

The Return of the Exiles—No. 1, The End of Seventy Years (Concluded)

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A copy of the letters sent by Jeremiah to the Hebrew captives in Babylon, and of the letters sent by the false prophets to these captives and to the authorities of Jerusalem, together with a story of the controversy between the true and false, is found in the twenty-seventh to the twenty-ninth chapters of Jeremiah.

It was immediately after this interchange of letters between Jeremiah and the elders of the Israelites in captivity, that the prophets was instructed to write in a book all that had been revealed to him regarding the restoration of Israel. This is recorded in the thirtieth and the thirty-first chapters of Jeremiah.

These, with the prophecies of the twenty-fifth chapter, are the letters and the records that Daniel the prophet, during “the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede,”¹¹ prayerfully studied, three-score years and more after they were written. Daniel was familiar with the circumstances connected with Jeremiah’s testimonies given very soon after the beginning of the Babylonian captivity. He well knew that the promise of the return was sure; and yet, a short time before, “in the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar,”¹² the angel of the Lord had instructed him in vision, “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”¹³

Daniel “sought for the meaning”¹⁴ of the vision. He could not understand the relation sustained by the seventy years’ captivity to the twenty-three hundred years that were to elapse before the cleansing of God’s sanctuary. Gabriel gave a partial interpretation; and when he declared that the vision “shall be for many days,”¹⁵ Daniel fainted. “I Daniel fainted,”¹⁶ the prophet writes, “and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king’s business; and I was astonished at the vision; but none understood it.”¹⁷

In his perplexity, Daniel studied anew the prophecies of Jeremiah. They were very plain,—so plain that he “understood”¹⁸ by these testimonies recorded in books “the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”¹⁹

With faith founded on the sure word of prophecy, Daniel pleaded with the Lord for the speedy restoration of the captive exiles to the land of their fathers. “I set my face unto the Lord God,”²⁰ he declares, “to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and

sackcloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession.”²¹ “We have sinned,”²² he acknowledged; “neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.”²³

“O Lord, according to all thy righteousness,”²⁴ the prophet pleaded, “let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord’s sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, harken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.”²⁵

The prayer of Daniel was not offered in vain. Even before he had finished pleading with God, Gabriel again appeared to him, and called his attention to the vision he had seen prior to the fall of Babylon at the death of Belshazzar. The angel then outlined in detail the period of the seventy weeks, beginning at the time of “the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem.”²⁶

Daniel’s prayer in behalf of his people, as recorded in the ninth chapter, was “in the first year of Darius”²⁷ the Mede. Darius was favored of heaven; for in the first year of his reign the angel Gabriel “stood up to confirm and to strengthen him.”²⁸ It was this king who, early in the establishment of the Medo-Persian empire, “set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; and over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first... This Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.”²⁹

Darius reigned over Medo-Persia two years after the fall of Babylon. During this time, Daniel was cast into the lions’ den and came out unharmed. This deliverance led Darius to write “unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in

11. Dan. 9:3,4

12. Dan. 9:5

13. Dan. 9:10

14. Dan. 9:16

1. Dan. 9:1,2

15. Dan. 9:16-19

2. Dan. 2:1

3. Dan. 8:14

4. Dan. 8:15

16. Dan. 9:25

17. Dan. 9:1,2

5. Dan. 8:26

6. Dan. 8:27

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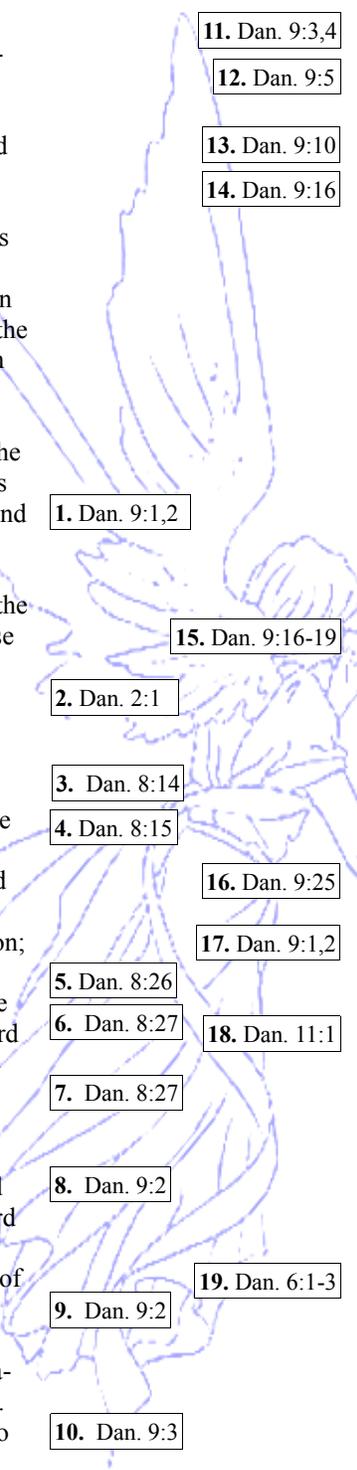
7. Dan. 8:27

8. Dan. 9:2

19. Dan. 6:1-3

9. Dan. 9:2

10. Dan. 9:3



every dominion in my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius,

20. Dan. 6:26-28

and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.”²⁰

Thus, while those who had remained loyal to God in the midst of Babylon were seeking the Lord and studying the prophecies foretelling their deliverance, God was preparing the hearts of kings to show favor to his repentant people.

by E. G. White

Editorial—SDR Name Under Attack! ! !

With much sadness I wish to inform our Seventh-day Remnant (SDR) brethren, that there has been a trademark taken out on the SDR name in the United States by Nicholas Patula of Presents of God Ministry, who has been involved in the work. This trademark is being used by Nicholas to centralize control in the SDR movement and to try and stop brethren from using the SDR name if they are not working under the controlling and governing power of his ministry.

The SDRPA has received communication from Nicholas demanding that we stop using the name SDR. Other ministries have received like communications. [For our response to this demand, go to: <http://www.sdrpa.org/SDRCCI-Response.pdf>]

Is the work of God to be bound about with a trademark from the state? No! Never!

For “God has never given a hint in His word that He has appointed any man to be the head of the church.” [GC 51] “No man is to be exalted as supreme... The one through whom God works is never to exalt himself, never to seek to rule.” “There is to be no kingly power...” [21MR 275; 5MR 364]

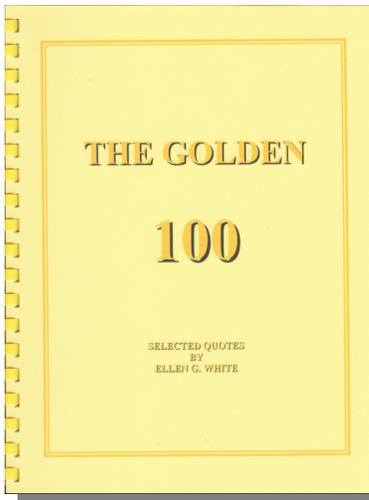
Neither are the various parts of the work to be merged into one, but are to remain separate and distinct, each preserving its individual qualities and characteristics. [see PM 154-155; 5MR 362-363]

Dear brethren, it now becomes imperative that God’s Seventh-day Remnant

people come together to form a representative SDR church council, in order to decide just what to do in this critical situation and to shut Satan out from among us.

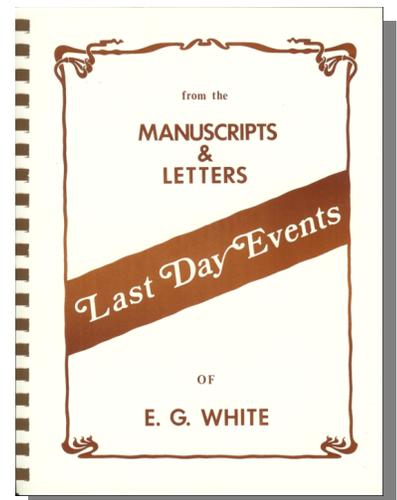
Satan and his angels are stealing a march upon us and we must not delay any longer, but come together to form this council now. For “If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God.” [3T 280; RH 9-30-1873]

Editor



THE GOLDEN 100
The SDRPA has a new book available entitled “The Golden 100.” It consists of 100 selected quotes by Ellen G. White. Its focus is on the apostasy in the SDA church and defining our position as the Remnant people of God. It is spiral bound, is about thirty pages, and is formatted with a 16 point font, so it will make a handy reference for mission workers in the field. We are asking a suggested donation of \$7.50 for each copy.

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The Remnant of the Remnant?

Many have problems with calling the SDA church Babylon, because they believe this church is the Remnant church and thus is destined for heaven. But we are told in Testimonies, vol 4, p 615 that the friend of God approves what God approves and condemns what He condemns. All God's true people will voice the words of God. Are you willing to be the friend of God, condemning what He condemns and cherishing what He cherishes? We all need to closely examine our hearts.

So the question remains, did the all knowing and all wise God who never errs in judgment, declare the SDA church to be the harlot of Babylon? Yes!

At the 1901 General Conference Session, God tried to remove the kingly controlling power that the SDA church had, since the 1890's, been implementing and using to bind and control the will and consciences of their people. The church was repeating the same history as did the Jewish church in keeping their people under slavery to men. Under this type of bondage no one can obtain salvation.¹

Just two days before Sister White was to arrive at the 1901 GC session, she sent this message to the GC leaders:

"God desires that these committees, which have handled these matters so long, shall be discharged from their rulers and have a chance for their lives... the Lord wants His spirit to enter. He wants His Holy Spirit to be King... This present standing must come to an end... finally it will come to nothing."²

Then sister White arrived at the session two days later and declared:

"I feel a special interest in the movements and decisions that shall be made at this conference regarding the things that should have been done years ago..."

"God gave them (GC leadership) clear light as to what they should do and what they should not do, but they departed from the light..."

"That these men should stand in a sacred place to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be, that is past... God wants them to be removed..."

"God has not put any kingly power in our ranks to control..."³

Amazingly, the kingly power of the SDA church did assent to step down, and Sister White was elated. But did the SDA church give up their authority and control over their people? Did they really allow God's Holy Spirit to be King and to recreate the people in the image of God? Or did the church leadership continue to exercise their papal supremacy over their members, keeping them under slavery and never to fully reflect the image of God and be saved while under such influence? Was Sister White's excitement short lived?

"What a wonderful work could have been done for the vast company gathered in Battle Creek at the general conference of 1901, if the leaders of our work had taken themselves in hand. But the work that all

4. Letter 123, 8-23-1902;
(BCL, pp 55-56)

1. see DA, p 141

5. 13MR, pp 122-23;
(Letter 17, 1-14-1903)

2. Message to GC, 4-1-1901

3. GCB, April 3, 1901,
pp 23-26

heaven was waiting to do as soon as men prepared the way was not done; for **the leaders closed and bolted the door against the Spirit's entrance...** The doors were barred against the Heavenly Current that would have swept away all evil... They built themselves up in wrong doing, and said to the Spirit of God, **'Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.'**⁴

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

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

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

"The Lord bore long with the perversity of Israel, but the time came when the people passed the boundaries..."⁵

God had tried to reach the SDA church and to lead her to repent and come back to Him, letting Him be her Husband and King once again, instead of Satan being her husband and king. But the leaders refused, and pushed God's Spirit out of the church, closing, bolting and barring the door against Him so that He could not get back in.

With God's presence completely outside of the SDA church structure, Satan took control. And in the 1903 GC session, all pretense of following God were done away with and in the eyes of the entire church, the leaders voted to go directly against God, to go directly against their prophet and to bring back their kingly papal power of control over their people, keeping them blind and in bondage to a corrupt church just like the Jews.

Just two weeks after the SDA church decided to apostatize and depart completely from Christ, her first Husband, God Himself, who never errs, declared the SDA church to be the harlot of Babylon.

"Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church? Has not blindness fallen upon the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion?... Who can truthfully say, 'Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world'? I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He (Christ) said to me: 'Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of charac-

ter? **How is the faithful city become an harlot!** My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence **the divine presence and glory have departed!**"⁶

God Himself who never errs, has through His own unfailling wisdom and infallible judgment declared the SDA church to be a harlot of Babylon, and that His divine presence and glory had departed from the SDA church and organization. God is no where to be found in the SDA churches.

The SDA church has left the side of Christ and has chosen to go to bed with Satan, Christ's rival and adversary. They have chosen Satan as their new husband and king in the place of God.⁷

In 1903 God unerringly pronounced the SDA church and its organizational structure to be the harlot of Babylon, **but He did not pronounce them to be Babylon fallen!** So many confuse this in their minds. **You must first be Babylon before you can be Babylon fallen!**

In history, the Protestant churches were already Babylon "**at the proclamation of the first angel's message,**" which started between 1833-1840.⁸ But these churches were not declared to be Babylon fallen until the summer of 1844!⁹ So for a number of years these churches **were already Babylon before they became Babylon fallen.**

The first angel's message was given to these Babylonian Protestant churches to try and "separate the church of Christ from the corrupting influence of the world."¹⁰ These churches had departed from the side of Christ, their first love, and had united or married themselves to the world—thus committing harlotry and becoming a harlot of Babylon. But God, in His infinite mercy, sent them warnings and messages and a period of time to repent of their great sin, and to come back to His side becoming His bride once again.

But did these Protestant churches accept the heavenly messages, repent, and break their marital connection with the world, coming back to the side of Christ? Or did they reject these precious messages, and continued to grow worse in apostasy and rebellion against God to the bitter, bitter end?

History clearly reveals that they continued on in apostasy, and in the summer of 1844 they were denounced as Babylon fallen.

Now did a literal angel come down from heaven and literally tell God's people that their churches, who were once the chosen church and people of God,¹¹ were now Babylon fallen? NO! Then how was the cry raised? God's people, through much prayer and study of God's word, and by examining the fruits produced by their church, realized that the merciful messages of God were rejected, and that the apostasy and corruption was continuing to grow within their beloved church. They realized that the fruits produced by their churches fit the description of the fruits produced by Babylon. They then were compelled by God's Spirit to raise the cry that their apostate and corrupt church had become Babylon fallen, and that it was now time for all of God's true and honest people to come out and flee from the church.

6. 8T, pp 248-50
(4-21-1903)

12. see 1SM, p 57

13. see 8T, p 250

7. see TM, p 396

8. see 4SP, p 239

14. see RH, 4-18-1893;
(vol 3, p 39, col 2)

9. see 4SP, p 232

10. see 4SP, p 231

15. SpTB07, pp 39-40;
(1SM, pp 204-05)

11. see 4SP, pp 199-200

This same history is again repeating itself with the Adventist church! The church was not Babylon in 1893, but by 1903, she had fulfilled the conditions necessary to become Babylon, and was denounced by God as being a harlot of Babylon in 1903—showing that **"time and place must be considered" when dealing with these issues in the Testimonies.**¹²

But even after the church was denounced as a harlot, God still mercifully gave the church a period of time to repent of this great sin, and to come back to God as His faithful bride once again.¹³ But has the church repented? Have they divorced themselves from the world, and come back to the side of Christ? Or have they continued to grow worse in apostasy and rebellion against God and His truths since 1903?

Please read Testimonies, vol 8, p 104-106 regarding the vision that Sister White had on "what might have been" if the church would have repented and chosen Christ as their leader. The exact same repeat of history, after heaven's woe was pronounced, with Christ seeing what the Jewish church might have been if they would have repented and chosen Him as their leader.¹⁴ But the Jews chose to follow Satan's reformation to the bitter end, and the same with the SDA church. After 1903, the church chose to accept and follow Satan's plan of reformation.

"The enemy of souls (Satan) 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 of 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.**"¹⁵

The history of the SDA church, from 1903 until the present time, clearly reveals that the church has and still is following this reformation of Satan—especially after Ellen White's death in 1915. (For proof of this, please write for the book "**The Abomination of Desolation and Church History**"). And Ellen White even warned the SDA people of this very thing!

"I am charged to tell our people, that do not realize, that the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect..."

"I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place.

"I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil.

“I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death.”¹⁶

Sister White also reveals that these various steps in the reformation of Satan, that the SDA church has chosen to follow, will be followed in their order.¹⁷ As this is the case, then **no revival and reformation to God will take place from within the church until storm and tempest sweep it away!** But when will storm and tempest sweep away the SDA church and its organizational structure along with the great apostasy that she has chosen to follow?

“One thing it is certain is soon to be realized,—the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and **will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout.**”¹⁸

When will the SDA church and its organizational structure, along with all its apostasy, fall? Not until Christ comes in the clouds of Heaven! Which means that the SDA church has no possibility of ever turning back to God! There will never be a revival and reformation to God from within the SDA church organization, because just like the Jewish church, they have become a God-forsaken church structure of Babylon. Any revival and reformation that seems to be taking place in the church will only be a reformation “from bad to worse” as she wrote in Review and Herald, August, 1849, vol 1, p 9, col 3. But it will have the pretense of being towards the Lord, exactly like it was anciently.

The worldwide SDA church of today is desolate without any hope of coming back to God—probation is closed for the corporate church. Babylon is fallen!

This means that the Will Ross dream, which says that the SDA church leadership will be replaced by a completely new group of leadership, is a lie. So many honest souls are staking their lives on this fake and false testimony purported to be from sister White, and are remaining within the church waiting for the change to take place—which will never come.

As long as anyone continues to remain in Babylon, under the kingly papal supremacy, where man rules over man and with the yoke of bondage around their necks, they cannot be born again into the fullness of Christ. They will never be saved unless they break this yoke.¹⁹ They will never receive the latter rain, nor will they play a part in proclaiming the truth in the loud cry.²⁰

“Those who would be saved from the wily, deceptive influences of the foe must now break every yoke, and take their position for Christ and for truth... Unless they obtain this they will go step by step in the downward path, until they deny Him who has bought them with the price of His blood”²¹

So many of the SDA people will choose to continue to cling and remain within Babylon—their own SDA church and organization, and just like the Jews, they will be brought down to hell right along with the church. God, in His infinite love and mercy for His people, even warned both the SDA church and all of its members of this very thing.

“Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says ‘But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judg-

16. MS 1, 2-24-1915

17. see SpTB07, p 6

22. RH, 8-1-1893;
(vol 3, p 69, col 3)
(Brackets by Ellen White)

18. SpTB07, p 56
(12-4-1905)

23. Pro. 7:24-27

19. see 3T, p 457

20. see SpTB02, p 44

21. SpTB02, p 45

24. Rev. 12:1-2, 5

ment than for you. And thou Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], which art exalted unto heaven [in the point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell...

“And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not, and I called you, but ye answered not; therefore will **I do unto this house**, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, **as I have done to Shiloh**, and I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.”²²

Oh dear ones, the SDA church has been denounced by God Himself as the harlot of Babylon, and it has continued on in apostasy and corruption until it has become fallen Babylon. Just look at and examine the fruits which the church is producing today. Are they fruits of a remnant church and people? Or are they fruits descriptive of a Babylonish church? **Fruits cannot lie**, and the wicked and corrupt fruits being produced by the SDA church clearly show to all who want to see, that in no way can the church go through to heaven, but without a doubt she will be brought down to hell—along with all those who trust in her and who remain within her.

Listen to what God states:

“Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her (harlots) ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house (SDA church) is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.”²³

The only people on earth who will never be Babylon are the remnant people of God. Since the SDA church has become Babylon, and its members are numbered with Babylon, then they cannot be the remnant church as they constantly claim. They state in utmost confidence: “We are the remnant church and people! We can never fall, nor will God ever cast us aside.” While the truth is that the SDA church is completely opposite of what the remnant church and people should be. This is the exact same position the Jewish church and people occupied. They also claimed in utmost confidence: “The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we.” Yet they were even more corrupt than the heathen. Lets look a little closer at this whole issue of the remnant.

Please turn to Revelation 12, and remember that a woman in Bible prophecy represents a church.

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

“And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered...

“And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”²⁴

Which woman or church in history is being described here with 12 stars or parts to it? The Jewish church and people. Then who is the man child? Christ. Christ originated from the Jewish people. So verses 1-5 deals with the period of the Jewish church.

“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days...

28. see 5T, pp 83-84

“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”²⁵

25. Rev. 12:6, 14

Now the Jewish church did not flee into the wilderness, but it was destroyed in AD 70. So which church or people came out of the Jewish church, and went through the 1260 years of this prophecy which ended in 1798? It was the early apostolic church and people continuing with the faithful on down through the dark ages and through the Reformation. So verses 6-14 deals with the period of the church from apostolic times down through the dark ages of papal persecution, and through the Reformation—ending in 1798.

“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”²⁶

26. Rev. 12:15-16

Which church or people came into prominent view after 1798? The Protestant churches, and by many of their members fleeing from increasing persecution in Europe to migrate to and populate America, the earth has indeed helped this woman from being carried away with the flood of papal fallacies. And now we come to Revelation 12:17, which the SDA church unconditionally applies to herself forever regardless of obedience:

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant **of her seed**, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Who represents the dragon? Satan. Which church, represented by the seed or the offspring of the woman, came out of the Protestant churches? The SDA church! Now lets reread verse 17, and replace the symbols with their meaning:

“And Satan was wroth with the Protestant churches, and went to make war with the remnant **of** the SDA church.”

Thus we can clearly see that the devil is not making war against the seed of Protestantism—or the SDA church, because they have already chosen to follow him for nearly a hundred years now. But the devil is making war with the remnant of the seed, or those true followers of God who have chosen to separate themselves from the apostate SDA church as well as from the apostate Protestant churches.

In order to be classified as the remnant, you must fulfill the conditions by keeping the commandments of God and following the Testimony of Jesus—or the Spirit of Prophecy.²⁷ The remnant does not refer to those who do not fulfill these conditions—hence it cannot refer to the apostate and corrupt SDA church!

27. see Rev. 19:10

The SDA church cannot be measured by what she once stood for or once was. Her condition and stand-

ing in the world **as they now are** either uphold her as a church of God, or they condemn her as a church of God’s enemy—Satan.²⁸ Fruits cannot lie!

The SDA church is not the remnant church because they have transgressed the law of God by becoming an harlot, and because they have rejected and refused to follow the Spirit of Prophecy.

Name an area where the SDA church is following the counsel of God found in the Testimony of Jesus?

- In Health Reform? No.
- In Sanitarium work? No.
- In Education? No.
- In Church Structure and Organization? No.
- In Church Investments? No.
- In Tithing and its Usage? No.
- In Evangelism? No.

And the list could go on!

But yet the SDA church proudly declares that they are the remnant people of God! Hence they are just a counterfeit of the true church of God—just like the Jewish church was.

Then to believe in and use the phrase; “The remnant of the remnant” is actually a falsehood and a great deception, because there is only one true remnant, and they are separate and distinct from the SDA church. To believe in “the remnant of the remnant” theory means that you must already be within and a part of the SDA church—or the first remnant, before you could be in the second remnant. What a grand delusion this is!

This verse in Revelation 12:17 clearly tells us that if you are either part of and a member of any of the Protestant churches—the woman herself, or of the SDA church—the seed of this woman, then you are not yet part of the remnant people of God. So God is plainly revealing to all of His followers that you must be completely separate from all the apostate Protestant churches—the woman, as well as being completely separate from the apostate SDA church—the seed of this woman, before you can become a true last day remnant follower of His revealed in Revelation 12:17.

So, dear reader, do you really want to become a true last day Remnant follower of God? If so, then you know what steps you need to take before you can become one. And please also realize that once you do become a true Remnant follower of God, the devil will indeed make war against you in all possible ways because you have now separated from all the apostate churches and groups which the Devil controls and are standing fully separate and distinct for God in keeping all of His commandments and all of the truths found in the Testimony of Jesus—the Spirit of Prophecy.

The choice is now yours to make. Count the cost, and then move forward in following the will of God to the ire of the devil and all of his followers. But isn’t heaven and eternal life with your Lord and God worth any and all sacrifices?

by Bob Sessler

Children's Story—*Raining Gold*

1 Timothy 6:6-11

Little Harry was looking out of the window, watching the rain as it pattered down on the green grass, and bent the flower heads, dancing away over the gravel, and making little pools wherever there was the least pretense of a basin. It is a pleasant thing to sit snug in your comfortable room and watch the rain. But Harry was busy thinking about something else.

"O Aunt Susan," he said, his bright eyes sparkling, "How I wish it would rain gold coins instead of rain-drops! Wouldn't we be rich?"

"What if it should rain gold instead of water-drops all summer?" Asked Aunt Susan.

"Why we could have everything in the world we wished for, then. I would buy a little carriage and harness for Carlo, and Annie could have the paint-box she wants

so much, and mother would not need to work a bit, and I would get her a sewing machine. Oh, how good it would be, auntie!"

"But what would you get to eat? Nothing can grow without water."

"Oh! we could buy our food; we should have money enough."

"Yes; but if it rained gold all over the world, no one would have any food to sell. All the fields would be parched. The grass would shrink and crumble to dust. The grain could not grow under golden rain. These beautiful and shady trees would soon wither and die. There would be no fruit nor vegetables in any one's garden. The little streams, and many of the wells that give refreshment to thousands, would all be dried up, and the men and animals would perish with thirst as well as hunger.

Robinson Crusoe thought little of the gold he found in the sea-chest washed ashore on his island, for he could buy nothing with it. Besides, if gold were as plentiful as pebbles, we should value it no higher. Money is of no use except for what it brings us of the comforts of life. Some one has estimated that every good summer shower is really worth in money many hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of dollars. It produces what will bring that amount. We shall always find, dear Harry, the more we think about it, that our Creator has ordered everything a great deal more wisely and better for us than we could do for ourselves."

Children's Guest.

The Youth's Instructor August 15, 1870

RECIPE—*Cold Remedy*

Ingredients:

1 whole Lemon
1 Tablespoon Honey
Sprinkle of Cinnamon
Hot water



Directions:

- Cut the lemon in half, squeeze into a cup.
- Place one of the halves of the lemon in the cup.
- Pour the hot water over the lemon.
- Then while still hot add the honey and sprinkle in the cinnamon.
- **MAKE SURE THAT YOU DRINK THIS HOT,** but not so hot that it burns.
- The heat is what brings out the oils in the lemon to help the healing process.

Selected

"It is not the opposition of the world that most endangers the church of Christ. It is the evil cherished in the hearts of believers that works their most grievous disaster and most surely retards the progress of God's cause.

There is no surer way of weakening spirituality than by cherishing envy, suspicion, faultfinding, and evil surmising.

On the other hand, the strongest witness that God has sent His Son into the world is the existence of harmony and union among men of varied dispositions who form His church.

This witness it is the privilege of the followers of Christ to bear.

But in order to do this, they must place themselves under Christ's command.

Their characters must be conformed to His character and their wills to His will."

The Acts of the Apostles, p. 549.

Progress of Unity and Organization

Dear Brother Rick,

Much greetings to you, Glory be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us life for the glory of His Name. Grace be to you.

I would like to inform you about the progress of the plan of organization of the church in Kenya. We have had many challenges, but the strong arm of the Lord and His grace has been sufficient for us. We have moved some steps forward. God be glorified forever and ever amen.

My last e-mail to you was the report of the September 30, 2012, meeting, held at E____ SDR church in W____, Kenya, about organization. In that meeting we listed some of the most important requirements which we felt were needed in order to establish an organization. We understand that we might not have been perfect in our way of thinking, but the little step we moved was a step towards the right direction. We did it according to the light we had, knowing and expecting the Lord to provide more light as we advance. We hope the Lord, through His faithful servants, will perfect all that are wanting. I have been expecting your response concerning the same, to enable us to be in a state of harmony with our ideas and with all the brethren who are burdened in the heart concerning this crucial issue.

The meeting of September 30, 2012, has paved the way for other subsequent meetings, which have yielded fruits in the right direction. Since then, we have achieved better advancement for the establishment of organization.

December 16-22, 2012, was the period for our camp-meeting at E____ SDR church. The camp was successful with a lot of blessings to all who attended. At the end of the camp, after the close of the Sabbath, I invited the leading SDR members to a meeting to consider the

agenda of organization. I requested this meeting in advance, since influential members of the SDR who were absent in the September 30, 2012, meeting attended the camp. My request was accepted and we met for discussion. I was given the opportunity to expound on the subject of organization and to review the resolutions of September 30, 2012.

After discussing the need of an organization and reviewing the resolutions, members responded positively to the plan of organization. Brother J____ contributed so much in supporting and encouraging the members to organize. Copies of organizational structure were given to the members to examine in preparation for giving their opinions in the next meeting.

Present in the meeting included, Brother J____ of Uganda, Brother N____ and I____ both from K____, Kenya, Brother E____ of KM____, Kenya, Brother P____ of M____, Kenya, old soldier Pastor D____ from W____, Kenya and others. The meeting was successful and the next meeting was scheduled to be held in K____ on January 27, 2013.

Remember the first requirement for organization according to our September 30 resolution was, "To reach cooperative members" and to share with them the need of organizing the SDR. So, the meeting held after the camp was an achievement of the first requirement. It was a step to reach other SDR members.

Coming to January 27, 2013, we met in K____ to proceed with the discussion. The turnout was good and encouraging, the number of brethren attending had increased. Representatives from local churches of different regions attended the meeting. The attendance had increased to seventeen, Brother, J____ excluded. Brothers N____, I____, P____, S____, J____, and N____, were present in the

meeting among others.

The agenda was:

1. The need of order and organization.
2. The review of W____, Kenya, opinions and steps on organization.
3. Further steps to be taken to organize.

The Lord blessed our meeting with the spirit of meekness and humility, we discussed harmoniously and with one mind and spirit. There was no evidence of strife as it has always been. We had devoted ourselves in prayer and even fasted for the meeting, and the Lord by His grace hearkened unto our supplication. He sent His Spirit to take control of the meeting. The meeting procedure which the Lord had revealed to us and that we had drafted was in use and helped everything to move harmoniously. After the discussion, the representatives agreed to form an oversight committee. Members registered and signed. This was one of the greatest achievements in the struggle of establishing order. All were happy and praised God for the great light of order and organization.

The next meeting was scheduled to be held in K____, on April 14, 2013.

Dear Brother, we need your prayers and your support in this great work. We have suffered for so long trying to establish the right order and organization. Satan has always taken advantage of the brethren who are not burdened in the heart, and through them he has destroyed the efforts of God's people in the work. We are ready for any advice, or opinion that might help us build and advance in this course.

I will send you a detailed report of these meetings later. God Bless you.

B. E.

"If there are any of our brethren who think that they have devised plans by which they can secure a monopoly of any line of God's work, they are released from all such burdens.

Individually we form a part of the great whole, fulfilling our part in the scenes foreseen long ages ago.

In the counsels of God a place was assigned to every person, and each one is to devote his entire ability, his influence, the energy of his whole being, in an earnest endeavor to discharge the responsibility laid upon him.

It is the duty of every human intelligence to put into daily practice the instructions of Christ in the seventeenth chapter of John by living a practical, Christian life."

Review & Herald, July 23, 1895.

Health Nugget—*Pesticides in Your Food!*

Is what you're eating really that safe?

The Environmental Watch Group (EWG) is responsible for publishing an updated 'shopper's guide' for the last eight years in a row. Based upon a comprehensive analysis of government pesticide testing data of 45 different fruits and vegetables the guide includes the 'dirty dozen'—which deals with 12 fruits and vegetables most commonly contaminated with pesticides and the 'clean fifteen'—which deals with the fifteen least contaminated fruits and vegetables.

Pesticides are toxic by design and find their origin from the poisonous gases that were developed to destroy the enemy during World War One. Some of these noxious gases killed everything they came in contact with, including plants, insects, animals and people. It's no wonder that the pesticides derived from them also kill living organisms, and can cause a slow death in people who eat food that is contaminated with them. This being the case, we definitely do not want our food supply contaminated with such toxic substances.

Many pesticides pose health dangers to people. These risks have been established by independent research scientists and physicians across the world. The U.S. and international government agencies have linked pesticides to health problems spanning brain and nervous system toxicity, cancer, hormonal disruption and skin, eye and lung irritation.

Particularly disturbing is the pesticide known as organophosphate, which is an insecticide known to be a reproductive and neurotoxin. Although organophosphates have been significantly reduced in the past decade, as of last year (2012), many crops still tested positive. Some of the produce containing organophosphates are green beans and kale/collard greens. Also watch out for the baby foods, especially the green beans and pears. Almost 10% of green beans contained the organophosphate methamidiphos in amounts that could easily increase risk for brain and nervous system damage in infants consuming a four-ounce serving of green beans on a regular basis. 92% of pear samples tested positive for at least one

pesticide and over a quarter of samples contained five or more, including iprodione, categorized by the EPA as a probable human carcinogen, and not registered for use on pears. In fact, the presence of iprodione in pears of any kind constitutes a violation of FDA regulations and the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

The Dirty Dozen:

- **Apples**—98% of apples tested positive for pesticides.
- **Celery**
- **Sweet bell peppers**—Found 88 different pesticides.
- **Peaches**
- **Strawberries**—Found 13 pesticides in a single sample.
- **Nectarines** (imported)—100% of imported nectarines tested positive for pesticides.
- **Grapes**—Found 15 pesticides in a single sample. As an entire category, grape samples contained 64 different pesticides.
- **Spinach**
- **Lettuce**—Found 78 different pesticides.
- **Cucumbers**—Found 81 different pesticides.
- **Blueberries** (domestic)—Found 13 pesticides in a single sample.
- **Potatoes**

Other produce to look out for:

- **Plums**—96% of plums tested positive for pesticides.

These contain organophosphates, insecticides that are known reproductive and neurotoxins:

- **Green beans**—Almost 10% of green beans contained the organophosphate methamidiphos.
- **Kale/Collard Greens**

The Clean Fifteen:

- **Onions**—No samples had more than one pesticide.
- **Sweet corn**—No samples had more than one pesticide, although, because of GMO's, you should buy organic.
- **Pineapples**—Fewer than 10% of

samples contained pesticides.

- **Avocado**
- **Cabbage**—More than 90% contained no more than one pesticide.
- **Sweet peas**—More than 90% contained no more than one pesticide.
- **Asparagus**—More than 90% contained no more than one pesticide.
- **Mangoes**—Completely free of pesticides more than 75% of the time.
- **Eggplant**—More than 90% contained no more than one pesticide.
- **Kiwi**—Completely free of pesticides more than 75% of the time.
- **Cantaloupe** (domestic)—Completely free of pesticides more than 60% of the time.
- **Sweet Potatoes**—More than 90% contained no more than one pesticide.
- **Grapefruit**
- **Watermelon**—Completely free of pesticides more than 60% of the time.
- **Mushrooms**

Notice how the clean fifteen really isn't all that clean. Most everything within the clean fifteen category still has some contamination. You should especially watch out for the genetically modified corn (GMO) because although it has low pesticide concentrations, just the GMO corn itself, without any pesticides can make you seriously ill, and even kill you if you eat enough of it. While genetically modified organisms (GMO's) are banned or significantly restricted in Australia, Japan and throughout the European Union, the industry is still at large in the U.S., and no labeling is required by the federal government. For this reason, it is recommended that sweet corn consumption also be limited to organic.

In order to get away from this tainted food and preserve our bodies as the temple of God, we need to at least buy organic. But, better yet, if we are able, we should have some land in the country where we can have our own gardens and orchards to raise our own provisions, free from all pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and synthetic fertilizers.

Editor

“It is a duty to know how to preserve the body in the very best condition of health...”

Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 44.

MISSION REPORTS

Zambia, Uganda & Kenya

Zambia

July, August & September 2012

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. Psalm 23:1-6. It is a privilege to have life today, for many times the devil wants to end my life, but I thank my Lord Jesus for keeping me alive.

The month of July was a busy one because we were preparing for the camp. I was busy with other brethren building structures for our people to stay and gather in. This year we extended the main enclosure and also built more houses and shelters as we were expecting many people to attend the camp. This work continued until the camp opened on August 8, 2012. We had members from nine local home churches under our Seventh-day Remnant name. We also had three brethren from N___ and K___ churches about 385-450km from S___ district.

The Lord is so good toward us all. I used those lessons I sent to you as camp organizer. Various people spoke and all the people who were present at the camp for the whole week said God had spoken. The experience we had at this camp we have never had before in the history of Zambian camp-meetings. On Sabbath we had more than ten people who were baptized and in the evening we had the Lord's supper, which was attended by more than forty baptized members. Later, during the closing message of this day, a call was made and many renewed their relationship with the Lord.

The night before Sunday, August 19, 2012, had its own special events. Some of the members, especially the youths, spent the whole night singing in the main enclosure. Most of the older brethren who went to their rooms did not sleep that night. But instead they spent the night praying. Some of us spent the night in the bush praying and weeping for the Lord to forgive us and give us more power to do His last work in the remaining time of our lives. When morning came and we all gathered in the main enclosure for the closing prayer before departing, many wished that this camp could go on and on. But we know that day has not yet come. We praise our God that this spirit is still among the members in the churches even now.

While at the camp a call came from the Namibian brethren, informing us that their camp was just a week ahead and asking if some leaders from Zambia could join them and help in the revival. After leaving the Zambian camp on August 19, brothers E___, L___ and W___ started preparing for the trip to Namibia. For sure God's plan is only to be understood by Him and those who live by His word. Within the week we left for K___ M___ in Namibia, a bordering town with Zambia, about 1400km from S___ district where we stay. In K___ M___ we spent three days visiting some brethren who had stopped worshipping with others because of the registration issue. The Lord is good to His people because he speaks to them in their heart. We then left for W___ town, Namibia, where the camp was to be held. Again we traveled for more than 1450km from K___ to W___. After a day we again traveled about 70km from W___ back to O___ town where we had a three day camp-meeting.

These were the lessons:

1. *Bring all to the altar*
2. *Gethsemane*
3. *The rugged cross*
4. *Health Reform*
5. *A new heart will I give you*
6. *Harden not your heart*
7. *Take the cross and follow me*
8. *Sabbath message*
9. *Closing appeal*

After the three day camp that started August 30, 2012, the Lord spoke through all the brethren in Namibia who said that our visiting was the Lord's plan, because without it, this camp would have failed. Truly there was need of the revival message that the Lord prepared. On September 2, we departed and returned back to K___ M___ with the family of M___ who gave us a ride. May the Lord bless this family for this work. In K___ we again visited the brethren.

Right now I am home preparing for another local camp-meeting in K___ by our new sister church. Pray for us, that means may come through so that we can do what needs to be done before His coming. Please, to those to whom the Lord has given means, may He enrich your heart to help us with means for spreading the last message of mercy. Pray for me, my body

is weak and I am undergoing a lot of stress due to lack of means.

May the grace of God be with us all.

Regards,

B. W.

Uganda & Kenya December 2012

The Lord is good and our stronghold in the day of trouble. This was my confidence in the terrible pain which I sustained while I was on my missionary trip from K___, Rwanda; I later had to continue to E___, L___, Kenya, for a camp-meeting which was to start on December 17, 2012, to close the year. For two months I was mobilizing our fellow brethren that we might attend this camp-meeting. We expected to covenant with our brethren in Kenya to work as a united body for Christ. But when I had the accident; my efforts to mobilize became feeble until God gave me some strength after one month and then I resumed real physical mobilization. Without fear I once again started traveling amongst some of the churches in central Uganda which are in agreement with us in faith and doctrine.

On December 7, 2012, I traveled to K___, where I had planned to meet a number of representatives from different churches who would travel with me to Kenya. I rang brother B___ to help mobilize those in B___ region. Brother B___ did his part and on December 8, 2012, we met at M___ home church so that after Sabbath we could discuss the Kenya trip.

On the Sabbath I preached on how Gospel Order works to simplify God's work and encouraged them to adopt it. They heartily welcomed my lesson and asked me to come back soon to hold a meeting with all the churches not represented at M___ so that we can unify and sign a covenant to work together. This will also help to make our registration easy. The M___ brethren were planning to build a church because brother N___ had offered the church land. So they were splitting timber which would make up the building material. A call was made to come for the support of this project the next day. I felt constrained to contribute some money for one Iron sheet and pulpit table.

After Sabbath we discussed the Kenya trip and agreed that ten people would travel to Kenya for the camp-meeting, representing five churches. Five of them would be choir members and five church representatives. However, not all of them had valid travel documents and I encouraged them to acquire temporary ones for the journey which was just a week away.

I continued to K____ for a checkup on my broken arm. Some gauze and wire threads had remained in my arm and the flesh had healed around them inflicting much pain! Therefore a minor operation was necessary before my trip to the E____, Kenya, camp-meeting. Three topics were assigned to the Uganda brethren. These topics were: "Health Reform," "Gospel of Jesus," and "The Lord's Sabbath [Sabbath Reform]," thus it was a must for us to attend it!

On December 10, 2012, I had the operation and a knot of these threads were removed. This time the wound was left open to heal with only cotton wool protected by plaster. I stayed in K____ for two days and on Tuesday I came back home to prepare for the trip to Kenya.

I rang brother K____ to remind him to get ready for the Kenya trip. Our meeting place with those from K____, Uganda would be in T____ at K____'s place. I also rang brother M____ to come over and go with us to handle the health reform topic because he practices herbal treatments in K____, I thought he was better qualified than any of us! Unfortunately, he had also organized a two weeks revival meeting to close the year at B____ valley-K____. So he couldn't travel with us. I continued to make myself ready for the meeting by looking up some information from SDRPA and Light Ministries websites. On December 16, 2012, I waited for the brethren to arrive from their respective places and by evening they had not all arrived.

On December 17, 2012, I traveled to T____ to meet brother K____ so that we could travel with him to Kenya. Unfortunately, he had not replaced his passport since 2006 when he lost it at M____ boarder post while we were coming back from Zambia! So it became hard for him to travel to Kenya and I continued to B____ boarder post to cross to Kenya. This was another meeting place with those from central Uganda. By 9:30 am our local time, they also had not arrived and therefore I crossed over and continued to E____, Kenya. Their main problem was lack of travel documents which could not be gotten easily according to their phone message to me through brother B____.

I prayed that the loving Father would send the Holy Spirit to help me with all the messages needed for this camp-meeting and that this meeting would end well with many blessings. In the evening I reached the E____ guest house where the camp-meeting was to take place. I____ and N____ of K____ had also arrived on the same day. So we divided the major topics among ourselves, since only I had come from Uganda. I____ took over the topic of "Church History" and "Sabbath Reform," N____ took over "Prophecy," and I took over "Health Reform" and "Gospel of Jesus." E____ took over morning and evening devotions. The program was managed well according to the time table.

The brethren were blessed by our messages which opened their understanding to the impending judgment and the soon return of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We had planned to have a baptism in the early afternoon on Friday, but due to the spiritualism being taught by the "Sabbath Rest Reform" movement among some of the members of the "Remnant of Africa," who have not taken a stand with us, it was necessary for the candidates to continue with a Bible study class until they are acknowledged that they are fit for baptism! A mere profession is not adequate for church growth! On Friday evening I led them in the Lord's supper, which they had not known they needed to practice! The "Sabbath Reform" movement had not taught them to observe this in commemoration of the death of Christ and the beginning of the New Testament in their lives. We did this with brotherly love and as we closed the session, brother I____ led us in opening the Sabbath. N____ ministered in the morning on the Sabbath, I ministered during the divine service, I____ ministered in the afternoon and E____ closed the camp-meeting.

Elder D____ thanked God for having enabled us to hold this camp-meeting because Satan worked hard to see that our meeting failed by leading the "Sabbath Rest Reform" movement members to hold a similar meeting at E____, so that our camp-meeting lacked members to attend it. W____ is supported by a "Gospel Echo" ministries based in the USA and would give out money so that many people could be transported to E____, Kenya, to attend their camp-meeting rather than attending the Seventh-day Remnant meeting. Elder D____ told us that he was in agreement with the SDR members and encouraged us to maintain and strengthen unity in a good spirit to advance the Lord's work. This is why he in-

vited E____ to come to EM____ and pastor in his church, because he was blind! He gave the last prayer and went to rest as others planned to depart.

In late evening, we held a unity meeting chaired by E____ and B____ was the secretary. We reviewed the SDR structure E____ had sent to me by e-mail and also shared I____ of N____'s concern. The M____, K____, K____ and EM____ churches were present. These were represented as districts and now many other small branches were not represented! I requested them to adjourn this meeting to another date and January 27, 2013, was chosen to have as many of the Kenya concerns addressed. I kindly requested that all these branches be represented, so as to have them agree and know how simple church structure works with Christ as their leader. B____ offered a closing prayer and we departed to rest. However, I was to remain for another week due to two main reasons. One, transport cost was doubled and I had little money which would not enable me to reach home! Two, I wanted to visit one church to ascertain the right picture of it and how the SDR message is effecting it.

Thank you for supporting me through difficult times and also in my efforts to do the Lord's work. I pray for continual support so all may hear the good news. God bless you.

B. J.

Kenya January 2013

God does not propose to remove from our path everything in regard to the work of his servants, but He gives ground of faith sufficient to convince the candid, sincere mind with an intelligent knowledge of His law and the great Waymarks showing us the path of obedience to His will. No man can accept the gospel of Christ while he refuses the admonition of the Word of God as he puts in church capacity a Gospel Order aimed at bringing true discipline and organization! There are lessons for us to learn from the past experiences of our pioneers as we plan to do God's work.

On January 25, 2013, I traveled to EM____, Kenya, to attend a meeting aimed at bringing God's people into unity of action for the work which is ahead of us. I arrived safely at 10:30 pm local time and brothers E____ and B____ picked me up from the bus stop at E____ because it was night and I couldn't travel alone on the road! On the Sabbath day I took the di-

vine service to present a lesson, "Why Are We Part of Another Movement?" and in the afternoon session I taught the church at EM____ how gospel order can work among God's people.

On January 27, 2013, we traveled together with eight brethren to K____, Kenya, for a meeting. We had one major agenda to discuss and this was the "Gospel Order." Brother E____ chaired the meeting and I was given opportunity to explain in great detail how gospel order would work among our separated churches in Kenya to bring about unity and keep the enemy from our ranks. I read to the members from the books of Ephesians 4:4-7 and Early Writings, p. 100. My concern was for unity in one calling and hope, and since the enemy uses the open door to perplex the church, it must flee to Gospel Order and be established. I urged the members to accept and agree to embrace it and receive the spiritual benefits as we accomplish the great task ahead of us. Seventeen representatives mainly from N____ and W____ provinces attended. We knelt down for prayer and the meeting was declared open. Brother E____ took over to guide the meeting as the speaker of the day. Many admonitions were read from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy in support of what was being discussed. We all agreed in one accord that it is time to work by gospel order. I requested that all members attending the meeting form themselves into an oversight committee for now, as we wait to go through the constitution on April 12, 2013. I believe that the Holy Spirit led this meeting and we all parted in happiness promising to meet once again in April 2013 at the K____ camp-meeting.

We came back to EM____ and I did some house to house evangelism for several days. I visited brother P____ of KG____ and met his family. They asked for someone to help with a few iron sheets to raise a simple shelter for worship. On January 29, 2013, we visited Elder B____, who was sick and is elderly. On January 31, 2013, I visited Elder M____ and his daughter in law of E____ to encourage them to make Sabbath reforms which to some extent had been neglected.

On Sabbath day February 2, 2013, I was given another opportunity to present a lesson. This was another area which needs to have great reforms among the SDR mem-

bers of W____, Kenya, due to the poor influence of the "Sabbath Rest Reform" movement which had swept through the "Remnant Church of Africa" of 1970. These poor practices were being introduced by those who believed F. T. Wright of Australia. Many more reform efforts are needed in certain spiritualistic beliefs such as God does not kill or destroy. During my free time I also shared many talks with the brethren about such satanic beliefs. I am also finishing formatting a booklet "The Character of God," just awaiting for re-printing. I pray that the good Lord opens wide a means to get some copies printed out soon, to give out to the people of Kenya and root out these spiritualistic doctrines of F. T. Wright. We shall also want the booklet "Will You Answer Christ's Prayer?" to help to encourage the brethren to learn why and how to put gospel order into practice.

There was a great step of gospel order achieved in Kenya from the many efforts Rick, the brethren and I set up for SDR members to follow. I believe that God is leading us in the right direction. I pray for your continual support so that in the near future we can have the East African SDR church following gospel order. God bless you.

B. J.

Uganda February 2013

Praise God for his wonderful care and protection as the year 2012 closed to usher in a new year, 2013. We are God's children who should know that someday our life on this planet earth shall come to an end and the little time lived must be put to good use. Our resolution should be to bring the hope in Christ as a brighter shining love to the people living in this dark world at the end of the earth's history. God has many wonderful lessons for each one of us to comprehend in this life. We must tell others about the wonderful love God bestows in every valley of this world!

On November 5, 2012 in the blink of an eye, I was brought near to the open gate of the grave! [Job.38:17 "Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? Or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?"] In my simple petition to the Lord, I express gratitude for the mercies

that enabled me to survive and that I may be healed in a few months and may be among those maintaining the voice of the Remnant people to continue swelling into a loud cry. In all my experience is the encouragement in: [Isaiah 41:13 "For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."}] Even while recovering from my sick bed I have been called upon to bring God's people into unity of organization and order! The picture revealed in the Spirit of Prophecy about the countenance full of the solemnity of the message of order and organization gives a full sense of inspiration for all of us to establish unity and gospel order. In His providence help was sent to me to enable me to clear my treatment debts and also to travel to different places for Christ's cause, even though I have not completely healed. I am getting better everyday! May God's name be praised!

On February 15, 2013, I traveled to central Uganda and visited the brethren over there. I had taken some time without fellowshipping with them and I wanted to share the experiences we had gone through while on my mission to Kenya. Our Kenyan brethren wanted us to organize similar meetings in Uganda and I was looking for a location for the meeting in September, 2013. I managed to speak to brothers K____ and B____ about the idea of setting the meeting alongside the banks of River N____, away from the cities. Unfortunately my wife rang me to come back home because my child was sick! I hurried to come back. She had taken the child to the hospital and when I reached her, I requested leave to go home until the next day. I was some what broken down and shortly I went to rest. On the early morning of February 18, 2013, at 3:30 am, East African time, my wife woke me up when my child, Chibita Gerald, had rested in sleep until Christ Jesus comes the second time!

In the mean time I have contacted E____ and tried to direct him to where our members are in Kenya and I believe he wants us to open a branch near the college he teaches at.

Pray for me and thank you for your continued support. God bless you.

B. J.

"One institution is not to be brought under the control of another, but all are to exercise their powers harmoniously."
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