a chilling of relations between Moscow

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and Washington and amidst signs of a new Cold War. Moscow is wary of the establishment by America of a front of New Democracies in Eastern Europe, Ukraine and Georgia to counter “the Russian Bear,” which is powerfully awakening.

In an interview granted to the magazine *Russia in Global Politics*, Lavrov said that bringing together a “chorus” of major nations into a world government will eliminate the jockeying for power that creates imbalances. Lavrov was certain that “most countries will welcome such a grouping of leadership.”

He also said that there is no place in Russian politics for animosity toward the US, and that the basic goals of American and Russian foreign policy were nearly identical. He made clear that the policies of both countries are to create a more secure and predictable world.

From Lavrov’s point of view, the political differences between Moscow and Washington are essentially philosophical. He explained that the apparent difference in opinion concerning the emerging international system is due to mutual misunderstanding. He added that this misunderstanding is far less significant than that which existed during the previous era, when there was a “negative stability” between two poles, namely the United States and the Soviet Union.

Lavrov pointed out that “absolute security” cannot be achieved through excessive military superiority, and he pointed out that in special cases, differences in interests are completely natural. [www.watchingamerica.com](http://www.watchingamerica.com)

*“Consensus is the negation of leadership.”*

*Margaret Thatcher*

## **Pope’s New Role: To Represent Western Civilization?**

The Pope’s pursuit of his newfound calling as Islamic interlocutor will be tricky, theologically and politically. Unlike the holy books of Judaism and Christianity, the Koran and Hadiths contain verses precisely regulating the conduct of war and exhorting Muslims to wage battle against various enemies. . . . As conservative Catholic scholar Michael Novak points out, the Vatican’s

pacifism gives Benedict unmatched moral standing to press this point [about Islam’s inability to prove its own claims of peace and tolerance]. “Being against war, he can say tougher things . . . than any President or Prime Minister can. His role is to represent Western civilization.” Perhaps so. *Time*, November 27, 2006.

[Editor’s Note: If the pope becomes the de facto mediator between East and West, would it not be a logical step to place him in charge of directing the activities of the United Nations? And what might that mean for the United States?]

“The third wall which the papacy will bring down in order to take control of the entire world is the symbolic ‘wall of national sovereignty.’ The structure which will be used to control the world is the United Nations. Already within the laws which have been developed by the United Nations, we find the legal principles designed to remove national sovereignty. This organization has already written and passed laws which supersede the national laws of individual countries. In fact, many of these countries—including the United States—have already signed these agreements, placing the laws of the individual nations in subjection to the laws of the world government. In order for the papacy to command the entire world, national sovereignty must be removed.” Jeff Pippenger, *The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North*, 37.

Friend: Greetings. This article caught my attention and I thought I would send it on to you. “We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 11. Please click on the following link to read this very interesting article regarding this ecumenical movement.

Five Christian Families Open Inauguration Meeting

*Christian Post*—Representatives from 36 Christian denominations begin their ecumenical meeting as *Christian Churches Together* (CCT) on Tuesday in Pasadena, CA.

What will be the result of their uniting together? Interestingly, prophetically, if you type in *Christian Churches Together* in Google, etc., the full title



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of the group is *Christian Churches Together in the USA* (see [www.christianchurchestogether.org](http://www.christianchurchestogether.org)) What will be the next step after their uniting together?

"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result." *The Great Controversy*, 445.

God bless, C—email

### **Churches (denominations) in Communication with Rome**

Informal discussions took place in meetings between the members of the *General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists* for inter-religious contact and *Papal Officials for Unifying all Christians*. According to the Rector of the Adventist Theological University in Friedensau, by Magdeburg (Germany), Dr. Rolf J. Pohler (Hannover), these preliminary discussions started in 1999. One year later, selected subjects, such as the Adventist organizational structure, our understanding on evangelism, proselytizing and on religious freedom were reviewed. The subjects in the three day forums which occurred from 2001 to 2003 at the John Knox Conference Center, in the International Reformed Center, Geneva (Switzerland), were as follows: The doctrinal convictions why Seventh Day Adventists have their rest day on Sabbath and Catholics on Sunday, as well as other biblical principles. The date and subject matter for the next dialog have not yet been determined. But based on Dr. Pohler, possible subjects considered are: Questions on Anthropology (body-soul-dualism, death and resurrection, immortality), on Soteriology (justification, sanctification, glorification), on ecclesiology (church, officers, sacraments), on eschatology (second coming of Christ, end of the world, end time prophecy), but also ethical questions. <http://www.stanet.ch/apd/news/1250.html>

### **Irreconcilably Separated**

"The Lord has pronounced a curse upon those who take from or add to the Scriptures. The great I AM has decided what shall constitute the rule of faith and doctrine, and he has designed that the Bible shall be a household book. The church that holds to the word of God is irreconcilably separated from Rome. Protestants were once thus apart from this great church of apostasy, but they have approached more nearly to her, and are still in the path of reconciliation to the Church of Rome. Rome never changes. Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy." *Signs of the Times*, February 19, 1894.

In his controversial book, *The Clash of Civilization and the Remaking of the World Order*, Samuel P. Huntington writes: "In the modern world, religion is a central, perhaps the central, force that motivates and mobilizes people." About 40 years ago religion did not play a major role in world affairs. That is not the case today. Religion affects politics and international relations. . . . We should be particularly concerned because all religions feel threatened in one way or another, and there are growing tensions between religions. *Liberty*, September/October, 2006.

### **The Federal Reserve's role in the Housing Crash of 2007**

By Mike Whitney

This is the biggest housing slump in the last 4 or 5 decades: every housing indicator is in free fall, including now housing prices. *Now Jones*, 23 August 2006.

The *Fed*, in effect, has become a serial bubble blower. *Morgan Stanley*, 01/08/07 *Information Clearing House*. <<http://informationclearinghouse.info/>>

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The American people appear to be oblivious to the economic hurricane which is expected to touchdown in late 2007. That's when \$1 trillion in ARMs (Adjustable Rate Mortgages) will reset triggering a massive increase in foreclosures and plunging the country into a deep recession. If energy costs continue to rise at the same time or if the dollar loses more ground, we may be rooting around in the backyard garden-plot looking for passed-over spuds and radishes.

The crisis is entirely the work of Fed Chairman, Alan Greenspan, whose cheap money policy caused a speculative frenzy in the real estate market which sent home prices through the stratosphere. In fact, the bubble originated in 2001 when Greenspan lowered interest rates to a meager 1% and ignited a refinancing boom as well as a sudden up-tick in home sales. Now, after 17 straight interest rate increases, the bubble is quickly losing steam and the effects are being felt from sea to shining sea. Rest assured, the sudden downturn in the housing market is just the first gust from an impending tornado. By the end of 2007, America's match-stick economy will look like the rubble-strewn landscape of New Orleans 9th Ward.

Greenspan has been the biggest player in this pre-Depression operetta. He kept the printing presses whirring along at full tilt while the banks and mortgage lenders devised every scam imaginable to put greenbacks into the hands unqualified borrowers. ARMs, "interest-only" or "no down payment" loans etc. were all part of the creative financing boondoggle which kept the economy sputtering along after the "dot.com" crackup in 2000.

It worked like a charm, too. Aided by the Fed's cheap money policy, the housing market sizzled. In just 6 years the total value of real estate jumped from \$11 trillion to \$21 trillion! (From 2001 through 2005, outstanding mortgage debt rose 68% from \$5293 billion to \$8888 billion) It's the biggest expansion of debt in history and it was all engineered by seductively low interest rates.

Greenspan executed the swindle with the adroitness of a carnival huckster; luring millions of buyers to the real estate gold rush. Now, many of those same buyers are stuck with

enormous loans that are about to reset at drastically higher rates while their homes have already depreciated 10% to 20% in value. This phenomenon of being shackled to a "negative equity mortgage" is what economist Michael Hudson calls the *New Road to Serfdom*; paying off a mortgage that is significantly larger than the current value of the house. The sheer magnitude of the problem is staggering.

For example, an article in the *New York Times* last week noted that "1 in 5 sub-prime loans will end in foreclosure".

"About 2.2 million borrowers who took out sub-prime loans from 1998 to 2006 are likely to lose their homes". In real terms, that translates into roughly 10 million people!

Greenspan, of course, nodded approvingly while the new regime of shaky lending practices was being put into place. What really mattered to the Fed-chief was making sure the economy could be kept on life support while the massive "unfunded" tax cuts were provided for his well-heeled buddies in corporate America and while the country charged off to war in Iraq.

Greenspan knew that his "low interest rate bonanza" was driving the wooden stake into America's heart. In fact, every banker understands the effects of interest rates; it's fundamental to their trade. Lower the interest rates and the people will swarm to the banks like piranhas to a hambone. It never fails.

The housing bubble has nothing to do with "market forces" or supply-and-demand. That's all gibberish. Low interest rates provide a channel for pumping cheap money into the economy which inevitably creates equity bubbles. When Greenspan lowered rates to 1%, he knew that he was simply trading a technology bubble for a real estate bubble. Now, of course, he has retired before the wheels fall off the cart so he can avoid being blamed for the coming catastrophe.

The fallout from the housing explosion will be much more destructive than what most people imagine. In fact, Peter Schiff, president of *Euro Pacific Capital Inc.* believes that the *NY Times* estimates are too optimistic. Schiff anticipates that failures in the sub-prime loan market will put greater downward pressure on housing by increasing inventory and lowering prices.

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Schiff says: The secondary effects of the 1 out of 5 sub-prime default rate will be a chain reaction of rising interest rates and falling home prices engendering still more defaults, with the added foreclosures causing the cycle to repeat. In my opinion, when the cycle is fully played out we are more likely to see an 80% default rate rather than 20%.

40 million Americans headed towards foreclosure? Better pick out a comfy spot in the local park to set up the lean-to. Schiff's calculations may be overly pessimistic, but his reasoning is sound. Once mortgage-holders realize that their homes are worth tens of thousands less than the amount of their loan they are likely to "mail in their house keys rather than make the additional mortgage payments."

As Schiff says, "Why would anyone stretch to spend 40% of his monthly income to service a \$700,000 mortgage on a condo valued at \$500,000, especially when there are plenty of comparable rentals that are far more affordable?"

Why indeed? There's simply no incentive to hang on to a home or condo that's losing value every day. To read the rest of this article go to: <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article16104.htm>

## The Restoration of Temporal Prosperity

"It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their **restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.**" *The Great Controversy*, 590.

### Business Operations

"There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and

increasing crime. **They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis.** If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them.

"The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming. Of the men who by robbery and extortion are amassing great riches, it is written: 'Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.' James 5:3-6.

"But who reads the warnings given by the fast-fulfilling signs of the times? What impression is made upon worldlings? What change is seen in their attitude? No more than was seen in the attitude of the inhabitants of the Noachian world. Absorbed in worldly business and pleasure, the antediluvians 'knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away.' Matthew 24:39. They had heaven-sent warnings, but they refused to listen. And today the world, utterly regardless of the warning voice of God, is hurrying on to eternal ruin.

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place." *Testimonies*, volume 9, 11.

### The Fear of Secularism

"The evidence is overwhelming that the Founders were religious people who wanted a religious country that enshrined liberty for all its citizens, including those of different religions and those of no faith. But our educational institutions, especially the universities,



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are populated almost exclusively by secular individuals and books who seek to cast America's past and present in their image. Are we a Judeo-Christian country with liberty for people of every, and of no, faith? Or are we a secular country that happens to have within it a large number of individuals who hold Judeo-Christian values? If America abandons its Judeo-Christian values basis and the central role of the Jewish and Christian Bibles, its Founders' guiding text, we are all in big trouble, including, most especially, America's non-Christians. Just ask the Jews of secular Europe." Dennis Prager, *Patriot Post*, January 8, 2007.

[Editor's Note: The thing to really be afraid of is the backlash against secularism, the growing militant Judeo-Christian coalition that will bring Sunday laws, and persecution of Seventh-day Adventists as well as Jews.]

"A large class, even of those who look upon Romanism with no favor, apprehend little danger from her power and influence. Many urge that the intellectual and moral darkness prevailing during the Middle Ages favored the spread of her dogmas, superstitions, and oppression, and that the greater intelligence of modern times, the general diffusion of knowledge, and the increasing liberality in matters of religion forbid a revival of intolerance and tyranny. The very thought that such a state of things will exist in this enlightened age is ridiculed. It is true that great light, intellectual, moral, and religious, is shining upon this generation. In the open pages of God's Holy Word, light from heaven has been shed upon the world. But it should be remembered that the greater the light bestowed, the greater the darkness of those who pervert and reject it." *The Great Controversy*, 572.

### **The right of the people to honor God**

"If you assail the right of the people to honor God, then you assail the first principle of their self-government, which is that we are endowed by our Creator with unalienable rights leading to the consequence that the only form

of government that is legitimate is a form of government that respects those God-given rights. No God, no republic. No God, no representation. No God, no due process. No God, no sanctity of individual rights, liberty, and life. The denial of God is an assault not only upon the people's conscience, but upon their claim to have from God the right to govern themselves through representative institutions. The triumph of this false doctrine of separation, therefore, portends not only the persecution of our faith, but the destruction of our liberty." Alan Keyes, *Patriot Post*, January 15, 2007.

**[Editor's Note:** It appears that the primary voices in favor of the "doctrine of separation (of Church and State)" have become those of increasingly extreme organizations like the ACLU, *People for the American Way*, and *Americans United for the Separation of Church and State*. Accordingly, by means of the social law of "action and reaction," it is also appearing that those who seem to be the greatest advocates of "the right of the people to honor God" are also those who are most likely to favor a National Sunday Law,—to protect "the right of the people to honor God," of course.]

Sitting in front of our new Congress, under House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, there is a proposal to designate churches, pastors, religious denominations, public interest organizations, and other non-profit groups as "lobbyists."

Currently, lobbyists must register with the government—this new bill expands the definition of "lobbyist" to include any church or organization that strives to influence public opinion!

This legislation will drastically affect the operation of churches that speak out on major moral and political issues and Christian organizations using TV, radio, or the Internet to mobilize citizens around an issue.

The increased government regulation of churches is not only unwarranted but also unwise. What happens, under such a law, if pastors speak out and work against partial-



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birth abortion? Same-sex marriage? What happens if churches speak out in support of conservative judicial nominees, or military chaplains' right to pray? Under such a law, they are classified as "lobbyists"—in essence, free speech is forbidden.

Plus, many churches, especially larger churches with TV and radio ministries, would be subject to registration as a lobbying organization—and—failure to register under this new law could result in criminal prosecution—fines of up to \$100,000, six years in prison—even ten years in some cases!

This bill represents the biggest single legal restraint ever placed on people of faith. In essence, the proposed legislation attempts to override the United States Constitution. ACLJ.org bulletin, January 16, 2007.

### **More on this subject from the Center for Reclaiming America for Christ:**

The US Senate is debating a dangerous piece of legislation (S.1) which, if passed in its entirety, could muzzle pro-family grassroots organizations.

While the legislation is aimed largely at curbing lobbying corruption, there is a troubling section of the bill (Section 220) which unfairly targets grassroots lobbying organizations and would penalize them for alerting Americans about important issues and attempting to influence government policy.

Please contact your senators and urge them to oppose any measure that will muzzle grassroots organizations, specifically Section 220 of Senate Bill 1 (S.1).

Encourage them to, instead, support Senator Robert Bennett's amendment, Amendment 20, which would strike Section 220 from the bill.

U.S. Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121

If the bill passes, many attorneys believe that organizations like *Coral Ridge Ministries* and the *Center for Reclaiming America for Christ*, along with *Focus on the Family Action*, the *American Family Association*, *FRC Action*, and *American Values*, could be severely hampered from informing their constituents about significant legislation affecting American society.

As a result, on January 10, *Focus on the Family* founder Dr. James Dobson hosted a radio program to discuss the dangers associated with the proposed bill. This legislation would revise the definition of grassroots lobbying and require burdensome reporting requirements for many grassroots organizations, with the slightest misstep in reporting leading to fines up to \$100,000.

Joined by Don Wildmon (president of *American Family Association*), Tony Perkins (president of the *Family Research Council*), and Gary Bauer (president of *American Values*), Dr. Dobson warned that this bill was only a post-election attempt at "muzzling people like us."

Shortly after the broadcast, *The Denver Post* reported, "*Focus on the Family* founder James Dobson's influence is felt whenever he summons his radio listeners to flood Congress with comments or complaints. Now the conservative Christian leader sees that very vehicle under attack, so on Wednesday he put out the call once again: Contact your US Senators." [www.reclaimamerica.org](http://www.reclaimamerica.org), January 16, 2007

### **Repudiate Every Principle**

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation [the United States] will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

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Brother Jeff:

My understanding of Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 in a nutshell is that this is dealing with the cleansing of the church (See COL, 70) in the time of harvest which is the Sunday Law. The tares will be separated from the wheat and the wheat will “shine forth as the sun,” or as Daniel puts it “they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.” Daniel 12:3.

My question is this. According to James 5:7, the fruit is prepared by the early and latter rain; the latter rain makes it ready for the harvest. If, as I understand it, Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 brings us to the Sunday Law when the church is purified, and Christ employs the wheat to represent His true followers (wise virgins) and tares to represent the false (foolish virgins). Does that mean that there is a latter rain to prepare the church at the Sunday Law and also a latter rain to prepare the world? While reading this morning I came across a statement in *Patriarchs and Prophets* referring to 1 Samuel 12:16–19.

“‘Now therefore,’ continued Samuel, ‘stand and see this great thing, which the Lord will do before your eyes. Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call unto the Lord, and He shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto the Lord; and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day.’ At the time of wheat harvest, in May and June, no rain fell in the East. The sky was cloudless, and the air serene and mild. So violent a storm at this season filled all hearts with fear. In humiliation the people now confessed their sin—the very sin of which they had been guilty: ‘Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.’” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 615.

If no rain falls at the time of wheat harvest, then the latter rain must fall before the harvest in order to prepare the wheat and tares. But we know that the latter rain falls at the Sunday Law. However, it falls not to prepare the wheat in the church but the wheat in the world. I hope you understand my question. Please respond when you have time. In the Time of Harvest, Jamal Sankey

Brother Jamal:

I think you and I may have resolved your question at the recent prophecy school, but I thought I would include it in the newsletter anyway. Hope all is going well for you and your family.

I understand that the waymarks connected with the close of probation are progressive. The judgments of God, the judgment process itself, the withdrawing of the Spirit, the turning loose of the four winds and other prophetic waymarks are progressive in nature. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is part of the work that is accomplished in the harvest time. I therefore see a progressive outpouring of the Holy Spirit that coincides with the blotting out of sin. We are told to repent and be converted that our sins may be blotted out in order to receive of the latter rain:

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19.

Sister White is clear that repentance and conversion must precede the reception of the latter rain (the refreshing), and it is accomplished by Christ in His High Priestly ministry in connection with the conclusion of the judgment. We have identified this progressive experience in the study we do called *The Judgment of the Living*.

For me then, I understand that just as a judgment begins at the house of God and includes the blotting out of sin, the latter rain progresses in conjunction with the blotting-out process, and therefore Seventh-day Adventists are first to receive the latter rain and after the eleventh-hour workers also receive the latter rain. It is also true that the first corporate body to be fully void of the Holy Spirit during this time is the foolish virgins of Adventism:

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“‘A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you.’ I believe with all my heart that the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world, and those who have had great light and opportunities and have not improved them, will be the first to be left. They have grieved away the Spirit of God. The present activity of Satan in working upon hearts, and upon churches and nations should startle every student of prophecy. The end is near. Let our churches arise. Let the converting power of God be experienced in the heart of the individual members, and then we shall see the deep moving of the Spirit of God. Mere forgiveness of sin is not the sole result of the death of Jesus. He made the infinite sacrifice not only that sin might be removed, but that human nature might be restored, rebeautified, reconstructed from its ruins, and made fit for the presence of God.

“Christ is the ladder which Jacob saw whose base rested on the earth and whose topmost round reached the highest heavens. This shows the appointed method of salvation. We are to climb round after round of this ladder. If any one of us shall finally be saved, it will be by clinging to Jesus as to the rounds of a ladder. Christ is made unto the believer wisdom and righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

“There will be some terrible falls by those who think they stand firm because they have the truth; but they have it not as it is in Jesus. A moment’s carelessness may plunge a soul into irretrievable ruin. One sin leads to the second, and the second prepares the way for a third and so on. We must as faithful messengers of God, plead with Him constantly to be kept by His power. If we swerve a single inch from duty we are in danger of following on in a course of sin that ends in perdition. There is hope for every one of us, but only in one way—by fastening ourselves to Christ, and

exerting every energy to attain to the perfection of His character.

“This goody-goody religion that makes light of sin and that is forever dwelling upon the love of God to the sinner, encourages the sinner to believe that God will save him while he continues in sin and he knows it to be sin. This is the way that many are doing who profess to believe present truth. The truth is kept apart from their life, and that is the reason it has no more power to convict and convert the soul. There must be a straining of every nerve and spirit and muscle to leave the world, its customs, its practices, and its fashions.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 154–155.

This quotation places a high qualification upon the reception of the Holy Spirit and stands in contrast with the idea contained in the following call for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that seems to suggest is that all we need to do is ask and it shall be ours.

We received this email recently, as I am sure many others also did. We of course need to be careful not to downplay the possible workings of the Holy Spirit, but we need also to test all things by the law and the testimony. There is to be a false revival which precedes the true, and there is to be a great work done in the cities that will not possess the endorsement of the Lord. There are prerequisites for receiving the latter rain. We will cite some of these quotations after the following article.

#### **OPERATION GLOBAL RAIN: PLEASE READ!!!!**

Hello all,

An amazing and perhaps prophetic movement is under way. It is called *Operation Global Rain*. It started when a few churches in Central California decided to hold a 10-day prayer event after the model of the early church found in Acts 2. There were no keynote speakers, but rather a group of disciples pleading for nothing else but the outpouring of

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the latter rain. Every night from 7 to 8 pm, a theme sheet with Bible verses and Spirit of Prophecy quotes was presented. We read these privately and then prayed, sometimes silently, other times in groups of two, and others as a congregation.

Though done at separate times, the churches all experienced revival. Animosity was laid aside and a true spirit of unity, repentance and mission took hold of the members. The idea then came about: What if the all the churches in the conference were to petition the throne of God at the same time, for the same thing, the outpouring of the Latter Rain?

The idea was presented to one conference just a week ago (January, 07) and has become a reality. Last year, a great deal was made about the date 6.06.06. A popular movie about the antichrist was released on that date, and underground satanic movements glorified the day. This year is 7.07.07! And it happens to be a Sabbath. The date for *Operation Global Rain* will be 6.27.07 to 7.07.07!

But the vision of *Operation Global Rain* is much larger. Imagine all the churches of California petitioning the throne of God, at the same time for the same thing. Then, imagine all the churches in North America petitioning the throne of God at the same time, for the same thing. And then imagine the entire global church praying at the same time for the same thing, the outpouring of the latter rain!! Hence, *Operation Global Rain!*

This is not another "church sponsored" program, but a grassroots movement that needs your participation. By word of mouth, by email, and any other means, we need your help to spread the word. A website is currently being built for *Operation Global Rain*, where churches will be able to register, and download each night's theme sheet. IT WILL BE LIKE A NET EVENT without the cost of satellite uplinks or keynote speakers!

We close with this eye opening thought. **The early rain was poured out on all that were praying for it.** But that was only a total of about 120, who were all in one location, Jerusalem. Now, what if people around the globe were praying for the outpouring of the latter rain? If God were to be so gracious as to answer, where would that rain fall? Where would that Spirit descend? Would it not

lighten the entire globe with its glory? Is this not what has been prophesied to happen according to Revelation 18:1-4?

Please prayerfully consider these two quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy and the two Bible verses below.

"When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God." *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.

"The prophecies in the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel's message, 'another angel' is to 'come down from heaven, having great power' and the earth is to be 'lightened with His glory.' The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously and universally bless consecrated human instrumentalities, that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and testimony, filling the earth with the knowledge of God and with His unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 3.

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:13-14.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children...Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. . . . Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. Joel 2:15, 16, 18, 23.

Nothing like this has happened in Adventist history except the 1840-44 movement. We are told it will happen again.

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third message is to lighten the whole



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earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here brought to view. The Advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in this country there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the loud cry of the third message. The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost. Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, hasten from place to place to proclaim the warning from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the message will be given. Miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth are brought to take their stand." *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 429.

Would you call a friend, talk to your pastors, forward this email and have your church be a part of this global petitioning of the God of heaven. It may be that He will hear us and fit us to give that final message to the world with power. May God bless you as we hasten the coming of the Lord!!!

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"Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 214.

"Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mis-

take. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving his light and knowledge, must be continually going forward. Every individual must realize his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work, and he will finish his work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have, will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.

"At no point in our experience can we dispense with the assistance of that which enables us to make the first start. The blessings received under the former rain are needful to us to the end. Yet these alone will not suffice. While we cherish the blessing of the early rain, we must not, on the other hand, lose sight of the fact that without the latter rain, to fill out the ears and ripen the grain, the harvest will not be ready for the sickle, and the labor of the sower will have been in vain. Divine grace is needed at the beginning, divine grace at every step of advance, and divine grace alone can complete the work. There is no place for us to rest in a careless attitude. We must never forget the warnings of Christ, 'Watch unto prayer,' 'Watch and pray always.' A connection with the divine agency every moment is essential to our progress. We may have

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had a measure of the Spirit of God, but by prayer and faith we are continually to seek more of the Spirit. It will never do to cease our efforts. If we do not progress, if we do not place ourselves in an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain, we shall lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door.

“Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain.’ Do not rest satisfied that in the ordinary course of the season, rain will fall. Ask for it. The growth and perfection of the seed rests not with husbandman. God alone can ripen the harvest. But man’s cooperation is required. God’s work for us demands the action of our mind, the exercise of our faith. We must seek his favors with the whole heart if the showers of grace are to come to us. We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. Christ has said, ‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst. The convocations of the church, as in camp-meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God’s appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.’ *Review and Herald*, March 2, 1897.

“Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the

time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” *The Great Controversy*, 464.

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.

“Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 205.

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**Editor's note to introduce the following email:**

About a year and a half ago a local self-supporting college and academy had encouraged several souls from third world countries to attend their college. The college had misled those who responded, both to the legal problems they would encounter, and the ability the students would have in the area to offset their expense while attending the school. The legal and financial problems created a situation where some of those who had sacrificed to attend this school were forced to separate from the college.

One of those students was a well-respected pastor in Africa who had been counseled by the leadership of his conference to attend a college and add to his academic qualifications. The pastor had come to this local self-supporting school, only to find that the school leadership had misled him across the board about his situation at the college.

As the pastor sought for the Lord's leading, he began to attend the local church where my family attends. I had been traveling during this time period, and had never met this African pastor. After my travels ended we had scheduled a three-weekend prophecy school at our little church for our church family. We began on Friday night and went all day Sabbath and Sunday for three weekends.

The first time I met the pastor was the first Friday night. By the middle of the day, on the first Sabbath the pastor was giving testimony that what he was hearing appeared to be the present truth message for this time. I therefore brought him our 40 hour prophecy school DVD's the next day, and told him that he should take a look at these presentations, for they were in greater depth than we could reach in three short weekends.

The following Friday on the way to the evening meeting I told my wife Kathy, "If this African pastor is being honest concerning his confession as to the importance of the message, then when I ask him if he has begun to look over the 40 hour prophecy school presentation he should answer in the affirmative."

When the meeting ended that second Friday night, I asked if he had taken the time to look over the information on the DVD's, and he responded, "I am half way through the DVD's for the second time". He had already looked at the 40 once and was going through it a second time in five short days. He later gave testimony to the fact that although the self-supporting school had deceived him into coming to the USA, he understood that the Lord had brought him here to understand this message. A few weeks later he returned to his home country, which we are not going to disclose in this newsletter, in hope to provide him a little bit of protection from those who may choose to inhibit his work in Africa. Since that time we and our church family have been supporting his work there. This is his most recent overview of what is happening in the part of Africa where he is working. He is currently working in three nations:

Hello Elder Jeff:

Thanks a lot for the donation. Greetings to you all in the name of the Lord. We thank the Lord for bringing us this far. We have successfully seen the passing away of such an eventful year. On behalf of my family, and the entire team of the —, I say a big thank you to the Lord first, and then to all Fellowship.

Your support has indeed created monumental evidence of what the Lord can do from afar. We here are very grateful to the Lord that for the first time in the history of the church, there is an Evangelism team working through the grace of God to help spread the gospel of the Master.

## PRINTING THE MESSAGE

I have begun the printing work. To start with, I have ordered one thousand copies. We have seven lessons in print. Some of them are Daniel 11, The Parable of Adventism, Revelation 17, The Seven Trumpets, and The Purification of the Church. As soon as it is ready I will send you some few copies.

We have also been able to purchase a projector. We could not lay hands on the power generator. We hope to get one as soon as we get some more donations. — is facing an energy crisis. The nation's source of electricity is failing for lack of rainfall. With time we will need to have our own power as we move from place to place.

## RECEPTION AT THE YOUTH CAMP

It was another manifestation of the power in the message. You know, the —Conference had printed out the official program for all campers to follow. It was about Joseph the son of Jacob with emphasis on his moral standard in Potipher's house. The idea was to tell the campers to abstain from immorality.

The other pastors kept me off the scene until the third day. By the grace of God when we were given the floor to speak, it became a different story. The youth called for the suspension of the Conference's program until I should finish with my presentations. And that was like an embarrassment to some of the ministers. I saw that they did not like the proposal. One thing with this message is that you cannot do anything to hinder or to conceal its swelling. Even though some tried to lay some hindrances on our path, by the grace of God those who are willing to know the truth kept coming time after time. I have begun producing the message on disc in a very small scale. Very soon the CD will be out on a large scale. We are making all efforts maximize our donations across board.

## ITINERARY

We are planning our program of action for the first quarter. Already we have finished with a week of revival in the mother church of a cluster of over thirty churches. That was from January 6 to 13. We are moving out of town to open two new churches in an un-entered area from February 12 to 25, and in March, from 12 to 25. We will request that you lift us up in your all round prayers. We believe this year will be ours. Thank you and God bless you. Pastor JA—Africa

## **If you would like to help this work in Africa, please mark your donations as Africa Missions.**

“From the beginning, God has been working by His Holy Spirit through human instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His purpose in behalf of the fallen race. This was manifest in the lives of the patriarchs. To the church in the wilderness also, in the time of Moses, God gave His ‘good Spirit to instruct them.’ Nehemiah 9:20. And in the days of the apostles He wrought mightily for His church through the agency of the Holy Spirit. The same power that sustained the patriarchs, that gave Caleb and Joshua faith and courage, and that made the work of the apostolic church effective, has upheld God's faithful children in every succeeding age. It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that during the Dark Ages the Waldensian Christians helped to prepare the way for the Reformation. It was the same power that made successful the efforts of the noble men and women who pioneered the way for the establishment of modern missions and for the translation of the Bible into the languages and dialects of all nations and peoples.

“And today God is still using His church to make known His purpose in the earth. Today the heralds of the cross are going from city to city, and from land to land, preparing the way for the second advent of Christ. The standard of God's law is being exalted. The Spirit of the Almighty is moving upon men's hearts, and those who respond to its influence become witnesses for God and His truth. In many places consecrated men and women may be seen communicating to others the light that has made plain to them the way of salvation through Christ. And as they continue to let their light shine, as did those who were baptized with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they receive more and still more of the Spirit's power. Thus the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 53.