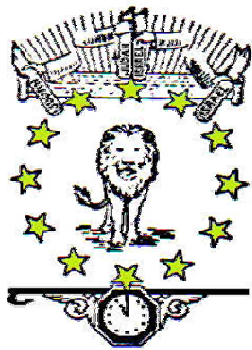


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## Are You Ready?

If you have been keeping up with the news lately I suppose you have probably come to the same conclusion that many of the rest of us have, which is, that prophecies are being fulfilled in rapid succession. The change in weather patterns and storms intensifying was one of the signs, as a young girl, my mother always warned me to watch out for. It seems like each new storm breaks all past records and leaves behind it much devastation.

I feel privileged to be able to cuddle up under a nice warm blanket in a toasty warm house, but how many at this very moment are suffering, perhaps they are homeless, or without power due to the heavy snow. In any case this is but one of the many events happening in the world that should be giving us a serious wake up call.

The year 2013 brought about an increase in states accepting and acknowledging same sex marriage, 16 in total so far, and the count continues. We know that the great sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was homosexuality and God destroyed these cities because of this. Can we not expect our world to receive the like judgment too? And how long will God wait before he punishes us?

Have you been keeping up with all the wars and rumors of wars, just read what is happening in the middle east and the threats made by North Korea. Syria has turned upon its own people death and destruction is rampant. As the US military leaves Iraq it is opening the door for Al Qaeda to take over. What a great shame to the deaths of our young American soldiers!

We certainly cannot mention events happening without including the new Pope Francis. Isn't he wonderful? Of course I am being facetious. But isn't he portraying himself as this loving humble pontiff one who may gain even more adoration than Pope John Paul II? In Pope Francis there couldn't be a more perfect example of a true Jesuit, one who can be at any moment exactly what he needs to be in order to gain the trust of those he is trying to influence. Then there is Pope Benedict XVI who resigned so he could remain behind the Vatican's walls of protection, so as not to be brought before the world court on charges of "establishment and maintenance of a worldwide system of cover-up of the sexual crimes committed by Catholic priests and their preferential

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# The Greater Purpose Behind David's Numbering Israel

Garrick Augustus

The courageous king David, who in the prime of his youth slew Goliath and beheaded his corpse was reputed as a man after God's own heart, thus the Bible says, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which *shall fulfil all my will.*" Acts 13: 22. Clearly David was anointed as king to "fulfill" YHWH's will, and this placed him in a very dangerous place to be tempted and used of the devil in an attempt to *frustrate* the divine plan. In a similar way Satan manipulated Peter's lips to rebuke Christ *after* Peter had been shown the divinity of Christ through Inspiration. Christ himself also acknowledges the gift of the Holy Spirit in Peter's confession, and declared of him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 16: 17.

The aim of this article then is to show that there is a greater purpose behind David's numbering of Israel, and his absenting himself from the battle with the Ammonites at the very time when "kings went forth to battle." (2 Sam. 11: 1). I will prove that David's first son with Bath-Sheba was slain by YHWYH in an effort not to distort the gospel message being taught through David's life; and that the very birth-day of Christ would never have been known, had David been permitted to have his own way in the numbering scheme he had designed for Israel. In other words then, this article will provide undisputable Scriptural proof that we have found the birth day of Messiah in Scripture. At a time when the world's attention is wrapped up in the packages of Christmas, and the church and the world focuses attention to his birth on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, the great God of Heaven, YHWH, has revealed the truth of His Son's birthday, so that "the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and *in truth*: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." John 4: 23. Since we cannot worship the Father in Spirit and in a *lie*, it behooves us to investigate more deeply into the greater purpose of David's life.

## David & BathSeba--Uriah's Wife

The saddest chapter in David's life was not when he was a fugitive from king Saul, it was not when he fought

off a lion and a bear from his flock, it was not even when he stood and heard the insults of the Philistine Goliath of Gath cursing at Israel and YHWH, indeed, it pales in his being a fugitive and a deserter of his palace on account of Absalom's usurpation of his throne and the call for mutiny in the camp of Israel. Rather, it was when David slept with Uriah's wife, and subsequently plotted his murder! Here's how that story began:

"(1) And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at *the time when kings go forth to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David *tarried* still at Jerusalem. (2) And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. (3) And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?... (26) And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. (27) And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD." 2 Sam. 11: 1-3, 26-27

"And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him." 2 Sam. 12: 24

This Bathsheba would become the great grandmother of Jesus Christ (Y'shuah the Messiah)

At a time when David should have been at war with the enemies of Israel, we find him shrinking from his kingly duty, sending general Joab to fight in his stead, and thus exposed himself to the luring temptation of a voluptuous woman, when from his rooftop perch he saw her naked exposure, which in the end led him to plot the murder of her husband, Uriah, his trusted man of valor, a gallant and faithful military officer, in order to win Bathsheba to his harem! How differently would this

chapter of David's life have been, had he gone to war against YHWH's enemies, as was his duty to do!

It was Satan who persuaded David not to go to war against Israel's enemies, in an effort to thwart the divine program of YHWH being directed through the life of the king. Satan forever has plotted to destroy the coming of Israel's Deliverer, Y'shuah the Messiah, and has used every means possible to prevent His coming from being a reality. This he did from the murder of Abel, to the exile of Joseph, to the bondage of Israel in Egypt, to the slaughter of all the children two years and under, at the time of the Messiah's birth, and he continues to work against the Divine program of God even to this day. He was worked to break up marriages, destroy church ministries, attack the minds of people used by Heaven, incite evil against the messengers of the last days, create financial hardship for the true believers, attack their family members in an effort to distract and dissuade, among a host of other interferences and roadblocks employed by his Satanic majesty to weaken and discourage the Children of light.

“(12) ¶ Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: (13) But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (14) If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. (15) But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. (16) Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.” 1 Pet. 4: 12-16

Though David was a righteous man, he was not immune to temptations and the mischievous attacks of the evil one, and he was not fully cognizant of his sensual passions and personal weaknesses. How is it with us today? At a time when Present Truth believers are to be in the Lord's battle field, of laying Siege against the City, we are off minding our own business, so to speak, and seeking our own pleasures, all the while leaving the gospel work undone, leaving it for someone else to do while it languishes for labourers and support! If we would triumph where David fell, we must realize that there are three principal modes of attack which the enemy has ever used with great success, and continues to employ

against the true believers of today: “(16) For all that is in the world, *the lust of the flesh*, and *the lust of the eyes*, and *the pride of life*, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but **he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.**” 1John 2:16, 17.

When the tempter came to Christ, he found Him doing His Father's will, and great was His testimony against the enemy! May it be that we will learn the solemn lesson, of doing our Father's will, that when the enemy comes against us like a flood, we may raise up a righteous standard against him, even the standard of God's holy Word—“it is written”! Christ is looking for a people today who are jealous of His father's will, and in whose heart His Word resides; can He depend you? Can He depend on me, as such willing and clean vessels of honor? This is the all-important question before us now, as it has been with the saints before us. May it be that those who will come behind us, shall find us faithful to this charge, in our high calling of God in Y'shuah our King!

### **An Appointed Time For Everything**

We have long known that the Sovereign of the Universe, though He lives outside of time, does dictate His Word in the context of *time* to us sinners. One reason for this is that we are mortal and perishable, and thus dated to wither as the flower and fade out of existence, and time being only a minute fraction (measure) of eternity we are limited in what can be done in the space given for our individual existence, thus there is a “time for everything.” If there had not been time, then we would be in eternity, and as sinners, that makes no sense, thus our all wise Creator has apportioned a measure of time to every significant purpose under the heavens, thus the Wise man declared:

“(1) To everything there is a **season**, and a **time** to every **purpose** under the heaven: (2) A *time* to be born, and a *time* to die; a *time* to plant, and a *time* to pluck up that which is planted; (3) A *time* to kill, and a *time* to heal; a *time* to break down, and a *time* to build up; (4) A *time* to weep, and a *time* to laugh; a *time* to mourn, and a *time* to dance; (5) A *time* to cast away stones, and a *time* to gather stones together; a *time* to embrace, and a *time* to refrain from embracing; (6) A *time* to get, and a *time* to lose; a *time* to keep, and a *time* to cast away; (7) A *time* to rend, and a *time* to sew; a *time* to keep silence, and a *time* to speak; (8) A *time* to love, and a *time* to hate; a **time of war**, and a *time* of peace.” Eccl. 3: 1-8

Since we have been told that “to everything there is a season and a time,” we must also expect that the enemy of souls is also aware of this fact, and will work to confuse the seasons and the times! In fact, this is what prophecy declared would happen (Dan. 7: 25) under the auspices of Papal Rome.

1 ¶ And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.” 2 Sam. 24: 1

“(1) Again *the anger of the LORD* burned against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go and take a census of Israel and Judah. “ (2) For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. (3) And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? (4) Notwithstanding the king’s word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel...(12) “Go and tell David, ‘This is what the LORD says: I am giving you three options. Choose one of them for me to carry out against you... (13) So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days’ pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. (14) And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.” 2 Samuel 24:1-14

In the preceding passage it states that “*the anger of the LORD* burned against Israel, and he incited David against them.” This is not suggesting that YHWH incited David to sin against Him and then turned around and punished Israel on account of David’s transgression. Rather, we are seeing the principle of the finality of sinners into following their own pernicious way—they eventually believe a lie. It is this spirit of rebellion against truth and righteousness that the Apostle so faithfully warned believers everywhere to be on guard against: “because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) And for this cause God shall send them

strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” 2 Thess. 2: 10, 11.

To clarify the truth of the matter, and that YHWH was not the inciter of evil against David, the pen of Inspiration again reported this incident, as shown below:

“1 ¶ And *Satan* stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. (2) And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it. (3) And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord’s servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?... (6) But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king’s word was abominable to Joab. (7) ¶ And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. (8) And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.” 1 Chronicles 21:1-4

Against all rational objections raised by Joab, David’s general, the King had his way and lead himself and Israel into sin. One of the great lessons we can take away from this very unfortunate experience which lead to the death of “seventy thousand” Israelites (1 Chron. 21: 14), who themselves were already judged by Heaven to have closed their earthly probation, is the sobering truth that YHWH is not waiting to see us fall into sin and then leave us there only to unleash His wrath against us, but is merciful, not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent from their sins, and find everlasting life in Messiah; thus David chanted, “let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.” 2 Sam. 24: 14. O Friend, let’s be honest with our Creator, and if we should falter in the pathway of duty, do not hide from him, but instead fall in his unfailing hands of love, compassion and mercy and He will fix it for us, His chastening hand and fearful rebukes notwithstanding.

(23) But David did not count those twenty years of age and under, because the LORD had said He would multiply Israel as the stars of heaven. (24) Joab the son of Zeruiah had begun to count them, **but did not finish**; and because of this, wrath came upon Israel, and **the number**



**was not included in the account of the chronicles of King David.”** 1 Chron. 27: 23, 24

It is important to note that this numbering scheme that David developed, was so offensive to the Almighty that he did *not* allow it to be recorded! There is a greater purpose behind David’s numbering than readily meets the eye. It was Satan’s numbering scheme that was being devised for Israel, and it would have spoiled the typology which it was meant to illustrate. Now realize this, that there was no sin in gaining a census on Israel, this had been done many times before, and there is one book dedicated to this kind of enumeration, called the book of “Numbers.” “(1) And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, (2) *Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls;* (3) From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.” Num. 1: 2, 3. This numbering has always excluded the numbering of Levi—the priests, a policy David was not careful in following.

There are two central truths that Satan has forever been seeking to destroy: (1) The truth of Israel’s deliverer, yea the, world’s deliverer—Jesus Christ, Yeshuah the Messiah, and (2) the truth of the 144,000 Levites—Priests, the nation’s deliverers, those called “saviours” from Zion’s summit.

Now, the numbering of Israel by David, was not merely a census count, but out of that census, he would have structured the priesthood and the military in a certain manner and orientation which would spoil the basis of the biblical type being established by YHWH in Israel’s history. This method of Christ’s controlling the events in the moment, can be seen with Moses’s striking the rock twice, and the swift divine punishment meted out to him. The symbol of striking the rock twice would indicate that Messiah would have been smitten “twice.” It was bad enough that Moses did not “speak” to the rock, but even worse that he should smite it *twice*. Given that the rock was Christ (Y’shuah), Moses’ striking it twice, was a suggestion that Christ would be smitten “twice,” an erroneous concept, given that He should die (be smitten) only once for the sins of the world.

Recognizing the 144,000 as “saviours” to the people still trapped in modern Babylon, Inspiration declares: “And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD’S.” Ob 1:21

Thus the two great “saviours” ministry came in the crosshairs of the Evil One. Christ is the Saviour of the world; The 144,000 are “saviours” of the world, in the sense that they were commanded to lead the charge of taking the everlasting gospel to a lost and dying world. Christ as Savior was marked for destruction by the Civil authorities of His days and was spared by Divine intervention. The 144,000 as “saviours” are also marked for destruction by the Civil authorities of our day—the Mark of the Beast System, but will also be delivered by Divine intervention, for which reason they were “sealed”.

After receiving divine wrath upon Israel, David was moved to roster Israel, including the priesthood, based on the divine order established in Heaven, an order which would in later years become the type and thus the building block for disclosing to view certain “secrets” of YHWH, such as the actual birthdate of Christ, the ministry and identity of the 144,000 as a group, as well as the investigative judgment in the Heavenly Sanctuary. Here now, is the numbering of warriors which met Heaven’s approval—The Twelve Captains for Each Month:

“Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were **twenty and four thousand.**” 1 Chron. 27: 1

Note: 24,000 \* 6 months = 144,000; thus every 6 months there were 144,000 warriors who went out at Israel’s borders to defend against their enemies. Is there a parallel here? Know for certainty there is! So, for the year there are 288,000 warriors (24,000 x 12 = 288,000), or two tours of duty of the 144,000 evangelists. Could it be that “Satan” tempted David to number Israel so that he would set up a false numbering system to becloud the truth and identity of the *number* of the latter-day evangelists, the 144,000, as well as his beclouding the timing of Messiah’s birth—the order of Abijah? Read below, that after David was corrected he actually established the priestly order, and appointed them in such a consistent

way, that their ministration in the Sanctuary became the *only* calibrating reference dates for the actual identity of the birth date of Christ, Y'shuah our Messiah!

Here is the numbering of Priests which met Heaven's approval, and in this divisions of twenty-four priests we will find the date of Christ's birth, as well as that of John the Baptists, and also the role of the 24-Elders in the heavenly Sanctuary investigative judgment:

“(1) These were the divisions of the descendants of Aaron: The sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. (2) But Nadab and Abihu died before their father did, and they had no sons; so Eleazar and Ithamar served as the priests. (3) With the help of Zadok a descendant of Eleazar and Ahimelek a descendant of Ithamar, David separated them into divisions for their appointed order of ministering. (4) A larger number of leaders were found among Eleazar's descendants than among Ithamar's, and they were divided accordingly: sixteen heads of families from Eleazar's descendants and eight heads of families from Ithamar's descendants. (5) They divided them impartially by casting lots, for there were officials of the sanctuary and officials of God among the descendants of both Eleazar and Ithamar.

“(6) The scribe Shemaiah son of Nethanel, a Levite, recorded their names in the presence of the king and of the officials: Zadok the priest, Ahimelek son of Abiathar and the heads of families of the priests and of the Levites—one family being taken from Eleazar and then one from Ithamar. (7) The first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, (8) the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, (9) the fifth to Malkijah, the sixth to Mijamin, (10) the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to **Abijah**...the twenty-third to Delaiah and the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. 19This was their appointed order of ministering when they entered the temple of the Lord, according to the regulations prescribed for them by their ancestor Aaron, as the Lord, the God of Israel, had commanded him.” 1 Chron. 24: 1-19, NIV

Mark well the name of the priestly order of **Abijah** in v. 10, because it will be seen that John The Baptist's and Christ's birth were chronicled based on his ministration in the sanctuary. When twenty-four divisions were rostered annually in this way, as shown above, **each month would have two priestly divisions on duty** and Abijah as the eighth would fall in the second half of the fourth month. The standard Hebrew year has 12 months, thus

there would be two-weeks (15-days) served by each priest, in the sanctuary, and two sets of priests would serve per month; one priest would take the first half of the month (15-days) and the other the latter half of said months (15-days). With this given information, **we now have a solid time indication**, the very starting point we need in order to establish Zacharias' Priestly service, and Elizabeth's subsequent pregnancy. From Elizabeth's pregnancy till the Messiah's birth there are exactly 15 months (Nine-months for Elizabeth's gestation, and an additional six for Mary's). Both babies being full-term, spending nine months in their mothers' womb, they were born six-months apart.

“(5) There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of **Abia** [Abijah]: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. (6) And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. (7) And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. (8) And it came to pass, that while he executed **the priest's office** before God in the order of his course, (9) According to *the custom of the priest's office*, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. (10) And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. (11) And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. (12) And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. (13) But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. (14) And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. (15) for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. (16) He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. (17) And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Here we see that the priestly “division” of Abijah “was on duty” in the Sanctuary when the angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias, John's father, nearly 1,000 years after David's rostering, to announce his (John's) birth.

Realizing that John's birth is only 6 months ahead of Messiah's, without this information, we could *not* with absolute certainty locate the Saviour's birthday using the Bible alone, since we need at least *two witnesses* to establish this truth, thus Abijah's ministration in the Sanctuary is pivotal in the understanding of Christ's birthday, and thus Satan was seeking to destroy this truth from being known to the world today, by tempting David to develop a new numbering scheme, and a different ordering of the priests,

similar to Jeroboam's evil. Had Satan been successful here, we would have no defense against the pagan Christmas which masquerades as the birthday of Christ from year to year, leaving Christians competing with the world on an annual basis, for a place around the Christmas tree!

To be continued in next issue.

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## How can I prove to a Seventh-day Adventist that the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 is literal?

By Victor T Houteff

Answer:

First call his attention to the fact that the Lord Himself was at the threshold of the earthly house while the slaughter took place therein. Carefully study Tract No. 1, The Dardanelles of the Bible, treating of the event as seen by the prophet, and get this point along with kindred ones well fixed in the mind.

Second, acquaint him with Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 211, which says: "Here we see that the church--the Lord's sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God."

Then approaching the subject from another angle, introduce the Spirit of Prophecy evidence which reveals that when the message of Ezekiel 9 is proclaimed to the church, some will deny its literal fulfillment, saying: "He is too merciful to visit His people in judgment."--Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 211. And consequently is written the sad pronouncement: "They had taken the position that we need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God's power as in former days. Times have changed." --Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 11. To say that the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 is not literal, is to say, "The church will never feel the stroke of God. We need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God's power as in former days." Those who say this, are condemned for denying the plain warning of the literal, miraculous, slaughter described by Ezekiel.

Third, from Isaiah 66:16, 19, 20 show that the slaying mentioned in verse 16 is to be literal, for those that escape are to be literally sent to all the nations, to proclaim His glory and His fame. Furthermore, that this literal slaughter is in the church only, is seen from the fact that those who "escape of them" are God's servants whom subsequently He sends to the Gentiles. If, though, the slaughter is not literal, then for what purpose will it be, and from what will they "escape"? Ezekiel saw them as literally slain (Ezek. 9:8).



# November 17, 1885 The Grace and Mercy of God

By Mrs. E. G. White

Text: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." John 7:37.

Once a year, at the feast of tabernacles, the children of Israel called to mind the time when their fathers dwelt in tents in the wilderness, as they journeyed from Egypt to the land of Canaan. The services of the last day of this feast were of peculiar solemnity; but the greatest interest centered in the ceremony that commemorated the bringing of water from the rock. When in a golden vessel the waters of Siloam were borne by the priests into the temple, and, after being mingled with wine, were poured over the sacrifice on the altar, there was great rejoicing. A multitude of voices, mingled with the sound of the trumpet and the cymbal, united in ascribing praise to the most high God; for in their minds the water flowing from the smitten rock was associated with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which they expected to receive when the Messiah should come.

On this occasion, above all the confusion of the crowd and the sounds of rejoicing, a voice is heard: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." The attention of the people is arrested. Outwardly all is joy; but the eye of Jesus, beholding the throng with the tenderest compassion, sees the soul, parched, and thirsting for the waters of life. And yet many who were eagerly seeking to satisfy the wants of the soul by a round of empty ceremonies, to quench their thirst from cisterns that hold no water, understood not their great need. They manifested great outward joy that the fountain had been opened, but they refused to drink of its life-giving waters themselves.

The gracious invitation, "Come unto me, and drink," comes down through all the ages to our time. And we may stand in a position similar to that of the Jews in the time of Christ, rejoicing because the fountain of truth

has been opened to us, while its living waters are not permitted to refresh our thirsty souls. We must drink. It is our privilege and duty to drink, and refresh our own souls; and then, by our words of courage and holy joy and triumph, to encourage and strengthen others. We must express, in words and actions, the benefits of the great salvation that has been provided for us.

The fountain of life has been opened for us at immense cost. And yet how many there are who extol and admire it, who will not drink of its healing, health- and life-giving waters. But the voices of those who do drink, will be tuned to loftiest praise. The reason why there is not more gladness and rejoicing in God, is that so few drink of the living waters. Many point others to the crystal stream; they invite others to drink; but they themselves do not taste its pure waters.

There is divine grace for all who will accept it; yet there is something for us to do. We often hear it said that it is what Jesus has done for us, and not anything that we can do for ourselves, that will secure for us heaven. This may be true in one sense, but in another it is not true. There is a work for us to do to fit ourselves for the society of angels. We must be like Jesus, free from the defilement of sin. He was all that he requires us to be; he was a perfect pattern for childhood, for youth, for manhood. We must study the pattern more closely.

Jesus was the Majesty of heaven; yet he condescended to take little children in his arms and bless them. He whom angels adore, listened with tenderest love to their lisping, prattling praise. We must be like him in noble dignity, while our hearts are softened and subdued by the divine love that dwelt in the heart of Christ. Our conduct should be characterized by simplicity, and we should come close to the hearts of our brethren, loving them as Christ has loved us.

We have a work to do to fashion the character after the divine model. All wrong habits must be given up. The impure must become pure in heart; the selfish man must put away his selfishness; the proud man must get rid of his pride: the self-sufficient man must overcome his self-confidence, and realize that he is nothing without Christ. Every one of us will be sorely tempted; our faith will be tried to the uttermost. We must have a living connection with God; we must be partakers of the divine nature; then we shall not be deceived by the devices of the enemy, and shall escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.

We need to be anchored in Christ, rooted and grounded in the faith. Satan works through agents. He selects those who have not been drinking of the living waters, whose souls are athirst for something new and strange, and who are ever ready to drink at any fountain that may present itself. Voices will be heard, saying, "Lo, here is Christ," or "Lo there;" but we must believe them not. We have unmistakable evidence of the voice of the True Shepherd, and he is calling upon us to follow him. He says, "I have kept my Father's commandments." He leads his sheep in the path of humble obedience to the law of God, but he never encourages them in the transgression of that law.

"The voice of a stranger" is the voice of one who neither respects nor obeys God's holy, just, and good law. Many make great pretensions to holiness, and boast of the wonders they perform in healing the sick, when they do not regard this great standard of righteousness. But through whose power are these cures wrought? Are the eyes of either party opened to their transgressions of the law? and do they take their stand as humble, obedient children, ready to obey all of God's requirements? John testifies of the professed children of God: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

None need be deceived. The law of God is as sacred as his throne, and by it every man who cometh into the world is to be judged. There is no other standard by which to test character. "If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Now, shall the case be decided according to the word of God,

or shall man's pretensions be credited? Says Christ, "By their fruits ye shall know them." If those through whom cures are performed, are disposed, on account of these manifestations, to excuse their neglect of the law of God, and continue in disobedience, though they have power to any and every extent, it does not follow that they have the great power of God. On the contrary, it is the miracle-working power of the great deceiver. He is a transgressor of the moral law, and employs every device that he can master to blind men to its true character. We are warned that in the last days he will work with signs and lying wonders. And he will continue these wonders until the close of probation, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness.

Brethren, we must be beware of the pretended holiness that permits transgression of the law of God. Those cannot be sanctified who trample that law under their feet, and judge themselves by a standard of their own devising. A certain lawyer asked Jesus a decisive question, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live." Here, then, it is distinctly stated that eternal life depends on obedience to all the precepts of the law of God.

In separating ourselves from the world as God's commandment-keeping people, we have experienced the power and opposition of the enemy. As we have made advance moves at the command, "Go forward," we have had occasion to rejoice that angels of God have gone before us, and prepared the way. We have, as it were, crossed the Red Sea, and have again and again realized the hand of God in our deliverance. It becomes us to call to mind these evidences of divine favor, and to offer up thanksgiving and praise that the Captain of our salvation, concealed by the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, has been, and still is, leading us into all truth. {RH, November 17, 1885 par. 13}

*Well would it be for us to have a feast of tabernacles,*

*a joyous commemoration of the blessings of God to us as a people. As the children of Israel celebrated the deliverance that God wrought for their fathers, and his miraculous preservation of them during their journeyings from Egypt to the promised land, so should the people of God at the present time gratefully call to mind the various ways he has devised to bring them out from the world, out from the darkness of error, into the precious light of truth. We should often bring to remembrance the dependence upon God of those who first led out in this work. We should gratefully regard the old way-marks, and refresh our souls with memories of the loving-*

*kindness of our gracious Benefactor.*

We are indeed strangers here, and pilgrims to a better country. Our prospective home is the heavenly Canaan, where we shall drink of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." But as we journey onward, what a blessed privilege is ours to accept the invitation of Christ, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." Let us rejoice in the goodness of God, and show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Ω

# Passover 2014

April 25- May 2

Once again it is time to start planning for Passover. For those of you who are able to travel to Missouri we would love to have you come!! We are planning again on fellowshiping with *Pass It On Ministries* like we have so many times in the past and will be using their facilities for the meetings. We encourage those who have something they would like to share to please let us know and enlighten us on the topic so we can see if we can incorporate it into our agenda.

Location will be Drury Missouri.

Please Contact Barbara Eustace for more information. There will be a small fee (not certain how much as of yet) to help with food and housing costs.

**417-679-0043 or [imbabs777@aol.com](mailto:imbabs777@aol.com)**

Put "Passover 2014" in the subject line. I may miss it otherwise.



# Tabernacles 2013

This past October Heralds of the “King” Ministries celebrated Tabernacles in Live Oak Florida at the estate of Martin and Cheryl Thomas. Friends from Missouri, New York, Tennessee, Florida, Virginia were gathered together to keep the statute of the Lord. Br. Garrick Augustus was the main speaker, but others shared too. We would like to thank those who participated rather it be a sermon,

study, health lecture, or testimony, all helped to fill us with the mercy of God’s love. We must never forget the behind the scene persons for without their help none of this would be possible, like cooking and cleaning. Also, a very big thank you to Martin and Cheryl Thomas for opening up their lovely facility to us and making us all feel so very welcomed.



Top Left: Br. Horn leading out in song service. Top Right: Baby Dedication for Br. Martin Thomas Jr. family. Bottom Left: Br. Augustus giving study. Middle: View of some in one of the studies. Bottom Right: Meal time with Br. Augustus and Son Garthaniel, Sis. Ellen Augustus, food servers were Sis. Debra Belfon and Br. Franklyn David.





More at Baby Dedication



Evening Campfire



Br. Paul, Br. Thomas, Br. Horn, Br. Hyacinth, Br. Augustus, Br. Thomas  
Br. Eustace, Sis. Augustus and on Daddy's shoulder is Garthaniel



Same as picture on left with exception of Sis. Finese Thomas



Br. Eustace, Sis. Dickson, Sis. David



The Future! Garthaniel Augustus



# Health Nugget

## Autism

There has been quite a controversy on whether autism is or is not caused by vaccinations. One very strong proponent is Robert F. Kennedy Jr. . In 2005 Robert F. Kennedy Jr. wrote an article which was published in the Rolling Stone titled “Deadly Immunity” exposing the cover-up of linking the increase in autism to the use of thimerosal, a preservative used in vaccines which contains mercury.

“In fact, the article details a secret meeting among federal officials and pharmaceutical industry representatives held in June 2000 to discuss a new study that found thimerosal in vaccines appeared to be responsible for a dramatic increase in autism and other neurological disorders in children.” <http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2009/07/18/Robert-F-Kennedy-Jr-Explains-the-Autism-Coverup.aspx>

“*[Upon hearing the evidence] instead of taking immediate steps to alert the public and rid the vaccine supply of thimerosal, the officials and executives at Simpsonwood [the conference center] spent most of the next two days discussing how to cover up the damaging data.*

*According to transcripts obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, many at the meeting were concerned about how the damaging revelations about thimerosal would affect the vaccine industry's bottom line.” Ibid*

It always seems to come down to the bottom line, the cost or potential loss of profits.

While I agree with Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s conclusions and would like to see the pharmaceutical companies pay for the damages done, I am not here to debate or even discuss this end of the issue. My reason for

sharing is to let parents of autistic children know that there is now hope, hope that your child can return to a normal existence.

If you have or know of a child with autism please check out or share this website link <http://mmsautism.org/>

Kerri Rivera has had success with reversing autism now in 113 children ,an unprecedented number, something unheard of. The secret is the use of Chlorine dioxide also known as MMS or Miracle Mineral Solution.

Having heard of MMS Kerri treated her own autistic child with success and has now developed a program in which she treats other autistic children. She has recently written a book titled “Healing The Symptoms Known As Autism ”

MMS or Chlorine dioxide was first introduced by Jim Humble as a very inexpensive way to treat malaria patients in Africa and has since been used to treat almost every disease known , and with great success.

I believe that this product should be in every medicine cabinet in every home and that all should know how to properly use it. This is one of the working products that the big Pharma people want removed because it too will cut into their profits. In order for Jim Humble to secure it ,and it not be forcibly removed from the market, he has had to form a church and claim religious grounds for using it. So please if you read about MMS and see all the religious stuff do not let this distract you from the benefits of this wonderful product. I advise all to do your diligent research , plus read all the testimonies , as well as, watch the youtube on the Red Cross trying to cover-up the success of curing every malaria victim when treated. You can begin your

# Recipe Time

Borrowed from the *Jazzy Vegetarian*

<http://www.jazzyvegetarian.com/products-group-113.html>

## Spaghetti and Wheatballs

Makes 3 to 4 servings (12 to 14 Wheatballs)

1 1/3 cups lightly packed, fresh soft whole-grain bread crumbs (see note)  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/8 teaspoon sea salt  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
2 cups chopped mushrooms  
1/2 cup diced onion  
3/4 pound whole-grain spaghetti (see note)  
3 cups prepared vegan marinara sauce

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a medium baking pan with unbleached parchment paper.

Put the bread crumbs, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, and salt in a large bowl. Put the walnuts in a blender or food processor, and pulse to process into coarse crumbs. Add the walnuts to the bread crumbs and stir gently to incorporate.

Put the mushrooms and onion in a blender or food processor, and process to a chunky purée. Add the mushroom mixture to the walnut/bread crumb mixture and stir to incorporate. Spoon out about 1 1/2 tablespoons of the mushroom mixture and roll it into a ball. Continue in this way with the remaining mushroom mixture. Arrange the wheatballs on the lined baking pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Gently rotate each wheatball and bake for 12 to 16 minutes more, or until they are crisp and golden.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the spaghetti and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender but firm. Drain the spaghetti well.

Meanwhile, pour the marinara sauce in a medium saucepan. Bring the sauce to a simmer over medium-low heat. Gently add the wheatballs to the sauce, one at a time, cover, and simmer for 7 to 10 minutes.

To serve, put one-quarter of the spaghetti into each of four pasta bowls, and top with three or four wheatballs. Ladle marinara sauce over the top and serve immediately.

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## Cashew Parmesan

1/2 cup raw cashews

1/4 teaspoon sea salt or Himalayan pink salt, plus more as needed

Put the cashews and salt in a blender and process in brief pulses until the consistency of crumbled Parmesan cheese is achieved. Don't over process, or the mixture will turn into cashew butter. Taste and add more salt, if desired. Store tightly covered in the refrigerator for up to two days.

**VARIATION: Cashew Lemon Parmesan:** Along with the cashews and salt, add 1 teaspoon of lemon zest to the blender. Proceed as directed.

## Ministry Update

Please continue to pray for Br. Franklyn David and the brethren in Trinidad. Br. David will be remaining in Trinidad for Passover this year so if anyone would like to take a nice vacation during this time and visit the Caribbean this would be the opportune time to do so.

### Book

Br. Garrick Augustus' book "What Every Seventh-day Adventist Should Know about the Shepherd's Rod" has been placed on hold by the publishers. The decision was made to divide it up into two volumes because of the vast amount of information. The publishers are very impressed with the in-depth comparison's made and have commented that there is not another book on the market like it.

### WHKM RADIO STATION

This radio station is dedicated to proclaiming the truths of the Three Angel's message with a distinctive emphasis on the restoration of the Kingdom of YHWH on earth—the pre-millennial Kingdom of Glory, on which throne will preside the Lamb—Y'shuah our King. We hold that Jesus Christ (Y'shuah Ha-masiach) is the Messianic antitypical David to reign in His forthcoming Kingdom of glory. Hence we exist for, and hold fundamentally to the commission of our King that "this **gospel of the kingdom** [King's Dominion] shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. Hence in short we exist to proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom more fully, not just as a theory but as a reality, not just for the Jews but for all the redeemed who are alive on earth in the last days, prior to the Second coming of Messiah in power and great glory.

This ministry embraces the principles of the reformation that the Bible and the Bible alone is our only rule of faith and doctrine, and as such we are a teaching ministry, calling for a spiritual revival and spiritual reformation within the latter-day Christian Church—the most necessary and urgent of all our spiritual needs. Join with us to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom; it will change your life and ultimately the world for Y'shuah's glory and honor.

Here is a link to the Radio:

<http://knight.wavestreamer.com:5810>

When you go here click on "listen" and you should be hearing the radio shortly. Please follow all the prompts you may receive on your screen, as they may instruct you to install **i-tunes** or any other software required for the proper functioning of the radio feed. Go here to get the proper app for your i-phone or i-pad, etc. <http://www.shoutcast.com/>

We expect to be broadcasting on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. This will be a 24/7 radio with some live and pre-recorded segments. Especially on weekends we will have several segments of live broadcasting. This radio has a global footprint and will serve the whole world with the whole Word. We encourage you to do your part in prayer, programming, and the giving of your financial support in helping it to be financially viable. Think that through this one medium, we can impact our world, so let's make a difference in this journey of being repairers of the breach and the restorer of the paths to dwell in.

"The eleventh hour call is the last on record, and only an hour before sunset -- millennium. The time for its deliverance to the world is shorter than any universal message ever given. Though the time is the shortest its area over the earth's surface is more extensive than any. Its speedy delivery is of the highest importance, for by it shall the world be judged. God's servants shall have no time or desire for the cares of this world, for there is a city prepared for them whose builder and maker is God. As we have just enough time to get ready for translation, we must not let the enemy steal our precious moments. *Because the work is so broad, its expansion so vast, and its importance so great, God has inspired modern science to invent, and build speedy equipment to quickly finish His work.*"—V.T. Houteff, 1932, 2 SR P. 229

**Note:** This is an internet radio and can only be heard using electronic devices that are connected to the Internet, such as computers, phones, iPads, etc. You are also able to listen via all common media players such as iTunes, Winamp and Windows Media or via a Flash player. Ω

Mark 16:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

New Moons	Annual Festivals	Festival Dates
3-Jan-14	Passover	April —16, 2014
2– Feb-14	Unleavened Bread	April—(17—23), 2014
3– March-14	Wave Sheaf	April —18, 2014
2-April-14	Pentecost	June—7, 2014
1-May-14	Trumpets	Sept—25, 2014
31-May-14	Day of Atonement	Oct—5, 2014
29-June-14	Feast of Tabernacles	Oct—(10—17), 2014
29-July-14		
28-Aug-14	<b>Note:</b> Remember that biblical time is observed from evening to evening, thus Passover, for example, goes from the 15th of April to the 16th. Also, remember that we dedicated the new moons to days of fasting and prayer, as well as holy assemblies.	
26-Sept-14		
26-Oct-14		
24-Nov-14		
24-Dec-14		

treatment, which aids and abets ever new crimes.”

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Basically he was helping to cover up the pedophilia among the Catholic Priests.

These are but a few of the topics that have been headliners in the news this past year and everyone of us should be taking notice that we have no time to waste. Our hearts ought to be preparing for what is soon to come upon this world, as well as informing others so they too can be prepared.

We also have news to proclaim. News that the Seventh-day Adventist world need to hear. It is the good news of the “Gospel of the soon coming Kingdom”. Heaven is to reach down and encompass a portion of this world, and the righteous will dwell there in peace.

Psalms 85:8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: **but let them not turn again to folly.** (while probationary time is still open)

85:9 Surely his salvation [is] nigh them that fear him;

that glory may dwell in **our land.** (the land of the righteous)

85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed [each other]. (heaven kisses earth)

85:11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

85:12 Yea, the LORD shall give [that which is] good; and **our land shall yield her increase.** (increase of people) Ω

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