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ALSO OUT OF THE MIDST THEREOF CAME THE LIKENESS OF FOUR LIVING CREATURES. AND THIS WAS THEIR APPEARANCE; THEY HAD THE LIKENESS OF A MAN. EZEKIEL 1:5

History & Prophecy

The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth *Education*, 177, 178.

Upon the banks of the river Chebar, Ezekiel beheld a whirlwind seeming to come from the north, "a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber." A number of wheels, intersecting one another, were moved by four living beings. High above all these "was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it." "And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings." Ezekiel 1:4, 26; 10:8. The wheels were so complicated in arrangement that at first sight they appeared to be in confusion; but they moved in perfect harmony. Heavenly beings, sustained and guided by the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, were impelling these wheels; above them, upon the sapphire throne, was the Eternal One; and round about the throne a rainbow, the emblem of divine mercy.

As the wheellike complications were under the guidance of the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, so the complicated play of human events is under divine control. Amidst the strife and tumult of nations, He that sitteth above the cherubim still guides the affairs of the earth.

The history of nations that one after another have occupied their allotted time and place, unconsciously witnessing to the truth of which they themselves knew not the meaning, speaks to us. To every nation and to every individual of today God has assigned a place in His great plan. Today men and nations are being measured by the plummet in the hand of Him who makes no mistake. All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes.

The history which the great I AM has marked out in His word, uniting link after link in the prophetic chain, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tells us where we are today in the procession of the ages, and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order.

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RAINDROPS CAUSE THE PATTERN

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Have you ever watched rain drops fall into water, on a lake for example? What does it do? The rain drop hits the surface of the water and causes several rings to appear and those rings grow bigger and bigger. What happens when there is a heavy downpour of water drops on the water surface? It causes many rings to appear, but these rings also overlap each other. One day I was watching this very phenomena of nature and it taught me an extraordinary lesson about the pattern of our prophetic lines. This is what we will consider in this article.

Object Lessons for Us

First we have to ask ourselves the question; what is an object lesson? If you look up the word object lesson in Wikipedia, they tell you that an object lesson is a lesson taught (especially to young children) using a familiar or unusual object as a focus. It is an example from real life that typifies/explains a principle or teaches a lesson. Anything used as an example or lesson which serves to warn others as to the outcome that is a result from a particular action or behavior, as exemplified by the fates of those who followed that course, let that be an object lesson to him, is an object lesson.

First the Natural, Then the Spiritual

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 1 Corinthians 15:46. The Bible tells us that first comes the natural or we can also say, first comes the literal, followed by the spiritual. First we have to understand the literal to understand the spiritual. God gives us phenomena in nature to teach us something spiritual. Therefore the phenomena of the raindrops causing circles, teaches us a spiritual lesson.

The Prophets of God Spoke Less for Their Own Time

"The prophets of God spoke less for their own time than for the ages to come, and especially for the generation that would live amid the last scenes of this earth's history. 'Not unto themselves but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, which things the angels desire to look into.' 'All these things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.' The prophets and apostles meet and unite their witness, testifying of the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. The wonderful events in the history of the children of Israel are not to be lost sight of or ignored because of the lapse of time. They are jewels of truth that have been placed in false settings. Christ came to redeem them from error, and to reset them in the framework of truth, that they might shine in their native purity and attractive loveliness. By Him they have been made to give forth a brighter and more powerful luster than ever before." *The Signs of the Times*, January 13, 1898.

Sister White tells us here that everything written in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy is written for us at the end of the world, to teach us, to warn us and to reveal the future to us. Therefore we see that the phenomena of the raindrops is also a lesson to us here at the end of the world. The raindrops are the literal application and when we watch them and see them falling into the water, God tries to teach us something spiritual through them. Therefore we want to dig a little deeper to see what those raindrop circles mean.

There Is Nothing New Under the Sun

The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, see, this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before



us. Ecclesiastes 1:9,10. We all know this Bible passage very well in this present truth message. We use this passage to show that throughout history we always see the same pattern in a line, which allows us to draw the reform lines line upon line. But let us look at the same truth from a different angle. A wheel represents the exact same concept. A wheel has a starting point and once it goes all the way around it starts at the same point again. When a wheel is moving we are able to see that it perfectly demonstrates what Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10.

Wheels within Wheels – Ezekiel 1

We see that a wheel can represent the history of this earth. We are told there is nothing new under the sun and that which has been, shall be again. Now let us take a look at Ezekiel 1. In this chapter, the prophet Ezekiel has a vision where he sees wheels. But before we talk about the wheels in this chapter, we want to talk about the chapter itself to identify some characteristics therein.

And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. Ezekiel 1: 4, 5. Here we are told that Ezekiel sees four living creatures, which we will prove represent the four angels on our reform lines. These creatures have the same characteristic as those four angels. But as we progress in our study this will become clearer. Let us continue with the chapter in Ezekiel.

And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. Ezekiel 1:6-9. Here we are

told the likeness of the creatures. Their appearance have very similar attributes to angels. For example, they have wings and faces and their likeness is as of a man. Next we are told that those four creatures are "joined to one another" and we know that the angel's messages are "joined to one another." You cannot separate the first angel's message from the other two. You cannot just skip one or leave one out. They belong together and no man can separate them.

We also see that those creatures or angels did not turn when they went and that everyone went straight forward. This symbolizes that they do not turn to either side from their path. This straight forwardness is similar to sister White's first vision when she saw the Advent people walking in the light of the Midnight Cry, straight forward on the path unto heaven, having their eyes fixed on Jesus. And those who did not walk "straight" fell off to the wicked world below. A reform line represents this path leading to heaven on a line, and we see that every one of those angels on our reform line are walking straight forward as well.

As for the likeness of their faces; they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. Ezekiel 1:10. It is interesting that these creatures have a face of a man, a lion, an ox and an eagle. Back in the time of ancient Israel, when the people of Israel journeyed through the wilderness, they would stop to camp, their camp was always organized. There was no mess in the camp. God is a God of order and he wanted His people to be organized. So He gave them specific instructions on how they were to set their tents up. They divided the twelve tribes into four groups of three, always the same three in each group and each group would place itself on the four cardinal directions around the sanctuary. The sanctuary was always the center of the camp, representing that God is always the center in everything. And going out from the sanctuary were three tribes to the north, east, west and south.



Each of these four groups had its own flag. And it is not a coincidence that the animal faces Ezekiel saw in his vision are the very same animals which were used on the four flags. Every tribe group had its own flag with an animal representing it. Those four tribe groups always had one leading tribe. This means that when they were setting up the camp or breaking it down, this tribe would lead out and give directions so everything would be well organized and in smooth array. We therefore see that the man, the lion, the ox and the eagle are representing a work of organization, leading out and giving structure. On our timeline we see that the four angels give a structure, they guide and lead, nothing on the time line is by coincidence, everything has its place, its proper order, everything is organized because we serve a God of order.

Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. Ezekiel 1: 11-14.

We see here that God's spirit is guiding those creatures, just as the Holy Spirit guides the reform lines. And a little bit further down in the verse it says that the likeness of the living creatures was like the appearance of lamps which "went up and down among the creatures." This may represent the lamp of the Midnight Cry. In Genesis 15 God himself walks through the sacrifices Abraham is offering, as a burning lamp, which we mark as the Midnight Cry. A lamp also represents a church (Revelation 3) and we mark the beginning of the church triumphant at the Midnight Cry. As sister White saw in her

first vision, the Advent people were walking in the light of the Midnight Cry, and that light set behind them and Jesus was at the end of the path and shed more light upon them. Through the principle of the beginning also being the end, we know that the light God sheds upon us is the Midnight Cry, it is a lamp unto us which enlightens our paths unto heaven.

In the same verse we are told that out of the fire comes lightning. In the next sentence we see that the creatures ran and returned like a flash of lightning. We see lightning a few times in the Bible. For example in Revelation 11, when the temple of God in heaven is opened.

Jacob sees in his dream a ladder reaching all the way from heaven to earth and he saw angels walking up and down.

"Jacob in the night vision saw earth connected with heaven by a ladder reaching to the throne of God. He saw the angels of God, clothed with garments of heavenly brightness, passing down from heaven and up to heaven upon this shining ladder. The bottom of this ladder rested upon the earth, while the top of it reached to the highest heavens and rested upon the throne of Jehovah. The brightness from the throne of God beamed down upon this ladder and reflected a light of inexpressible glory upon the earth. This ladder represented Christ, who had opened the communication between earth and heaven.

"In Christ's humiliation He descended to the very depths of human woe in sympathy and pity for fallen man, which was represented to Jacob by one end of the ladder resting upon the earth, while the top of the ladder, reaching unto heaven, represents the divine power of Christ grasping the Infinite and thus linking earth to heaven and finite man to the infinite God. Through Christ the communication is opened between God and man. Angels may pass to and fro from heaven to earth with messages of love to fallen man, and to minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation. It is through Christ alone that the heavenly messengers minister to men." *Confrontation*, 46.



Those angels bring messages to the heirs of salvation. These messages are truth, and truth is light. So the angels are bringing light down from heaven. And in both passages Ezekiel 1:14 and in the Spirit of Prophecy quote above we see that the angels run to and fro. In this action of bringing light down to the earth and going up again, the angels appear to be a flashes of lightning.

Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. Ezekiel 1: 15, 16. We are told in this Bible passage that "their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel." This is just another way to define fractals. We see a pattern/structure on our reform line in a large picture, but when it is when we zoom in that we see the details of the same pattern/structure again.

When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went. As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four. And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. Ezekiel 1: 17-21. This passage contains a lot of details. We see the close connection between the creatures and the wheels.

"And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up". Even though they are two different things, the creature and the wheels, each demonstrating something different,

they cannot be separated. They are attached to each other and both follow the spirit wherever he goeth.

In the passage it says "The spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." This shows us that the Holy Ghost is in those wheels. As we pointed out in Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10 there is nothing new under the sun, and therefore the prophetic history which repeats itself throughout history can be represented by a wheel and we were just told that the spirit is in the wheels. The Holy Ghost is in the wheel of prophetic history which repeats itself throughout history. He is the one guiding all the reform lines. "When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." Imagine if we would draw this verse on a piece of paper. We would start drawing a line as they go forward, when they stood, they tarry, when they are lifted up from the earth we would draw something which looks like a way mark on our line. Therefore we see here that those creatures are actually drawing the reform lines as they go forward. Later on we will see more clearly how reform lines are connected with the wheels. But first we want to examine the wheels more closely.

What Is a Wheel?

What is a wheel? Again if we type 'wheel' in Wikipedia we get the following information. "A wheel is a circular component that is intended to rotate on an axle bearing."

How Can a Wheel Be within a Wheel?

We were told in Ezekiel 1 that Ezekiel saw wheels within wheels. Let us break this fact down in a very simple manner. Cogs are a type of wheels. Imagine our calendar being a cogwheel system. We would have a cog wheel for a minute, an hour, a day, a month and also one for the year. All those cogs are working individually but they also work together. As the cog wheel of the minutes turn, it slowly moves the bigger cog which has the time period of an hour and as this moves forward it turns the wheel for the day and so on. We can see here that we can only calculate one year because all the cog wheels with shorter time



periods work together. One is building upon the other. We can see it also as Ezekiel did, "cogs within cogs" or as Ezekiel says "wheels within wheels." Now you have different options to look at this picture. You can look at the system as a whole or you can zoom in and look more closely on the connection between a minute, an hour and a day. We will see the same structure when we look closely as we saw in the big picture. But they teach us something different. One shows us a minute, the other explains an hour or a day. Or we can look at an entire month or the year. It is always the same structure, only teaching us different lessons. And this is how fractals on our reform line work. It is the same pattern in the big picture as in the little picture, and depending on which level we are looking it teaches us something different.

Turning Points

As we read earlier, a wheel can only function because it has an axle bearing. In other words, a wheel is only a wheel because it has a turning point. Let us see what sister White says about turning points.

"There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement. From that word we understand that the forces are now at work that will usher in the last great conflict between good and evil—between Satan, the prince of darkness, and Christ, the Prince of life. But the coming triumph for the men who love and fear God is as sure as that His throne is established in the heavens." *Bible Echo*, August 26, 1895.

She says that at every turning point we receive more light which is to enlighten our path unto heaven. If we reject the light "spiritual declension and

shipwreck follows." If we receive the light "there is spiritual progress." We see that every waymark on our reform line is a turning point for the "history of nations and the church." Were 1989 and 9/11 turning points in the history of nations and the church? Indeed they were. Will the Midnight Cry and the Sunday Law be turning points in the history of nations and the church? Indeed they will be! At every waymark we see a turning point which is the axle bearing of a wheel. We can see the principle she addresses: that there are periods which are turning points. A wheel has a turning point, the axle, but to actually turn the wheel it takes a period of time. Therefore we see around every waymark which is a turning point, a wheel which is a time period. And through the principle of repeat and enlarge or through fractals, those wheels on our reform line overlap. This is where we see the phenomena of "wheels within wheels" as the raindrops fall onto the water. And just like the cog wheels that build upon each other in order to calculate a year, so do the wheels of our reform line build upon each other to give us the prophetic picture. And it is when Ezekiel sees this vision that he falls to the ground (Ezekiel 1:28) and this needs to be our experience. We need to be humbled into the dust as all the prophets were and acknowledge how great God is.

When Ezekiel first saw the "wheels within wheels" they seemed to be in confusion but as he looked closer he realized that they moved in perfect harmony. At first when we look at our reform line and we see all the different truths on there, all the different levels on which we can look at things, it seems very confusing to us. But as we progress in the knowledge of God we see that there is perfect harmony within the wheels, there is perfect harmony in all the different levels of truth and we realize that the Lion of the tribe of Judah is guiding everything and we are to follow wherever he goeth. Sister White mentioned that at those turning points the light for this time period is given. What is the light? Is not the light a message, a true message? Is it not the present truth message which is given at every waymark? And what is present truth? It is the prophetic message.



Confusion, But Still Perfect Harmony

In closing let us read some sister White quotes, in which she comments on the wheels in Ezekiel.

"The sixth chapter of Isaiah has a deep and important lesson for every one of God's workmen. Study it with humility and earnest prayer. The first and second chapters of Ezekiel should also be carefully studied. The wheels within wheels represented in this symbol was confusion to the finite eye. But a hand of infinite wisdom was revealed amid the wheels. Perfect order is brought out of the confusion. Every wheel works in its right place, in perfect harmony with every other part of the machinery." *Christian Leadership*, 26.

"To the prophet, the wheel within a wheel, the appearance of living creatures connected with them, all seemed intricate and unexplainable. But the hand of Infinite Wisdom is seen among the wheels, and perfect order is the result of its work. Every wheel, directed by the hand of God, works in perfect harmony with every other wheel. I have been shown that human instrumentalities are liable to seek after too much power, and try to control the work themselves. They leave the Lord God, the mighty Worker, too much out of their methods and plans, and do not trust to Him everything in regard to the advancement of the work. No one should for a moment fancy that he is able to manage those things that belong to the great I am. God in His providence is preparing a way so that the work may be done by human agents. Then let every man stand at his post of duty, to act his part for this time, and know that God is his instructor." *Gospel Workers*, 489.

"There were wheels within wheels in an arrangement so complicated that at first sight they appeared to Ezekiel to be all in confusion. But when they moved, it was with beautiful exactness and in perfect harmony. Heavenly beings were impelling these wheels, and, above all, upon the glorious sapphire throne, was the Eternal One; while round about the throne was the encircling rainbow, emblem of grace and love. Overpowered

by the terrible glory of the scene, Ezekiel fell upon his face, when a voice bade him arise and hear the word of the Lord. Then there was given him a message of warning for Israel." *Testimonies to the Church*, volume 5, 751.

"God is acquainted with every man. Could our eyes be opened we would see that eternal justice is at work in our world. A powerful influence, not under man's control, is working. Man may fancy that he is directing matters, but there are higher than human influences at work. The servants of God know that He is working to counteract Satan's plans. Those who know not God cannot comprehend His movements. There is at work a wheel within a wheel. Apparently the complication of machinery is so intricate that man can see only a complete entanglement. But the divine hand, as seen by the prophet Ezekiel, is placed upon the wheels, and every part moves in complete harmony, each doing its specified work, yet with individual freedom of action (Manuscript 13, 1898)." *Seventh Day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1161.

"God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth—the messages of the first, second, and third angels—He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world.

"The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Christ declares to His followers: 'Ye are the light of the world.' Matthew 5:14. To every soul that accepts Jesus the cross of Calvary speaks: 'Behold the worth of the soul: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'" Mark 16:15. Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for time; it is to be far-reaching as



eternity. The love that Jesus manifested for the souls of men in the sacrifice which He made for their redemption, will actuate all His followers. Christ accepts, oh, so gladly! every human agency that is surrendered to Him. He brings the human into union with the divine, that He may communicate to the world the mysteries of incarnate love. Talk it, pray it, sing it, fill the world with the message of His truth, and keep pressing on into the regions beyond." *Counsels for the Church*, 58.

God's people who accept the message and sound the warning, represent the three angels of Revelation 14. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. Revelation 14:4. Christ is guiding the wheels and is within the wheels himself. Christ is guiding the three angels' messages, he is guiding us throughout history. Ezekiel 1 is teaching us that everything is connected with each other and it might look confusing, but that which seems to be in confusion is working in complete harmony. Therefore we should not give up if those lines seem confusing and contradictory to us, but let us pray more and ask God for more wisdom to understand His plan. As we grow in knowledge we become more at one with Lord as He is one with His Father.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 4:17-23.

PUBLIC EVANGELISM

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For a number of years we have taught within this movement that we, as Seventh-day Adventists are not to do public evangelism. This article is to explain in a brief way, why we are teach this.

Firstly, what is meant by public evangelism? By public evangelism is meant the action of hosting events which serve the purpose of evangelizing the world. These actions include things like going from house to house, health expo, churches hosting open-door days, and youth events where you invite your worldly friends to come to your church. Public evangelism means where you create events where the focus and goal is to evangelize people from outside the world. Public evangelism does not mean that if you meet a person, which is not an Adventist, that you cannot give them a copy of *The Great Controversy*. Or if you are a doctor, and you have your own practice, that you cannot freely offer Ellen G. White books to your patients. We are to witness our faith wherever we are. The issue is if we are hosting events which consume much time and money to evangelize the world when all those talents should be used to evangelize our brethren within the church.

This brings us to our next point. We believe that soon there will be the greatest evangelism campaign which the world has ever seen. This is when the loud cry will be heard everywhere in the world. This power, this cry is led by the Holy Spirit. We also call it the outpouring of the latter rain. When you look closely at the matter we will find that when the latter rain is being poured out upon the world, and the loud cry is heard everywhere, it is proclaimed by a people of God which are moving like an army. An army is well trained and there is perfect organization. Therefore if the loud cry is proclaimed by the army of God, there will have to be a point in time when God forms this army and trains it to become one unit. We believe that this has to happen before the world can be warned and evangelized.



"The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. The world can only be warned by seeing those who believe the truth sanctified through the truth, acting upon high and holy principles, showing in a high, elevated sense, the line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God and those who trample them under their feet. The sanctification of the Spirit signals the difference between those who have the seal of God and those who keep a spurious rest day." *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 980.

We can see that the world can only be warned, or let us call it evangelized, when God has a people which perfectly reflect his character. This is the reason why we say that now is not the time for public evangelism. Now is time to let God do the work of getting his army ready for the big battle.

The condition of the Adventist church is not how God wants it. First, there needs to be a work reformation and of revival within the church. It is then that God can lift up his church to the world as an ensign. If we do public evangelism we are calling people into a church which does not reflect God. The result thereof is that people are disappointed and leave the church again. The church first has to go back to its first love, like the pioneers did in order to give the final warning message to the world.

It is a little bit like a sick person. When a person is sick of cancer and he knows the cure but he does not apply it himself, but keeps telling another person, which is also sick with cancer "you have to do this and to that in order to get well again," would not the cancer patient say: "If your cure is that good, why don't you first apply it to yourself?" That is the condition of Adventism. We are a sick church (Laodicea) and we have the remedy (Ellen G. White calls in *Testimony Treasures*, volume 1, 477 the gold, raiment and eye salve. Those three things represent the everlasting gospel.), but we do not apply the remedy to ourselves, rather we are trying to apply it to the world. But that is not the how it works. First Adventism has to get healed and then the world can get healed.

We can see this also based about the principle of 1 Peter 4:17. Judgment begins at the house of God. We are living in the final moments of this earth's history. The investigative judgment is going on in heaven and soon Christ will finish his work in the most holy place above. Paul tells us that judgment will first come upon the church. Meaning that at the end of the world, judgment will be first pronounced on the Seventh-Day Adventist church since we are God's people. After we are judged, then the world is judged. This is another reason why this movement teaches that we are to bring the message to Adventism first, before we can take it to the world. We are judged first. Our brothers and sisters in the church might "die" because we are giving the final warning to the world, but our brethren in the church need the remedy first, more than ever, before it is too late. The Bible says that we are to warn our brethren, if we do not warn them then God will require our blood (Ezekiel 33:7-9). That is why there is so much effort brought forth to bring present truth into the Adventist church. It is to awaken the people; it is to give the final warning message to God's people to get ready for his coming; to be part of his army which he will use to warn the world in the greatest evangelism campaign the world has ever seen!

Let us give another reason as to why we are to work within the church now and not evangelize the world. When Christ had risen from the dead and went back to heaven, he told his disciples to evangelize all nations and people (Matthew 28:19,20). He also said that they were to wait for his Spirit, which would empower their work. That was at Pentecost. Where were they till Pentecost? Christ had told them to stay in Jerusalem during that time and wait for his Spirit (Luke 24:49). This waiting took place in the upper room. What were they doing there? They were studying the prophecies, confessing sins to each other and there was also a work of organization by the selection of Mathias (Acts 1). This all happened before Pentecost.



In Acts 2:1 we see that Luke says that when Pentecost had fully come they were all in one accord. That means at Pentecost there was perfect unity among the disciples. The army's training was complete and was now ready for battle. This is exactly what has to happen in our time. Pentecost is when the Spirit of God is fully outpoured upon the earth at the Sunday Law. Before the Sunday Law, God's church has to be in one accord, all sin needs to be confessed and they have to be an organized army ready for battle. Interestingly, the disciples were to wait for the Spirit, they were told to tarry in Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the church, which means that God tells us that till Pentecost (Sunday Law) we are to tarry within the church and do the work necessary within the church in order to get ready for battle and give the message to the world. Everyone who wanted to evangelize before Pentecost, did it without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. This means today, if we are trying to evangelize the world, even though it is not the time for it, we are doing this work without the endorsement of our Lord. Can the Lord bless a work like that, when we go off by ourselves? No, he cannot. That is why we can also see that the public evangelism work does not bring much fruit at the moment, not as it should or could. Its results are the opposite. We as are actually lowering the standard in order to make it easier for people outside of the church to join the Adventist church. God never lowers his standards. He always calls us to come up higher and higher.

Now the question might be raised, why are we not to evangelize the world even though Ellen G. White over and over tells us about how evangelism is our job. How can Adventists neglect the duty which they were given over a 160 years ago?

It is true, the job of Adventism was and is to do evangelism. There are enough quotes from sister White to prove that matter. But it just depends on the timing. As we already stated above, we can see that right now it is not the time to evangelize the world, but rather to evangelize the church. The other question is, would God require that which he once had forbidden? Would God require that we evangelize

within the church (Jerusalem), even though through his prophet, we are told that it would be better for the church to go into the cities and do the work there? Would God require of his people to now not go into the cities, but rather stay at home within the church? Yes.

Public evangelism is a special test at the moment for Adventism. We even have an example of a special test in the Bible. Abraham was told that he was to serve one God; and that this one God has no pleasure in human sacrifices. Abraham was known in his area for fearing God and keeping his commandments. It was known Abraham that he would not sacrifice human blood upon altars. Why, then, did God tell him to go, take his son and sacrifice him as a token of love? Was this not contrary to what God had told Abraham and what he had practiced for many years? Why did God want from Abraham that which he had once forbidden? It is simple. God wanted to know if Abraham truly loved him and obeyed him no matter what. Abraham did not know that God had a different sacrifice in mind. Imagine the shame and reproach Abraham would have had to bear from his neighbours after sacrificing his son. But Abraham knew the voice of his Lord and he obeyed. So it is with us today. God can require from us something, while before he required something else. It is a test of how much we love him. On this we are being tested right now. The question only is, do we know God's voice? Can we hear him speaking to us? Are we willing to take the shame and the reproach for doing something contrary to what people have known us to do? Satan was telling Abraham other wise. He told him that God does not require what God once forbid and so today we hear the same voice again saying, how can we stay within the church today when God had called us to do public evangelism?

"The command was expressed in words that must have wrung with anguish that father's heart: 'Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, ... and offer him there for a burnt offering.' Isaac was the light of his home, the solace of his old age, above all else the inheritor of the promised blessing. The



loss of such a son by accident or disease would have been heart rending to the fond father; it would have bowed down his whitened head with grief; but he was commanded to shed the blood of that son with his own hand. It seemed to him a fearful impossibility.

"Satan was at hand to suggest that he must be deceived, for the divine law commands, 'Thou shalt not kill,' and God would not require what He had once forbidden. Going outside his tent, Abraham looked up to the calm brightness of the unclouded heavens, and recalled the promise made nearly fifty years before, that his seed should be innumerable as the stars. If this promise was to be fulfilled through Isaac, how could he be put to death? Abraham was tempted to believe that he might be under a delusion. In his doubt and anguish he bowed upon the earth, and prayed, as he had never prayed before, for some confirmation of the command if he must perform this terrible duty. He remembered the angels sent to reveal to him God's purpose to destroy Sodom, and who bore to him the promise of this same son Isaac, and he went to the place where he had several times met the heavenly messengers, hoping to meet them again, and receive some further direction; but none came to his relief. Darkness seemed to shut him in; but the command of God was sounding in his ears, 'Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest.' That command must be obeyed, and he dared not delay. Day was approaching, and he must be on his journey." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 148.

To close this article we would like to repeat that we are teaching that right now it is the time to evangelize the SDA church. To bring the present truth message to the church and let God train his army before the greatest evangelistic campaign of history will start at the Sunday Law. We all are called to be part of that army. We all should be ready. Our probation closes before it closes upon the world. It is God's mercy to give us extra time to get ready. The disciples were told to stay in Jerusalem till Pentecost, so we are to stay in Jerusalem, the church, till the Sunday Law.

We must take part in the upper room experience in order to be partakers of the experience at Pentecost (Sunday Law). The story of Abraham shows us that God can require of us something which he before required differently. By this God tests us. So we see that Adventism was called to evangelize the world, however, right now the Lord calls us to first do the work within the church, then at the Sunday Law we will evangelize the world with the power of the loud cry. The Lord is testing us right now if we truly love him and obey his command no matter what he says and no matter what the consequences are. We are to know his voice.

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. John 10:25-30.

STUDENT UPDATES

My experience at the *School of the Prophets* was a blessing. I learned a lot about the nature of man and the book of Revelation. The study on the nature of man helped me to understand the role of my will. The evening worship reading I especially liked. The outside labor it was a blessing. I am grateful to have met so many brothers and sisters in the truth. The experience I received at *School of the Prophets* will go back with me to Jamaica where I am a part of *The Last Waymark ministry*.

JG

Though I have only been here a short while, it has been such a blessing. Everyone was welcoming and determined to make sure that I was comfortable and had all I needed. The classes have been wonderful, deep, and so interactive that you feel you are part of the conclusion. I am looking forward to the rest of



my time here, to learn and get to know this extended family. Thank you to everyone for their support and love.

TL

What a blessing to be back at SOTP. It is sad we are almost half way through the trimester already! Brother Parminder's classes have been fantastic. I can see that the Lord is using him in a mighty way to educate and prepare His people for His soon return. May we all attain to that 'true education', which through diligent spiritual and physical effort, prepares our hearts and minds that we may have oil in our lamps when the cry goes forth at midnight.

Blessings,

LS

My time at SOTP has been a blessing. I anticipate the remainder of the trimester with bated breath and a nervous heart. The blessings God has granted the students here are manifold and we thank Him always for it.

AD

My experience here at SOTP thus far has been a joyous one. There is a nice mix of people and I like the team efforts. The classes with Parminder have generated a lot introspection, challenging me to step up even higher. We belong to a loving church family at Lambert and I am thankful for their kindness. I deem it a privilege to be here. I look forward to the coming months.

SC

My experience thus far has been fantastic! The people and class times have been a special delight, along with the needed spiritual preparation (reform lines) that the classes have brought out has been an awakening for my soul.

The physical labor has been great also. I have never done work like this before. Knowing that this type of work is approved by heaven and designed to make me into the image of Christ has given me a deeper appreciation for our beloved Savior.

Also, my family is really enjoying the time here. The girls are having a great time and they often come home speaking about how "awesome" class time is.

We could not ask for a better experience with God.

RC

My time at the *School of the Prophets* has been one of hidden treasures, and rich rewards far greater than rubies. Being a newborn to the 2520 message, the prophetic charts, and Sabbath-keeping, I have found myself in heaven here; quite literally, since nearly all my days are spent in the garden. Most times, the classes and information, for me, seems a bit like taking a drink from a firehose; the perpetual stream of light which floods my brain and being, speeds away erroneous thoughts or ignorant idolatry. With my knowledge of God increasing daily, the abomination of my worldly life lays desolate in the far distance, I cling to Christ as my guide. Nowhere to be found is fear of an unknown place or people, for the Lord rests here. Our song-filled worship is with a joyous Jamaican flare; our meals are healing and restoring culinary morsels of love; our labor is challenging yet rewarding, as our characters are developed: "It is thus that his destiny for eternity is decided," (COL 84) causing us to put every effort toward result, and none toward excuse, into glorifying the Lord. "The constant contact with the mystery of life and the loveliness of nature, as well as the tenderness called forth in ministering to these beautiful objects of God's creation, tends to quicken the mind and refine and elevate the character." (AH 142) As wise virgins and priests, we are given opportunities to exercise patience, brotherly kindness, and charity. And as we have been preparing for Camp, we most certainly have "let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Cor 14:40) With a grateful, and humble heart, I thank the School, Future for America and staff for their diligence and example of faith in laying this immense foundation upon which God has, is and will instruct His people. Bless you all.

AS



My experience here for the last month has been a very blessed and life-changing time in more ways than I can express. I truly want to thank God for using the team here at FFA and the teachers who have enhanced my life. I pray that God will continue to use you all.

OW

I am truly praising God for having brought me here to the *School of the Prophets*, I have gained an invaluable experience over this past month.

The staff members are warm hearted and hard working. You are an example that I will take with me wherever I go. Most of all, I thank you for allowing us to share in this wonderful experience. May God continue to bless you all and your labors.

MW

I am thankful for the opportunity to sow seeds and then see the fledgling plants rise up out of the earth. When sowing seeds, I would observe how small the seeds were. Then I wondered if this seed is as small as a mustard seed? The object lesson learned is: what seed am I sowing each day? Is it seed to God's glory or to the flesh? Am I sowing seeds of kindness? The seed is the word of God. Lk 8:4

I am blessed to learn a little more about pruning as we cut back the herbs in the outdoor planter. I realized that God wants to do this in my life. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, HE taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, HE purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. John 15:2; Gal 5:22-23

SM

The students for this trimester have been asked to write one paragraph sharing their time so far at the School based on what they have enjoyed, and even what they have not enjoyed.

From my own experience, I would say the most enjoyable part of being here, other than the classes, of course, has been working outdoors in the garden and learning the spiritual lessons from nature.

There are so many precious treasures to be gained outside, in my understanding, as when you are indoors studying you are taking in the 'intellectual' part of the message, however, the 'spiritual' part is the physical work in agriculture, in which the 'intellectual' and 'spiritual' are brought together as a whole.

Overall, I find that, it has been a truly 'character testing' experience. Studying in class, working in the garden, fellowship with other students, our interactions, learning to live with others, has allowed me to grow and learn about myself in a way that I have not been able to in other ways. A blessed experience thus far!

SJ

STUDENT UPDATES END OF FALL TRIMESTER 2017

In this trimesters' study of the nature of man, I came to understand the plowing work the Lord had been doing for years to break up and soften the hard, fallow soil of my heart. I had thought I had experienced a death of self before, but relationships quickly reveal that which is yet incomplete. Others mirror to ourselves the beauty and the grievous laying underneath. Experience reveals character of one's nature. Words can be eloquent, but empty. Actions speak truly. And until a person is fully aware of themselves - their thoughts, feelings, words and actions - and the impact they have on others, they have not yet fully laid themselves fully down. The "I" once known and familiar to me was not fully laid to rest. Un-surrendered lower passions were being triggered by situations which brought me back to the mirror, to the reflection of that former self. Seeing the old self as a whole other person, God asks if I will still love that person, because He did. It is a unique test, a Marah-like vision on a different level. What a blessed experience. To love that within us which we find ugly or unkindly. To see ourselves as beautiful, just as we are, the way Christ sees us. Striving always for perfection and improvement, but finding satisfaction in the work that has been done already. "The Lord has a great



work to be done, and He will bequeath the most in the future life to those who do the most faithful, willing service in the present life. The Lord chooses His own agents, and each day under different circumstances He gives them a trial in His plan of operation. In each true-hearted endeavor to work out His plan, He chooses His agents not because they are perfect but because, through a connection with Him, they may gain perfection." COL 330.1

With God's grace,

AS

As the last few days linger towards the final week here at SOTP, I have had a number of times of reflection to think about the numerous things that have been experienced as a student at SOTP. There are many to speak on. Apart from the blessings of learning new light and truth, at least new for me, in the classes over the weeks, I have found that being outdoors in nature brings a completely diverse and gratifying experience in my understanding. I enjoy looking at the things in God's creation to see how His spoken Word is life. As by beholding, more of the 'practical', not only, the theoretical, we are changed. Overall, it has been a truly blessed experience being a SOTP student, one which I may not have not always shown, yet, I highly appreciate the opportunities granted by the staff, to give individuals 'room to grow and mature' in their Christian walk. With Much Thanks.

SJ

This trimester was beyond awesome. I thank God for all that was experienced: the tears, the laughs, the fellowship, the friendships and more surely, the truths. The memories I have made were all as God needed it to be. The encounters were divinely assigned and well received. While I would not redo the trimester, for want of ascending the rounds of experience, I still pause to praise God for allowing me to be a partaker in all that happened. The staff have been like friends; the teachers mentors. The crust and core of my experience at SOTP is infinite. Thank you Lord for it all. I have grown

on account of it. I go home satisfied that the time has been well spent and I know this is only the beginning.

JG

THOUGHTS FROM THE READERS

Letter 01

The Bible says in 1 John 4:7&8 the following words: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." Passages within the gospels instruct us on how love behaves. It turns both cheeks to the smiters, it loves its enemies, it loves them that persecute and despitefully use people. 1 Corinthians 13 enumerates these thoughts best. I have come to realize that only an incarnate can love as the Bible admonishes.

I handled tearfully the closing scenes of the live of Christ. I never ever understood rightly the life of my Master. I do not know if I can be like Him, especially when the waning year of 2017 comes to view. I am most ashamed of the reflections I have of Arkansas. Even more, I am ashamed of some of the resolves I had preparatory to coming by. I contrasted these with the scenes of Christ's life and I am pained sore at my misrepresentation of Him.

The lessons of the past trimester are in keeping with our current needs. I pray you've had time to mull over their truths. We were learning the prophetic applications to Christ's earthly ministration. When you read the actual accounts from *The Desire of Ages* your heart breaks on account of the high standard we are called to. The book *Education* says: higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness-godlikeness- is the goal to be reached.

Our call to incarnation has been predestined. Read Romans 8:28-30. We were called for justification and glorification. We are handling truths currently that tell us our time at probation is almost spent. I



do not know if this letter will be of benefit to you. I prayed for the words to say. I am currently at a place within my experience where I do not know what love, Christianity and godliness is. My previous thoughts have been undone. Of one thing am I certain: we are ignorant of the time of our visitation. We are on the border of all eternal realities.

I do not know if you have time to study. But you will never be at a disadvantage if you have the audio for the Bible and SOP books. God will bring things to your mind. The time is too dire for discouragement.

I hate wasting words. I have wasted so much and resolved to desist at it. I have been having an urging to prepare you a Sabbath letter. I pray the words are what you need.

All that lies before requires us to be incarnate. The standard is high but it is needful.

AD

Letter 02

Good evening and Happy Sabbath. I hope to be very brief in my words to you Elder Jeff. But, allow me first to express how blessed I have been from the thoughts the school has shared this week. It has given me much to mull over, the chief being this disappointment waymark.

I have thought with some detail on the matter and have engaged two friends in a discussion on the subject. My talks with Olevine Whyte was the most successful; for while we talked, I questioned whether Samuel Snow shared in the disappointment of April 19. She expressed having similar thoughts. Let me hasten to say I do not think he was disappointed with the others. Why? Because of the words he wrote relative to the autumnal termination of the prophecies.

A look at his letter to Brother Southard on February 22, 1844 is my first reference. My second will be sent to you in a subsequent email because the e-book I read it from is malfunctioning. I'll quote the first paragraph of the February 22 letter here:

Dear Bro. Southard,-I wish to present a few

thoughts, for the careful consideration of the dear brethren of the advent faith, on a point wherein I differ from many of them, i. e. the termination of the prophetic periods. This I would do, not because I seek controversy: far from it, "Let there be no strife between us, for we are brethren." Nor do I seek to discourage those who, with earnest desire, are looking for the appearing of our blessed Master, within the present Jewish year, 1843. Nor yet have I any desire to put the glorious day afar off. My whole soul breathes forth the prayer, "Come Lord Jesus, and come quickly." But the Lord has shown me, I think, that we must wait and suffer a little longer.

I will not detail to you the thoughts surrounding the prophecy ending in the year 1843; because you know more than I do that history. But, do you notice how Snow observed the year (1843) as still running at the time he wrote that letter? Also do you realize he said he differed from the others on when the prophecies would terminate? With this difference, sir, how could he have looked with any expectation for Christ to come April 18 and be disappointed the following day, 1D1M 1844? To the other Millerites 1844 was never to begin without Christ coming; hence the disappointment on the April 19. He shared too, though like a supposition, that they would need look beyond 1843 for the Lord's coming.

The classes Duane did have shown that Snow had his understanding of the autumnal termination long before the above letter was published. One suggestion, with proof, is that this understanding stemmed from the works of Miller. That though is beside the point. The article I will send you very soon tells that Snow was looking for Christ to come in the autumn of 1843 and it being passed, he transferred his expectation to the autumn of 1844. I submit to you then, with these few accounts that Snow wasn't among those disappointed on April 19. How could he be when he understood differently and was looking for his Savior in the autumn of 1844 and not the close of the year 1843?



What does this contribute to the thought on the April 19 waymark? To me it says that the disappointment will not be universal and that the understandings we're now having on the events of Daniel 11 (the PBM) will shield the believing from the disappointment that will come upon those that aren't following through with the advancing light of the seventh seal. The PBM is more powerful than we believe. It, I believe, is what will cause the two classes of virgins to sleep differently. See the quote below:

"'While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.' By the tarrying of the bridegroom is represented the passing of the time when the Lord was expected, the disappointment, and the seeming delay. In this time of uncertainty, the interest of the superficial and halfhearted soon began to waver, and their efforts to relax; but those whose faith was based on a personal knowledge of the Bible had a rock beneath their feet, which the waves of disappointment could not wash away. 'They all slumbered and slept;' one class in unconcern and abandonment of their faith, the other class patiently waiting till clearer light should be given. Yet in the night of trial the latter seemed to lose, to some extent, their zeal and devotion. The halfhearted and superficial could no longer lean upon the faith of their brethren. Each must stand or fall for himself." *The Great Controversy*, 394.

Be blessed dear sir and Maranatha!

AD

Letter 03 - Faith is the Victory

The Bible describes faith as an acceptance of something future. It tells of a belief in matters yet to be experienced. It, faith, is a prophetic belief. It is predicated on realities only known to be so through ancient history. It is founded on beliefs that are premised on prophetic information. This thought, when considered in relation to victory over sin, provides a most beautiful consolation.

The word says that Christ, in looking at us, sees who we are to be and not who we are. In the parable of the coin that was buried under rubbish, the word says that the value of the coin was not diminished while

it was so buried. The superscription it bore before its burial is the same that it had after it: the value was unchanged. Similar realizations can be reached when victory over sin is viewed through the lenses of prophecy. Victory over sin is the manner of living as Christ sees us living. It has our incarnate self as the "substance" and "evidence" of this process. I believe this understanding, if true, will yield positive results; for if we live always with our incarnate end in view, we will behave accordingly. Prophecy, according to this subject matter is seeing ourselves as Christ sees us: incarnate; and living with that end in view.

The work of a potter provides us with my very best example. When a potter sets down to work at a vessel, he does so with an end result in mind. Each touch and molding he does is toward allowing that mound of clay to be as he designs it to be. This end is prophetic and the submission of the clay to the process of molding is the prophetic belief we exercise when we believe what the word says about living a victorious life.

When applied to the line; we will see, under a different illustration, how the above information is typified. At the Time of the End God began His work at building the church triumphant according to the design He put to print during the period of darkness. Up to 9/11 He is at the task of quarrying the stones and doing the work preparatory to laying the foundation. At 9/11 the foundation is laid. From 2014 the building is advanced further with the addition of pillars and frames. By Midnight the fortifications of this structure is set up in the form of the streets and walls. But this final architecture began with the pattern or design God set to paper during the time of darkness. This pattern is prophetic in its nature because it tells of the structure to come and the work done towards its building is similar to us living the life of the sanctified and victorious.

When it is fully considered: sin, in all its forms, is inexcusable. The act of sinning is a matter of choice. Why not choose to live like an incarnate? Why not live according to the divine blueprint God has for the people of our reform line?

AD



UPDATE FROM BRAZIL

It has been a couple of months that I sent you an update on our project here in Brazil. We had a very blessed year. I remember well last year, February 2017 at the prophecy school, we were asking special prayers because we were looking for a property and at that moment we still had no clue where the Lord would have us establish the school. Now, we have a property, we have been blessed with means to begin, we have a small team of dedicated workers. We feel truly blessed.

At the moment we are in the summer season here, that is also rain season. Rain can sometimes continue to fall for weeks, thus making the dirt road to the property inaccessible. We still need a solution for this, i.e. an appropriate vehicle (4x4) for these conditions, this is above our budget at the moment. This is why we have fallen back a little in our schedule. We plan to start construct this or next week. In the meanwhile, we have started planting trees and vegetables.

Installation of electricity is still pending and is in our prayers. It depends on the schedule of the local electricity company and can take up to 10 months.

We finally have found a better place for us to rent. Neighborhood is less noisy, most times. It is still provisory, but provides us with good space.

An interesting option has arisen. Close to our property there is a facility that has been used as rehab clinic for drug addicts. It stands now empty and the owner wants to sell the property but would also rent it to us. It offers some basic infrastructure, i.e. a kitchen and canteen, 2 dorms and a second house for staff. It has many fruit trees on the surroundings of the facilities but 90% of the rest of the land is just used for cattle (the entire property is about 150ac).

We are considering renting the houses in order to start a volunteer trimester as soon as possible. Rent is relatively expensive, about US\$ 900, per month, and we are thinking if we can finance this in consideration of the whole building project, but it also offers an interesting solution we have been looking for. We

would like to know, what you think about this. We think, with the help of our brethren in Europe and USA / Canada, we could gather a group of skilled volunteers. The plan is to have enough structure built at our property by June/July so we can start a regular student's trimester. Thus we are looking 1. for a teacher during our volunteer trimester asap 2. a teacher for our regular trimester in late June or beginning of July.

In addition to that, Brother Hygor (and I) has plans to build up a clinic for natural treatments which would work in connection to the school, in some future moment. This place seems to be an interesting option. A fund has been created in order to gather means for this project.

At the moment we have a family from South-Africa with us. Their daughter has been our student last trimester. They are living with us at our place, but we need to find a more appropriate place for them. Having more volunteers would not be possible at the moment due to lack of space.

For the upcoming prophecy school in February, we have invited our three ministers, Parminder, Thabo and Marco. Following this, we will also have a few meetings in one or two places and a camp meeting at the school more of an internal kind in order to study with Brother Parminder and probably Marco. We believe this will be an important and blessed meeting. Without announcing much, about 60 brethren have registered for the meeting. We have space for about 100, so we hope more people will be moved to participate. It would make sense to announce this meeting in other countries, if we in fact would decide to have a volunteer trimester in continuation.

A few weeks ago, we had a small prophecy weekend with brethren that have been in the message for the longest time here in Brazil and we introduced the present truth topic on organization. We expected much discussion and questioning, since we know that many here still have strong (emotional) bounds to the conference church, but the Lord blessed us in a way that we could see that these brethren were all convicted of the importance and relevance of these



truths for the present moment. Without having touched much on the topic of baptism, one sister even has expressed her desire to be baptized, as soon as circumstances would allow.

We are grateful of the Lord's blessing and leading in the past year. We are confident he will continue to bless and lead us in this new year. You are in our prayers, please keep us in yours as well.

Yours in Christ,

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HISTORY & PROPHECY CONTINUED

"The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message:

"Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown:... exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.' Ezekiel 21:26, 27.

"The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, 'It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.'

"That time is at hand. Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming: 'Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars... Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.' Matthew 24:6, 7.

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and

women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place--that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

"Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.

"The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear.

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. . . . They have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate... The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.' Isaiah 24:1-18.

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come... The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.' 'The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.' Joel 1:15-18, 12." *Education*, 179, 180.



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We are pleased to invite you to a week-long prophecy school that will be hosted by *Future for America* and *School of the Prophets*. It will be held March 25 - April 1, 2018 on the grounds of *School of the Prophets*. We will be recording March's prophecy school for distribution in order that all (both attendees and those who cannot make the journey here to Arkansas) may share in the experience. The speakers for this prophecy school include: Marco Barrios, Richard Coleman, Thabo Mtetwa, Jeff Pippenger, George Seaman, and Tyler Sena.

If you wish to attend, please plan to arrive Sunday, March 25. Registration begins Sunday, March 25 at 4:00 pm. When you register, you will be given an itinerary for the week. Six meetings will be held every day on *School of the Prophets* campus, beginning Sunday evening at 6:15 pm and ending Sunday morning.

For those who wish to lodge with us, please note that we cannot guarantee private accommodations. Also, lodging with us requires advance reservations. If you have not already reserved your place please call immediately as space is very limited. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold your place. This \$50 will be applied to your total amount due when you arrive. For those who lodge with us you will be located in the small town of Glenwood. There is a 10-minute drive time to the school from Glenwood. Transportation is limited. Please plan on bringing your own vehicle and let us know if you have additional space for carpooling.

The complete package for the week, including the meal plan, booklet, and lodging will be \$200 per adult. However, if you are providing your own lodging and wish to go on the meal plan and receive a booklet, the cost for the week is \$125 per adult. For all other prices, please see the table below.

If you choose not to lodge with us, you must provide your own transportation. Separately, if you plan to travel by air, the local airport is in Little Rock, AR (LIT). We offer very limited airport transportation—this includes pickup on Sunday morning or early afternoon, March 25, and the drop off on Sunday morning or early afternoon, April 1. The cost for this service is \$75 per person. Please select arrival and departure times within regular business hours. We do not provide transportation outside of regular business hours. We will only provide limited airport transportation and will not be able to service anyone other than the March 25 or April 1 dates. All airport pickups are based on a first come first served basis. You must make advanced arrangements with us for this service.

A weekly meal plan is available for all who wish to use it. This includes two plant-based meals that will be provided every day, Monday morning through Sunday morning.

For families with children, we will be hosting a full children's program that will last for a large portion of every day. Please let us know ahead of time if you wish for your children to participate in this program.

The rates are listed on the table. For registration or questions, please contact us via email: bronwynpeck@gmail.com, or phone: 501.762.7025. We look forward to seeing each of you and pray the Lord blesses your arrangement to join us for the Spring 2018 Campmeeting in Arkansas. Love From, The Entire Team at *Future for America*

Package Deals	Ages 0-6	Ages 7-12	Ages 13+
Package 1: weekly meal plan + Booklet + Lodging	\$0	\$125	\$200
Package 2: Weekly Meal Plan + Booklet	—	—	\$125
Package 3: Weekly meal plan + Kid's Program	\$0	\$100	—
Package 4: Weekly Meal Plan	\$0	\$75	\$100
Other			
Cost per meal	\$0	\$8	\$10
Single rate: Airport Transportation (pick up + drop off)	\$0	\$75	\$75
Booklet	\$25		