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*“And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.” Acts 15:6*

# An Iceberg "Meet It"

Shortly before I sent out the testimonies regarding the efforts of the enemy to undermine the foundation of our faith through the dissemination of seductive theories, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, "Iceberg just ahead!" There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action.

The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collisions, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way. {1SM 205.3}

Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, "Meet it!" I knew what my duty was, and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, "Meet it!". {1SM 206.1}

May the lord help us to meet the enemy as he undermines the foundation of our faith through the dissemination of seductive theories. Let us be watchful and vigilant to "endure unto the end".

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# The Jerusalem Council



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The purpose of this article/study, is to address the narrative promulgated that if there is a question and different understanding of what the message teaches, there should be no discussion on the matter until Session convenes. There are some who have been made to feel that they violate the word of God if they enter into such discussions. Is the narrative correct, or is there a misapplication of the Jerusalem Council to us today?

## - The Controversy

While the apostles united with the ministers and lay members at Antioch in an earnest effort to win many souls to Christ, certain Jewish believers from Judea "of the sect of the Pharisees" succeeded in introducing a question that soon led to wide-spread controversy in the church and brought consternation to the believing Gentiles. With great assurance these Judaizing teachers asserted that in order to be saved, one must be circumcised and must keep the entire ceremonial law. AA 188.2

☆The question was a made an issue of salvation!

## - The reason for the Controversy

"The Jewish converts generally were not inclined to move as rapidly as the providence of God opened the way. From the result of the apostles' labors among the Gentiles it was evident that the converts among the latter people would far exceed the Jewish converts in number. The Jews feared that if the restrictions and ceremonies of their law were not made obligatory upon the Gentiles as a condition of church fellowship, the national peculiarities of the Jews, which had hitherto kept them distinct from all other people, would finally disappear from among those

who received the gospel message." AA 189.2

☆Here we see that Jewish national pride and the fear of losing their national peculiarities were at the root of controversy!

- Was there an apparent legitimate basis for Initiating the Controversy?

"9And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.10This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.11And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.12And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.13He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.14And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant." Genesis 17:9-14

"At this time the rite of circumcision was given to Abraham as "a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised." Romans 4:11. It was to be observed by the patriarch and his descendants as a token that they were devoted to the service of God and thus separated from idolaters, and that God accepted them as His peculiar treasure. By this rite they were pledged to fulfill, on their part, the conditions of the covenant made with Abraham. They were not to contract marriages with the heathen; for by so doing they would lose

their reverence for God and His holy law; they would be tempted to engage in the sinful practices of other nations, and would be seduced into idolatry." PP 138.1

"The Lord appeared unto Abraham, and said unto him: SR 146.2

"I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect. And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." Genesis 17:1, 2. "And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." Genesis 17:7. SR 146.3

He then required of Abraham and his seed, circumcision, which was a circle cut in the flesh, as a token that God had cut them out and separated them from all nations as His peculiar treasure. By this sign they solemnly pledged themselves that they would not intermarry with other nations, for by so doing they would lose their reverence for God and His holy law, and would become like the idolatrous nations around them." SR 146.4

☆So we see that circumcision was a ritual given to Abraham as a rite to him and his descendants.

- What did circumcision signify?

"About forty days after the birth of Christ, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord, and to offer sacrifice. This was according to the Jewish law, and as man's substitute Christ must conform to the law in every particular. He had already been subjected to the rite of circumcision, as a pledge of His obedience to the law." DA 50.1

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☆So we see that circumcision was a token—a sign in the flesh that the people would be obedient to God and remain separate from the heathen nations around them.

- Was the rite of circumcision still binding in the early Christian church?

"These lessons Christ gave in His teaching, showing that the ritual service was passing away, and possessed no virtue. "The hour cometh," He said, "and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." True circumcision is the worship of Christ in spirit and truth, not in forms and ceremonies, with hypocritical pretense." FE 399.3

"Circumcision of No Value After the Cross-[Titus 1:9-11, 13, 14 quoted.] There were those in Paul's day who were constantly dwelling upon circumcision, and they could bring plenty of proof from the Bible to show its obligation on the Jews; but this teaching was of no consequence at this time; for Christ had died upon Calvary's cross, and circumcision in the flesh could not be of any further value. 6BC 1061.5

"The typical service and the ceremonies connected with it were abolished at the cross. The great antitypical Lamb of God had become an offering for guilty man, and the shadow ceased in the substance. Paul was seeking to bring the minds of men to the great truth for the time; but these who claimed to be followers of

Jesus were wholly absorbed in teaching the tradition of the Jews, and the obligation of circumcision (The Review and Herald, May 29, 1888)." 6BC 1061.6



"In the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." In A.D. 31, three and a half years after His baptism, our Lord was crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which for four thousand years had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were there to cease." CIHS 57.2 & GC 327.3

☆ Thus we see that the ritual of circumcision, being a part of the ceremonial system, was not binding on the Christian church! Thus, there was no legitimate reason for the controversy!

- Who made the decisions at the Jerusalem Council?

"The Holy Spirit saw good not to impose the ceremonial law on the Gentile converts, and the mind of the apostles regarding this matter was as the mind of the Spirit of God. James presided at the council, and his final decision was, "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God." AA 194.3

"This ended the discussion. In this instance we have a refutation of the doctrine held by the Roman Catholic Church that Peter was the head of the church. Those who, as popes, have claimed to be his successors, have no Scriptural foundation for their pretensions. Nothing in the life of Peter gives sanction to the claim that he was elevated above his brethren as the vicegerent of the Most High. If those who are declared to be the successors of Peter had followed his example, they would always have been content to remain on an equality with their brethren." AA 194.4

☆ Clear it is that the Holy Spirit working through the Apostles, brought forth the decision!

- Do we have the same authority today to formulate doctrines!

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in

this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Revelation 22:18,19

1950 Gen Conf Special 7:3 (EN) "Thus will be the Devil's deal while the day of God is approaching, and while Elijah is making the announcement of it as the scroll unrolls and while the prophecies concerning the day of God are being unsealed. His work and his interpretation of the prophecies for the great day will identify him as the promised Elijah the prophet ("Testimonies to Ministers," p. 475), and this will enrage the Devil as never before. Nevertheless, one's only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely Truth and authority to whom one may turn. Any others will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition." {GCS: 7.3}

☆ The answer is NO!!! We are not in the same situation as was the early Christian church which was built up by the Apostles. We are simply to follow the message as interpreted by the prophet!

- Did The Spirit of Prophecy establish a principle in recounting the experience of the Jerusalem Council? Should believers be restricted from discussion and investigation of differing views on doctrine until such a Council meets?

☆ note: In answering the question, we need to make the distinction of who attended the meeting from who made the change of doctrine in the meeting.

For the answer to who attends the meeting, let's go to The Leviticus of DSDA.

The Leviticus 8:2 (EN) Section 2. The Association, at any session thereof, may enact, amend, or repeal by-laws by such a representation and vote as is exemplified in The Acts of the Apostles, pages 195, 196. {LDSDA: 8.2}

AA 196 "The council which decided this case was composed of apostles and teachers who had been prominent in raising up the Jewish and Gentile Christian churches, with chosen delegates from various places. Elders from Jerusalem and deputies from Antioch were present, and the most influential churches were represented. The council moved in accordance with the dictates of enlightened judgment, and with the dignity of a church established by the divine will. As a result of their deliberations they all saw that God Himself had answered the question at issue by bestowing upon the Gentiles the Holy Ghost; and they realized that it was their part to follow the guidance of the Spirit. AA 196.1

The entire body of Christians was not called to vote upon the question. The "apostles and elders," men of influence and judgment, framed and issued the decree, which was thereupon generally accepted by the Christian churches." AA 196

☆ Thus we see that the "apostles and elders" were those that attended the council and sets the guidelines for who attends Session. Since we do not have any apostles among us today, it would be a delegation of elders.

-Now let's see who makes the decisions.

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☆ God had already given the answer! We only need to follow!

Since we do not have any apostles among us today, we need to

"...Get your doctrine, Brother, Sister, only from the golden bowl (see The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2), and be not like the waves of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed — be not carried about by the many winds of doctrine that are blowing wildly from every direction to cause you to lose your way to the everlasting kingdom." {TN11: 12.1}

And :

Answerer 4 69:1 (EN) "It is imperative, therefore, that every Present-truth believer teach and practice only Present Truth—teach not short of nor beyond what is published, weave not into it private interpretations or constructions, theories and ideas, and do nothing less or nothing more than what the message calls for." {ABN4: 69.1}

☆ In other words, the message has the answers to doctrinal issues that may arise among us! Our only safety is in the teaching of Elijah!

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Answerer 1 56:1

"But while there flows from the golden bowl (Zech. 4:2) that Inspiration which enables one to be a true Christian, there flows from the cauldron of hell that opposite inspiration that works to make one a false Christian. The one saves, the other destroys. Needing as much as we do to become fully conscious and respectful of the one, the Divine, we at the same time have equal need to become fully alive to

its counterfeit —"

- What does Inspiration say in regards to Investigation and Discussion of Doctrine?

"Investigation of Doctrine—There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation." CW 35.2

"The fact that there is no controversy or agitation among God's people should not be regarded as conclusive evidence that they are holding fast to sound doctrine. There is reason to fear that they may not be clearly discriminating between truth and error. When no new questions are started by investigation of the Scriptures, when no difference of opinion arises which will set men to searching the Bible for themselves to make sure that they have the truth, there will be many now, as in ancient times, who will hold to tradition and worship they know not what." 5T 707.1

"The wrath of man shall praise Thee," says the psalmist; "the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain." God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated. Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber." 5T 453.1 "Peter exhorts his brethren to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Whenever the people of God are growing in grace, they will be constantly obtaining a clearer understanding of His word. They will discern new light and beauty in its sacred truths. This has been true in the history of the church in all ages, and thus it will continue to the end. But as real spiritual life declines, it has ever been the tendency to cease to advance in the

knowledge of the truth. Men rest satisfied with the light already received from God's word and discourage any further investigation of the Scriptures. They become conservative and seek to avoid discussion." 5T 706.2

"Controversy to be Avoided

While there is need of thorough investigation of the Word of God, that precious truth may be discovered and brought to light, we should be guarded, that the spirit of controversy does not control in our discussions of the Sabbath-school lesson. In bringing out points upon which there may be a difference of opinion, the grace of Christ should be manifested by those who are seeking for an understanding of the Word of God. There should be liberty given for a frank investigation of truth, that each may know for himself what is the truth. Among the pupils of the Sabbath-school there should be a spirit of investigation, that those who are old enough to discern evidence may be encouraged to search for fresh rays of light, and to appreciate all that God may send to His people. The light which God will send to His people will never appear unless there is a diligent searching of the Word of truth." TSS 64.1

☆ Herein we have seen that Inspiration recommends investigation and discussion of doctrine, in a Christ like way. So no one should feel guilty for so doing!

We have also seen that the restrictions of ceasing all discussion until the Jerusalem Council convenes, does not apply to God's people today! Any such imposition is contrary to The Lord's inspired counsel to us today!





# The Anti-Typical Zerubbabel



The study of Zerubbabel and the anti-type is a very interesting study. Because the message tells us there will be usurpers in our midst in the last days, we find the study of this subject helpful in knowing the final messenger sent to our Seventh-day Adventist Church and how to identify the rank imposters claiming, either directly or indirectly, to be God's final messenger to His church.

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***“(1 TG, no. 14, p.22)***

Let us first look at the type.

***Hag. 2:1-3 – “In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the Word of the Lord by the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel***

***the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?”***

***As it was in the days of building the typical temple so it must be in the days of building the antitypical, in our days. From the type is seen that just as the Word of the Lord was then addressed to the governors, to the high priest, and to the common people, so the Word of the Lord today is to be carried to all the people, regardless of rank or station in life.***

***The Word of the Lord to all the people in Haggai’s and Zechariah’s day was that the builders should consider to their heart-breaking***

**disappointment that the glory of the temple which they were building was in their eyes as nothing in comparison with the glory of Solomon's temple.**

**Hag. 2:4, 5 — “Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts: according to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.”**

**The Lord assured His people that the love which He has had for them has not diminished, and that His power to deliver and to help was still the same as when He brought their forefathers out of Egypt; as He had not failed His people in those times then He was not to fail them either, and that His spirit was still to be with them.**

**Hag. 2:6-8 — “For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts.” (1 TG, no. 13, p.3-4)**

We note that there is to be another temple built, let's look at this instruction.

**“That the prophecy in these verses is yet to be fulfilled, is very obvious, for in the day this temple is built God is to shake the heavens, the earth, and the nations; that their expectation is then to come and that the temple is to be filled with glory; that the builders are not to worry about finances.” (1 TG, no.13, p.4)**

**Zech. 4:10 — “For who hath despised**

**the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.”**

**“The day this scripture is fulfilled, is the day in which the Lord of hosts starts a reformatory work in an apparently very small and insignificant way, and those who despise small and insignificant beginnings will at last rejoice and shall see that antitypical Zerubbabel is the one to direct the work along with all (seven) his helpers. They are the eyes of the Lord. What a momentous day! What a great people! Evidently they constitute the “stone” of Zechariah Three which we studied several weeks ago, and learned that it has seven eyes, complete spiritual vision. Obviously this is the stone that smites the great image of Dan. 2:45.” (1 TG, no.14, p.21)**

So we see that “antitypical Zerubbabel” is not only to help build the end-time temple, but he is to help direct the work of the Gospel with his helpers.

How does this study help in identifying rank imposters?

**Zech. 4:8, 9 — “Moreover the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.”**

**These scriptures positively imply that there are doubts in the minds of some as to**

**whether antitypical Zerubbabel, or some other shall finish the work which Zerubbabel has started. Whom does Zerubbabel represent?**  
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**The Word of God explains that ancient Zerubbabel is a signet, type, at the time God overthrows the thrones of the kingdoms, at the time their armies are destroyed by one “brother” Christian’s sword cutting down another brother Christian.” (Haggai 2:22, 23). (Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 14, page 20)**

**“Zerubbabel, therefore, represents God’s servant at a time the crowned kings, “throne of kingdoms,” are overthrown, and in which time one Christian nation is at war with another Christian nation. Since the crowned kingdoms are fast passing away, and other forms of governments are taking their places, all proves that antitypical Zerubbabel’s appearance is now due. And the Lord’s own answer is “the hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it.” (Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 14, page 20-21)**

**“Zech. 4:11, 12 — “Then answered I, and said unto Him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto Him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?”**

**All these taking place at this particular time, and the prophecies now unfolded, prove that antitypical Zerubbabel must now be here, and that as he has started the work, he also must finish it. The fact that Inspiration**

**takes the pains to tell who is to finish the work in itself is proof that there must be active usurpers of his office as there were of Moses’ office. (“1 Tg, no.14, p.21-22)**

Adding up the Lord’s instructions, we see that antitypical Zerubbabel started the work and he must finish it. Inspiration tells us active usurpers are on the scene. Thus rank imposters will tell us that Brother Houteff did not start the work and he will not finish it. They imply someone else will fulfill the role of antitypical Zerubbabel.

In closing, Brother Houteff in the Sabbath study given on November 9, 1946, said the following Timely Greetings—

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# THE CHURCH AND THE HOME.

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Making the church and the Kingdom the patterns for the home, the Bible thus implicitly reveals that the Christian must carefully study these two divine blue prints in order to model his home exactly after them.

Again, the Scriptures draw a parallel between the Lord and the husband (Hos. 1, 2), and between the church and the wife:

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.” Eph. 5:22-24.

Clearly, this divine injunction charges the wife to respect her husband as she would the Lord, the husband being the family’s

temporal Saviour, as the Lord is the church’s eternal Saviour.

(“Christ...loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.” Eph. 5:25, 26.).

When she disregards this divine injunction, she insults God.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church.” Eph. 5:25.

Thus just as binding and sacred is the husband’s responsibility to his wife.

He is to regard his wife as Christ does His church. Whenever he does less than this, he violates the law of the Lord.

Thus, while the church is duty-bound to respect and obey her Lord, the wife is to respect and obey her husband; and the husband is duty-bound to love and care for his wife as the Lord loves and

cares for His church. From this, it follows that the house of the Lord is likened to the house of the husband. Accordingly, in the same way as the Lord controls the affairs of His house, the church, so the husband is to control the affairs of his home, the family. And since the church's own welfare depends upon its cooperation with the will of the Lord, likewise the family's welfare depends upon its cooperation with the will of the father. Doubly clear, therefore, is the fact that just as Christ holds the "headship" over the church, so the father holds the headship over the home. And just as the converted church rejoices in pleasing her head, Christ, so likewise the converted wife rejoices in pleasing her head, her husband. In this happy state, both the man and the woman realize that they are, after all, each other's second self.

"But I would have you know," declares Paul, "that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered, dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God." 1 Cor.

11:3 through 5, 11, 12.

This beautiful home-relationship is often undermined and wrecked by financial mismanagement or by erroneous education, or by both, because the divine pattern is not followed. The Lord supports His wife, the church, but she herself handles the medium of exchange, the money, to pay for the things she purchases; accordingly therefore, though the husband supports the home, the wife is to handle the money and pay for the things needed to run the home. And if the husband is receiving only a subsistence income, then even more especially should he give his pay check to the wife, so that she may budget it to cover the home's necessities up to the next pay day. With the wife handling the money, great advantages will thus accrue, for, it is she alone who uses and therefore alone knows the things which are needed in the home. Thus knowing her daily financial limitations, she will know precisely what she can and what she cannot buy to run the home.

Naturally, then, she will diligently see that only the most necessary wants of the home are first cared for, thereby preventing any over-buying of one thing on her part, or any underbuying of another thing by her husband, or vice versa-- this latter condition inevitably resulting if he holds the purse strings and doles out to her to do the buying. Handled as it should be, the purse will not go flat, and the home will suffer no shortages, no contentions,

and no break-ups.

If, however, the family's earnings are more than just a living, then he and the wife may together more broadly budget their earnings, first caring for necessary current expenses, then banking or investing the rest.

Thus to understand that the husband is not merely the money bag, but is the king of the home, the "House-band," and that the wife is not a nonentity merely to cook the meals, wash the dishes and clothes, scrub the floor, and care for and rear the children, but is the queen of the home, the helpmeet is to have a true appreciation of the wholeness of divinely inspired marriage.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships, she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand

to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Prov. 31: 10 through 30.

So while the queenly wife looks after the family's internal problems, the kingly husband looks after the family's external problems.

Furthermore, as the Lord Himself is the "Principal" of His church as a school, and His "wife" (the church, but especially the ministry--those who bring forth converts, children, in the faith), the teacher of their children in the Spirit, so the husband is the principal of his home as a school, and his wife the teacher of their children in the flesh.

"To gain a proper understanding of the

marriage relation,” says the Spirit of Prophecy, “is the work of a lifetime. Those who marry enter a school from which they are never in this life to be graduated.

“In your life-union, your affections are to be tributary to each other’s happiness. But while you are to blend as one, neither of you is to lose his or her individuality in the other. God is the owner. Of Him you are to ask:

...How may I best fulfil the purpose of my creation?...Your love for that which is human is to be secondary to your love for God...Is the greatest outflow of your love toward Him who died for you? If it is, your love for each other will be after Heaven’s order.

“Neither husband nor wife is to make a plea for rulership. Both are to cultivate the spirit of kindness, being determined never to grieve or injure the other.

“Do not try to compel each other to do as you wish. You cannot do this, and retain each other’s love. Manifestations of self-will destroy the peace and happiness of the home. Let not your married life be one of contention. If you do, you will both be unhappy. Be kind in speech and gentle in action, giving up your own wishes. Watch well your words; for they have a powerful influence for good or for ill. Allow no sharpness to come into your voices. Bring into your united life the fragrance of Christlikeness.

“Before a man enters a union as close as the marriage relation, he should learn



how to control himself and how to deal with others

“My brother, be kind, patient, forbearing. Remember that your wife accepted you as her husband, not that you might rule over her, but that you might be her helper.

“One victory it is positively essential for you both to gain,- -the victory over the stubborn will: In this struggle you can conquer only by the aid of Christ. You may struggle hard and long to subdue self, but you will fail unless you receive strength from on high. By the grace of Christ you can gain the victory over self and selfishness. As you live His life, showing self sacrifice at every step, constantly revealing a stronger sympathy for those in need of help, you will gain victory after victory. Day by day you will learn better how to conquer self and how to strengthen your weak points of character. The Lord Jesus will be your light, your strength, your crown of rejoicing, because you yield your will to His will. By His help you can utterly destroy the root of selfishness...Forbearance and unselfishness mark the words and actions of those who are born again, to live the new life in Christ.”--Testimonies,



Vol. 7, pp. 45 through 50.

of God Show that obedience to God's Word is our only safeguard against the evils that are sweeping the world to destruction. Parents...by their example and teaching, the eternal destiny of their households will in most cases be decided.

"If parents could be led to trace the results of their action,... many would break the spell of tradition and custom "Press home upon the consciences of parents, the conviction of their solemn duties, so long neglected. This will break up the spirit of Pharisaism and resistance to the truth as nothing else can. Religion in the home is our great hope, and makes the prospect bright for the conversion of the whole family to the truth of God."--Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 119.

Only in such a Christian home is Christ's Kingdom exemplified. And in thus reflecting the Kingdom here, all such homes will, when banded together collectively, make up the Kingdom hereafter. How important, then, that the mother and the father cooperate to the full in conducting the home altogether in Christ's way in order to insure its existence both now and forevermore!

Failure on the part of either, to carry out these principles, will wreck the home and scatter the family not only for the present but also for eternity, whereas careful practice of them will safeguard the family's prosperity and happiness in this world, and insure its eternal continuance in the world to come.





# THE ENLIGHTENED, PROGRESSIVE WAY OF LIFE



“As thy days, so shall thy strength be.” Deut. 33:25.

This scripture plainly reveals that God never intended that man should be sick or weak, and pass away before his days be full, but that he should retain his strength commensurate with his age, and die, not of disease, but of ripe old age.

“And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he [the wicked] came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind? All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.” Eccles. 5:16, 17.


Naturally those who go on living independently of God, are not only committing wickedness, even

though unconsciously, but are also laboring in vain. Furthermore, their eating in darkness, not having Divine light on the subject, causes them to eat food such as brings, not strength, but sorrow, wrath, and sickness.

The two Divine Guides of life, the Word and Nature, as we have already seen are the best and the only teachers that speak with

## YOUR FOOD IS YOUR MEDICINE





authority. Anyone, therefore, who neglects their counsel is unwittingly walking in darkness and heading for trouble, and if he should finally get into it certain it is that he will be anxious to get out of it. But as he may hastily grope about, he will find himself just as helpless to get out as he was to keep out. Any theory, therefore, however plausible or logical it may seem, is definitely misleading unless it be one hundred percent in harmony with the two never-erring Guides of life -- the Bible and Nature.

As these Teachers authoritatively speak that man was made out "of the dust of the ground" (Gen. 2:7), there is good reason that the body of man and the soil of the earth contain the same minerals. Naturally, then, it is because flesh cannot adequately perpetuate itself on flesh that the plant is the agency which picks up the minerals from the soil and prepares them for human and animal consumption. Obviously, grains, nuts, fruit, and vegetables, man's original, best, and lawful diet, if used in the right proportions, will keep his mind keen, his body healthy, his morals and his integrity unquestionable.

There are number of books on the market, some advocating one thing and some another, but Nature and the Book of God both positively recommend these health-maintaining and character-building principles, and though fanatics may add to or subtract from, they are helpless to control the results. The "no-

grain" diet and the "fireless kitchen" ideas, although seemingly based on true principles, are only two of the many fruits of fanaticism. We, therefore, authoritatively declare that all who stay in the middle of the straight and narrow path, all who wisely make their daily menu only from the lawful foodstuffs, will doubtless preserve their health, and grow away from a beastly to a more noble and human-like nature; reap many blessings and avoid great curses.

#### OVEREATING

Since the average normal stomach holds about a quart, the average meal for an active person should never amount to more than a pint and a half. Overloading the stomach is as harmful to the system as to swill intoxicating liquor. Yes, even, more so. One of the resultant evils of such an erroneous habit is that, besides causing gastro-intestinal disorders, it enlarges the size of the stomach, and as a consequence the whole body becomes misshapen. Especially is this so with the youth who are in the growing stages, for one organ has influence over another. Besides such injuries overeating wears out the whole organism -- shortens the life. A milling machine grinds only a certain amount of grist before it breaks down, be it during a long or short period of time. The human machine in like manner can take care of only a fixed amount of food, then it, too, retires. Thus it is that one can, as it were, chew away his life.

Overeating causes fermentation, fermentation causes irritation, irritation causes constipation, and constipation opens the gateway to a multitude of diseases. Overloading anything is bad on its everything.

Let the reader, therefore, now be well reminded that man passes through three distinct periods in life: (1) the years of his growth, (2) the years of his prime, and (3) the years of his decline. While he is ascending the hill of development he needs food for growing besides for the upkeep of his body. But after he has reached the peak of maturity, and he moves out across the ridge prime of his life, he needs only to eat enough to keep himself going. And when he passes over the crestline of life, becomes older and less active, he then needs proportionately less. Taking more food than his body requires and his work calls for, wastes not only the food but needed energy, too, because he then overtaxes his digestive organs, forces them to do more than they are able, and uses his energy to grind needless food, to throw out excess poisons and wastes -- he overburdens his whole organism. And if this injudicious practice be continued on and on, also eating at any and all times, eating for fun rather than for health and strength, as men are in this age habitually doing, eventually the organs of the body will become unable to carry out such an unreasonable demand. Consequently, those who eat in such darkness, must pass through a period of misery, and end their lives long before their work is finished, before their usefulness is used up.

“Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!” Eccles. 10:17.

“The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.”

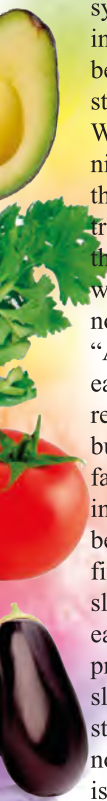
Prov. 13:25. Christians should eat to live, not live to eat.

#### EATING BETWEEN MEALS

Suppose you leave a little food in your breakfast dish, then at lunch add more to it, but again not use up the whole, and repeat this again and again, day after day. Can you imagine how the plate and the food will look and smell in a few days? Yet a person who eats between meals, eats before the previously taken food leaves the stomach, is unconsciously creating a condition that is just as bad.

If given no chance to empty from one meal to the next, the stomach is bound to ferment and to produce gas and toxins, so that what little energy is realized from the food, the system must use to throw out the poisons. Rather than take food between meals, flush your stomach with pure fresh water -- promote a good healthy appetite for the next meal. Moreover, if after a reasonable length of time all the food has not left your stomach, rather than eat only because the regular time for meal has come or only because you have a false hunger, keep on drinking warm water until your stomach becomes light and your appetite stimulated. Correct eating habits make one's earnings go further, promote health, increase energy, sweeten the breath, and develop amiability.





What a gain without having to invest!

“Regularity in eating is of vital importance. There should be a specified time for each meal. At this time, let everyone eat what the system requires, and then take nothing more until the next meal. There are many who eat when the system needs no food, at irregular intervals, and between meals, because they have not sufficient strength of will to resist inclination. When traveling, some are constantly nibbling if anything eatable is within their reach. This is very injurious. If travelers would eat regularly of food that is simple and nutritious, they would not feel so great weariness, nor suffer so much from sickness. “Another pernicious habit is that of eating just before bedtime. The regular meals may have been taken; but because there is a sense of faintness, more food is eaten. By indulgence, this wrong practice becomes a habit, and often so firmly fixed that it is thought impossible to sleep without food. As a result of eating late suppers, the digestive process is continued through the sleeping hours. But though the stomach works constantly, its work is not properly accomplished. The sleep is often disturbed with unpleasant dreams, and in the morning the person awakes unrefreshed, and with

little relish for breakfast. When we lie down to rest, the stomach should have its work all done, that it, as well as the other organs of the body, may enjoy rest. For persons of sedentary habits, late suppers are particularly harmful. With them the disturbance created is often the beginning of disease that ends in death.

“In many cases the faintness that leads to a desire for food is felt because the digestive organs have been too severely taxed during the day. After disposing of one meal, the digestive organs need rest. At least five or six hours should intervene between the meals....” -- Ministry of Healing, pp. 303, 304.

#### RIGHT HABITS, HYGIENE, AND EXERCISE BRING GOOD HEALTH

To overcome poor digestion drink warm water an hour before and two hours after meals. Eat slowly and thoroughly masticate your food, mixing as much saliva with it as possible. Always leave the table while yet hungry; and by all means keep your bowels open. Three bowel movements a day are advocated by health authorities; never less than two. Mark this point, do not lightly pass over it, for here is where the greatest share of diseases spring forth. Quickly attend to this business, for you cannot afford to make your body a septic tank for any length of time. If you have been constipated, and are suffering as a result, you need a thorough cleansing, not by three bowel movements a day, but by five. Even then it will take a period of time before any apparent healing results

can be obtained.

Remember, too, that your body is the Lord's tabernacle, that it should be kept clean within and without. Clean clothes and two hot baths a week, with cold water finish, also a quick cold shower or sponge bath daily, are essential -- a splendid tonic to keep out colds, and to help you keep up with the day's task.

Keep your house immaculately clean, within and without, especially the floors, furniture, and dark corners; and remember that uncovered and unclean cabinets and toilets kill the oxygen. Have the home attractive and orderly -- everything in its place. Ever remember that cleanliness is next to godliness, and that heaven-like law and order save energy, means, and time.

And do not forget that even more essential to health are fresh water, sunshine, pure fresh air and outdoor exercise. A home garden provides all these, and besides supplying the table with fresh life-giving food, it saves cash, too. Yes, home garden work can even keep the children out of mischief and at the same time help them to develop strong physiques, noble characters, and usefulness -- to learn to be industrious.

Never sleep in a room with closed windows. Breathe deeply; drink water at every opportunity; two quarts a day are not too much for a grown person -- only two glassfuls an hour or more

before breakfast, three between breakfast and dinner, two between dinner and supper, and in some cases one after supper; more in a hot climate. Be not overanxious to avoid sunshine. Always keep in mind that roses and fruit obtain their beautiful colors only when they come in direct contact with the rays of the sun, and that without the sun nothing can keep alive. Health makes a person beautiful, whereas artificial makeup on an anemic complexion never does. But if a sunless complexion is more appealing to you, then consider well and make your choice as to whether you wish to look better or to feel better. Moreover, you can use a hat with a wide brim to shade your face and still get the benefit of the sun's rays.

It is because no one can afford to stint himself on these three indispensables (sunshine, air, and water), that the Creator has lavished the earth more abundantly with them than with any other gift, and has placed them within the easiest reach of all living. These are the cheapest and most essential body requirements obtainable. Futile it is to stay away from them.

Those who fail to observe these health principles, cannot, of course, hope to regain health or even to maintain it at its present level.

*You are what you eat*

# Children's Corner.

## THE MEANING OF THE KING'S DREAM

### (Part II)

Dear children, today we will continue with the second part of our story about the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, I invite you to be very attentive:

Daniel continued, "This is the dream. And now I will explain to your majesty what the dream means. His majesty is the greatest of all kings, for the God of heaven has given him kingdom, power, might, honor, and dominion over all places inhabited by men, animals, and birds; he has put everything under the power of His Majesty, who is the head of gold. After the kingdom of His Majesty there will be another kingdom inferior to His Majesty, and then a third kingdom, of bronze, which will rule over the whole earth. Finally there will come a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; and as iron shatters and destroys everything, so that kingdom will shatter and destroy all the other kingdoms. "His Majesty also saw that one part of the feet and toes were of clay, and the other part of



iron; and this means that it will be a divided kingdom, though it will have some of the strength of iron, for His Majesty saw that the iron was mixed with the clay. The toes were partly of iron and partly of clay, and this means that the kingdom will be strong and weak at the same time. And just as His Majesty saw iron mixed with clay, so the rulers of this kingdom will be united by marriage alliances; but they will not be able to form one body with each other, any more than iron can be mixed with clay. During the rule of these kings, the God of heaven will establish a kingdom that will never be destroyed or dominated by any other nation, but will completely wipe out all other kingdoms, and it will last forever. That is what is meant by the stone which His Majesty saw falling from the mountain without anyone having pushed it away; a stone which turned iron, bronze, clay, silver and gold to dust. The great God has revealed to His Majesty what is to happen in the future. The dream is true, and its interpretation certain."

Well children, it's time to know the meaning of the different symbols, let's take a look at them:

Do you remember what metal the head was made of? ..... Of course if it was made of gold and that golden head represents the empire that ruled that king who had the dream, yes that head represented Babylon. Now, remember what metal were the breasts and arms?..... of course they were of silver, and represented that empire that

would conquer Babylon and they are the Medes-Persians.

Let's go to the third metal of the great image, do you remember what that third metal was?.....Well it was bronze, and bronze symbolized the empire of Greece.

Later would come the fourth metal, let's see what it would be?....excellent iron, and this metal would symbolize a very strong empire called Rome.

But we have a strange change in the last part of the great image and they are his feet and toes, remember what they are made of?.... strangely they are made of iron and clay and why is that? children here is something very interesting, this iron and clay can not mix with each other, you can tell your parents to show you how iron and clay do not mix, and that symbolizes precisely our present world, where we do not find unity, each country has its own government, religion, culture, etc.

The feet and toes of the image (Dan. 2), being a mixture of iron and clay, forecast an empire which cannot cleave together, the clay causing it to break into parts-into separate kingdoms: some large, some small, "partly strong, and partly broken."

Dear children, our story continues, there is a very important part in this dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, to which we must pay close attention, I invite you to be very attentive to the outcome of this wonderful story. Blessings to all.



# Field Report



## Kenya

We are very thankful to the lord we have a new bible worker in Kenya. Brother Wilfred Ondunde is our new worker there. He is currently studying with about 14 believers as the work continues to grow in that part of the vineyard. The ministry sent a complete set of charts se he can use them to teach the message and we are making plans to have a small printing operation there in Kenya as the lord directs us. Please continue to pray for the work in Kenya and Africa as a whole.







# Vanuatu

We are happy to announce that Sister Lienne Toa is our new bible worker in Vanuatu. In 1999 Brother Terry visited Vanuatu for the first time. This was due to a constant correspondence with Bro. Edson Tabianga for several years and a request for a visit. The work was progressing as interest was growing. For two weeks we had Bible study at a community center rented by the new believers. Resistance had already begun prior to my arrival, and the Pastor of the local church did not welcome my visit. He was more infuriated when on my first Sabbath visit, I and who turned out to be the first elder, washed each others feet for the communion service they had that day. The Pastor stormed into one of our evening meetings and tried to send everyone home! He was told he had no authority to do so. He then told several of us not to attend his church anymore. Nonetheless, we did attend

the following Sabbath and were escorted out to to street where we stood by the gate. As a result, we were attacked by two embers who held offices in that church. Sis. Lienne Toa was in attendance that day and later asked why the incident occurred. The new believers shared the message with her and she has been a believer since then, even serving on the local board.

In 2018, I visited again for 2 months and conducted a DLI class in which Sis. Lienne attended and graduated. She continued to serve as secretary of the board and added Bible work as a part of her duties.

République de Vanuatu; Bislama: Ripablik blong Vanuatu), is an island country located in the South Pacific Ocean. The archipelago, which is of volcanic origin, is 1,750 km (1,090 mi) east of northern Australia, 540 km (340 mi) northeast of New Caledonia, east of New Guinea, southeast of Solomon Islands, and west of Fiji.



*U.S.A*

The work here in the United States continues to grow. We have believers scattered throughout the country in many states, including Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, California and, many other states. The lord is continuing to bless this ministry in the English field as well as the Spanish field.

New believers are joining our ministry as we continue to “Teach only that which is published”. We give glory and honor to our God for blessing this ministry.



*Mexico*

The work in Mexico has been affected by divisions throughout the years. Nevertheless, we have a nice group there of faithful believers standing on the truth. A few families found throughout the country are united with us to “Teach only that which is published”. We ask for your prayers so that the work can continue to grow in Mexico.



## El Salvador

The work in El Salvador was started around 1997 when brother Rene and another worker visited the country. Since then, the work has grown greatly. After going through difficult challenges and divisions for many years. We are happy to see a faithful group stand on the truth. Currently the brethren are active passing out literature in churches and having Bible studies on Sabbath afternoons and throughout the week. Let us continue to pray for the group in El Salvador.



## Colombia

In Colombia we are present in the departments of Antioquia, Valle del Cauca, Cundinamarca and Risaralda, among others. The group consists of 20 brothers who are distributed in these four departments especially. Where they are visited by the worker of Colombia encouraging and reinforcing the studies and supporting the new contacts and sympathizers of the Message.

We are grateful for the support that has been given to us through the Pre-11th Hour Ministry, to acquire a motorcycle for the worker and thus be able to assist



the brothers who are in the most remote areas and more difficult to access.

We hope to move forward trusting in God and doing our part.

# Obituary

Bonnie Louise Smith was born in Seattle, WA on March 29, 1930. Her family moved to Texas when she was 7 years old. She met her husband there at the age of 26. Bonnie Smith has been a resident of Salem S.C. since around 1988. She had visited the area before because she had had friends here for years.

She moved to Salem with her husband Sidney, and they decided to settle down in the area shortly after their granddaughters were born.

She delivered a speech at Baylor University about her experience on Mount Carmel, Waco Texas during the Depression and World War II. She was an evangelist and was always happy to give her testimony. When someone had a question about scripture, they would ask her, and she would share her knowledge. She was a loving, kind, and generous Christian woman, who loved her family and friends. She was always thinking of others and lending a helping hand in any way she could. She would encourage and give hope to people. Her Christian faith was of the utmost importance to her. She loved everyone and wanted to visit them especially on Sabbath.

She learned how to play the accordion and piano while she was young and loved to sing, draw, and paint. She had beautiful handwriting and



even studied calligraphy. She was a health enthusiast and cooked for many years. She was able in her youth to lift a 100-pound bag of flour. She enjoyed God's creation by going on nature walks and watching National Geographic. She was an animal lover and very much disliked bugs. She always looked forward to spending time with family and friends. Her favorite holiday was Thanksgiving. For birthdays she would call and say, "Thank You, God, for preserving (him/her) another year." She had family and friends all over the United States and all over the world. She was known for her love for the Lord and was faithful till the end.

Bonnie's father Abram George Smith and mother Alice Rosalee Grownemiare had 4 children Betty, Clifton, Bonnie, and Rosalee. Bonnie Smith is survived by her son Byron and two granddaughters Olivia and Sylvia and two grandchildren Naomi and Thomas Urias.

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## Announcements:

We are happy to announce our upcoming convocation to take place in Texas on Labor Day weekend. You are more than welcome to come and fellowship with us. More details will be given as the date approaches.