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## Thy Kingdom Come — Part 4

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In this issue of the *Journal* we will continue to look into the subject of the pre-millennial kingdom.

It is important that we be logical thinkers and close reasoners. As we examine the Scriptures dealing with the kingdom, let us examine them with an open mind and a heart willing to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

We have already established the fact that this subject is one the Seventh-day Adventist Church fully rejects. The church continues to place the Bible evidence of this latter-day kingdom in a purely spiritual, and intangible context, while it places the literal fulfillment after the millennium.

In a previous *Journal* posting, we mentioned that James White in his book, "*Sermons on the Coming and Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ*" pg 71,72, (I will paraphrase to save space) stated, that this "stone kingdom" is not merely a spiritual kingdom, and that because it breaks into pieces and consumes the other kingdoms it must then run contempo-

rary with the perishable kingdoms of this world.

Although James White did not have a complete view on the latter-day aspect of this kingdom, he reasoned correctly that if it was to consume the other kingdoms, then it has to be in existence at the same time with them—"in the days of these kings." How would it be possible for one kingdom to consume another if they are not contemporary with each other?

If we would take the Bible just as it reads, as we have been admonished to do, and stop spiritualizing away the very literal truths it declares, less confusion would exist among God's professing people today.

What then is the real purpose for this kingdom? This very question was the one that plagued me when I began to study this topic.

Let us look at a few of the many reasons for this kingdom to be set up *before* Christ comes in the

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# Why Has The Songbird of Prophecy Stopped Singing?

Garrick Augustus, May 13, 2015



For a long while Seventh-day Adventists were known to be a “people of the book,” but in recent years, hailing from the 1957 marriage with the Evangelical Community, the Adventist songbird has been slowly losing its

voice, and today has altogether stopped singing. Whether you are a proselyte to the faith, or a multi-generational Adventist, one thing was very clear: throughout the membership the Bible was respected, and they made an effort to be faithful to its precepts. What a difference a generation makes! Today, Adventists are in politics, running profitable abortion mills where babies are robbed from their mother’s wombs for gain, involved with sexual abuses (incest is reportedly highest amongst Adventists), providing support to homosexuality, or at least the homosexual agenda, openly supporting Roman Catholic doctrines and –socio-political agendas, looking with admiration at Romanism, endorsed Spiritual Formation (Spiritualism) with NLP techniques, solemnizing Sunday as a day of worship, teaching evolution in their schools, abandoned health reform, dress, reform, social reform, sacred music reform, among a trail of other compromises, and has now brought us to the place where we are now debating whether or not the Bible endorses female pastors.

This state of affairs came courtesy of doctrinal apostasy, which has been the curse of ancient Israel as well. Under Samuel Israel looked around at all the ungodly nations and desired a king that they might be like them, and no sooner than Israel appointed its first king did they start acting the part of these unholly nations. Today, Adventists have looked not at the nations, but at the other denomi-*nations*, yearning at their free demonic worship styles of music and doc-

trines, and have imported them into the “faithful city,” and in its place have reaped “an harlot.” And as verily as the Spirit of Prophecy through Isaiah, some 2,750 years ago lamented over Israel’s unfaithfulness, in like manner that lamentation echoes in our ears today: “*How is the faithful city become an harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.*” Isa. 1: 21.

## Downplaying The Prophetic Role of The Papacy In The End Times

The first march of compromise, was to wend our way back home in the arms of “mother,” the Catholic church, and began to denounce our once deeply held doctrines. Here is former world president, Neal C. Wilson, consigning to the historical trash heaps some of the Adventists most treasured doctrines:

"Although it is true that there was a period in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when the denomination took a distinctly anti-Roman Catholic viewpoint...that attitude on the church's part was nothing more than a manifestation of widespread anti-popery among conservative Protestant denominations in the early part of this century and the latter part of the last, and which has now been *consigned to the historical trash heap* so far as the Seventh-day Adventist Church is concerned."[\[1\]](#)

In 1941 the Catholics made a public complaint against Adventist theologians, showing them up on the pages of prophecy, and in a few short years the Vatican won the hearts of our denominational leaders! Listen to the Catholic’s reprimand:

"A pamphlet has come to me entitled ‘The Mark of the Beast.’ It identifies the Pope with this ‘mark’ referred to in Revelations XIII. 17, 18.

"It is too bad that the Seventh Day Adventists, who

are so sensitive to criticism themselves, should circulate a pamphlet so antagonistic to the Catholic Church.

"The question you ask has been answered many times, although not in recent years in this paper. If we have recourse to the best Biblical scholars or exegetes, we find them applying the test from Revelations to Nero, the arch-persecutor of Christianity in the first century. To give color to their accusation, enemies of the Church publicize something that is not at all true, namely that the Pope's tiara is inscribed with the words 'VICARIUS FILII DEI,' and that if letters in that title were translated into Roman numerals, the sum would equal 666."

"As a matter of fact, the tiara of the Pope bears no inscription whatsoever. It is very strange that people can regard themselves as religious and still engage in an apostolate of vituperation and slander."<sup>[2]</sup>

Responding to this scathing criticism, the Adventists went back to their doctrinal "drawing boards," so to speak, and countered with this eye-popping shift in position statement:

"Thursday June 6: THE MARK AND NUMBER OF THE BEAST (Rev 13:16-18; 14:1). What is John's purpose in mentioning the mark and number of the beast? Rev. 13:16-18. Why do we say that those who keep Sunday do not have the mark of the beast now? Why is it important that we make this point clear? ...

"Over the years, numerous Bible students have come up with various explanations for the 666. Some found significance in the fact that if you added up the number of letters in the name of a former president of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan, it came to 666; others saw meaning in that, years ago, all the buses in Jerusalem had 666 on their license plates. This is futile speculation that adds nothing toward understanding truth. The important point is that God's Word has given us enough information to know what the key issues are and who the players will be in the last days, even if

we do not know all the details for now, such as the precise meaning of 666."

"Friday June 7: Please note the following points in conclusion to this week's study: "Vicariills Filii Dei (Vicar of the Son of God). Since the Reformation, this papal title has been used to calculate the number 666. But there are several questions that should make us cautious. First, it is not clear that this title is an official one. Second. There is no clear indication in Revelation 13 that the number is based on the numerical value of the letters of a name. The phrase "it is the number of a man" (vs. 18, NIV) could be translated "it is the number of [humanity]"; that is, of humans separated from God. Third, those who insist in counting the numerical value of letters confront the problem of - deciding which language will be used. Because the text does not identify any language, the selection of a particular one will be somewhat arbitrary. At the present time, the symbolism of intensified rebellion, six used three times, and total independence from God seem to be the best option. Time will reveal the full meaning of the symbol."<sup>[3]</sup>

So with such a doctrine, and having as the only Chaplain in the US Senate, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor (Barry Black), the Adventist leaders have refused to notify their congregations of the Pope's September historic visit to address the joint houses of Congress! Why? Because they, from a General Conference point of view, no longer see the papacy as a threat to religious liberty; that view, they hold, belongs to the "historical trash heaps!" So the church is rightly confused, each one doing that which is right in his own eyes, because there is no recognized prophet in Israel, save for Sister White, who died a century ago, without having all the light concerning some of the more complex political and religious challenges confronting the church today in a changing world. As a result, we are in a state of theological limbo, if not outright confusion, unwilling to accept nothing else than that which was shown to our spiritual matriarch.

Now look at the sweeping admiration Adventist leaders are heaping upon the pope as he travels the

world! We long to be like the other denomi-*nations*, to the extent that we now see the pope's presence and call it God's presence!

"Posted February 2, 2015:  
BY RAMON  
BALDOVINO, pastor, Fili-  
pino-American Capital  
Seventh-day Adventist  
Church, Beltsville, Mary-  
land.

"My 6-year-old grand-  
daughter was delighted about the pope's recent five-  
day trip to the Philippines. The reason: All schools  
closed in the metro Manila area.

"Popomania swept the Philippines for weeks, espe-  
cially during the visit from Jan. 15 to 19. About 6 mil-  
lion people lined the pope's motorcade route and  
attended the final mass held in Manila's Rizal Park.

"The country has many painful reasons to look for  
hope," according to a report by The Associated  
Press.

"Popomania spread much farther than Rizal Park. It  
filled the Internet, television, and radio... A 66-year-  
old former college teacher named Antolin Adlawan  
walked 601 miles (968 kilometers) in 36 days to re-  
ceive a blessing from the pope in Tacloban City. He  
carried a wooden pole on his back with a poster wel-  
coming the pope. After seeing the pontiff, he told  
reporters that he could now die in peace...

"To me, the overwhelming response of Filipino Cath-  
olics—and some non-Catholics—to the pope's visit  
delivers a clear message: **People want God to  
draw near and to be blessed with His presence.**  
News reports indicate that the pope was aware of  
*that desire* and was able to *meet* many of those ex-  
pectations. Let me cite some evidence:

"Pope Francis dedicated his five-day visit to the im-  
poverished and disenfranchised. He denounced  
government corruption, which has contributed to  
poverty.

"He visited homeless children who survive by beg-  
ging on Manila's streets. He declined to use the ex-  
pensive, bulletproof car with closed, tinted windows

that was provided  
by the government.  
Instead, he rode in a  
rather cramped  
Volkswagen so he  
could be **close to  
the people** and  
wave at them. He  
scrapped his pre-

pared remarks at the Catholic University of Manila to  
instead speak off the cuff to 12-year-old Glyzelle  
Palomar, who asked why children suffer abandon-  
ment and end up on the streets using drugs and  
selling their bodies.

"He flew from Manila to Tacloban City to meet survi-  
vors of Typhoon Yolanda, also known as Typhoon  
Haiyan, which devastated the city and surrounding  
area in 2013. He wore the same flimsy poncho that  
typhoon survivors were given in the aftermath of the  
storm.

"The pope's message to the people of the Philip-  
pines could be summed up: **God is near**, and He  
cares for all people. Now I am not comparing the  
visit of Pope Francis with that of General Confer-  
ence president Ted N.C. Wilson, who led an evan-  
gelistic series in the Philippines that resulted in more  
than 3,000 baptisms last May. Neither am I saying  
that the papal visit was a waste of time or that it was  
a sign of the end of time. Rather my aim is to testify  
that **God is close to His people... God is very,  
very close.** He is so close that each of us should  
want to spend more devotional time with Him, both  
personally and as a group."[\[4\]](#)

Am I reading this correctly, or is it just a dream?  
When the pope comes in town the take-away mes-  
sage is that "**God is close to His people...God is  
very, very close**"? Do you get the subliminal mes-  
sage being conveyed? The pope is God, or at the  
minimum God's viceroy on earth, and so his physi-  
cal presence makes God "very, very close" to His

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people. And none dare call it apostasy. Ichabod!

### **Inserting Roman Catholic Relics and Doctrines in Adventist Liturgy And Bible Study**

In our Sabbath School lessons, more and more adoration is given to Roman Catholic relics, priestly charity, liturgy and vestments of their worship. For example, the acceptance of "rosary" in a Bible discussion, while appearing in a distancing view, is really a move in alliance, to confirm to the Roman Catholics who are reading that the Adventist Leaders are "coming home," and bring all the "children" (church members) with them!

"Although the biblical intention of these images was purely symbolical... It is seen through the use of... the Christian crosses around the neck, and the Muslim (and Christian) rosaries around the fingers."<sup>[5]</sup>

The Rosary is not a Protestant practice or symbol, but is distinctively a Roman Catholic tradition, yet it finds place in Bible discussions in Adventism. This might cause heartburn to some readers, but the Cross is not a Christian symbol either, it is purely pagan! The Christian's symbol is a Lamb. Yet we glory in the efficacious blood that was shed on the cross.

"One of the most familiar symbols of Roman Catholicism is the circle of small beads called rosary beads."<sup>[6]</sup>

"The Rosary (Latin: *rosarium*, meaning "crown of roses" or "garland of roses"<sup>[1]</sup>), in its most commonly known format as the Dominican rosary, is a form of prayer used especially in the Catholic Church or a string of prayer beads used to count the component prayers."<sup>[7]</sup>

"According to Catholic tradition, the rosary was instituted by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself. In the

13th century, she is said to have appeared to St. Dominic (founder of the Dominicans), given him a rosary, and asked that Christians pray the Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be prayers instead of the Psalms."<sup>[8]</sup>

"The church that holds to the word of God is irreconcilably separated from Rome. Protestants were once thus apart from this great church of apostasy, but they have approached more nearly to her, and are still in the path of reconciliation to the Church of Rome. Rome never changes. Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they

have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy."<sup>[9]</sup>

### **The Myth About Unclean Meats Including Abstinence From Pork Eating**

Adventist iconic Television Evangelist Doug Bachelor finds himself torn between a love for the truth and a love for his church, yet cannot overcome his emotions of uneasiness as he watches the corporate body reaching across the proverbial gulf, in an effort to join hands with Romanism and Spiritualism. Read his heartbeat below:

"Is it just me or does it seem strange... maybe even prophetic... that at the same exact time the principal leaders of the Catholic Church are assembling to consider redefining how their church views the differences between men and women, the principal leaders in the Adventist church are also meeting at our Maryland headquarters in which the hot topics are homosexuality and the distinction of gender roles in the church. ...

"I'd like to encourage everybody to fast and pray as

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our leaders take up these very important subjects in the next couple of days that the Holy Spirit will guide and we will stick to the Scriptures. **The future of the church really is in the balance right now!**<sup>[10]</sup>

Enter the subject of abstinence from pork eating in Adventism. Most of my readers, I would assume, hold that Adventists do not eat pork and other unclean foods, based on the same command which mandated that our first parents should not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In other words, a direct commandment from YHWH. Even here, we are about to lose four faces, and footing on the Scriptures, in preference for a more politically correct posture, "health benefits." If you see what the White Estate is now projecting, you will not be confidence that you took a baptismal vow based on the findings of modern Science instead of the Bible! Let's take a read:

"After the health reform vision, of course, Mrs. White did come out against the use of pork, arguing that it produced "scrofula, leprosy and cancerous tumors." It is significant that she and other Adventists who wrote against the use of pork up until 1866, argued strictly *from a health standpoint*. In other words, just because some Biblical arguments were used to reinforce the ban on pork, we cannot conclude that at that point Adventists were well on their way to a full-blown teaching on the distinction between clean and unclean meats."<sup>[11]</sup>

"D. M. Canright, in 1866, does allude to Deuteronomy 14:8, "And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcass." But Canright makes *no mention of other unclean meats*, and makes no use of the further material in Deuteronomy 14 on the subject.<sup>5</sup> When he does mention oysters in an article in the following year, he mentions their alleged powers to excite "certain kinds of feelings," and introduces no Biblical argument.

"In 1870, W. C. Gage undertakes to refute a rival Advent periodical which took exception to the "scriptural assertion that the swine is unclean." But

Gage does not cite either Deuteronomy 14 or Leviticus 11. In fact, Gage remarks, "If the Scriptures fail to settle the question, let reason have her sway. Examine the animal, and see its filthy habits."<sup>7</sup> He does discuss some of the Bible's testimony on pork, but his article is far from being a contribution to a broad understanding of the Bible's teaching on clean and unclean meats, being, as it is, heavy with naturalistic arguments and exclusively interested in the pork question."

"James White, in an 1872 article on "Swine's Flesh," does show the beginnings of a wider application of Levitical law. He does mention Deuteronomy 14:8 again, and he does seek to refute the argument that the prohibition on swine was a merely Jewish one and therefore not binding on Christians. He reminds his readers that the distinction between clean and unclean was recognized in the Bible long before the "existence of a single Jew." Still, the whole thrust of his argument is to discredit the pig, not to establish general categories of clean and unclean meats. He does not discuss the Biblical criteria for the distinction at all.

"The general distinction between clean and unclean meats in Adventist circles remained undeveloped throughout the nineteenth century. While Adventists argued vigorously against pork, the weight of their argument continued to be carried by physiological criteria. Uriah Smith explicitly rejected the applicability of the Mosaic distinction: "We believe there is *better ground* on which to rest [the prohibition on pork] than the ceremonial law of the former dispensation, for *if we take the position that that law is still binding, we must accept it all*, and then we shall have more on our hands than we can easily dispose of."<sup>[12]</sup>

So from an official Denominational stance, you'd stand unsupported by the General Conference if you taught and believed that your baptismal vow to abstain from unclean meats was based on biblical authority, instead of the American Medical Association (AMA). But before you give up hope, here is what the world knows about us, even if we are too timid in the face of the Evangelical crowd to confess it any-

more:

“Seventh-day Adventists do not eat pork or other unclean meat as identified in the book of Leviticus and many avoid all meat for health reasons.”<sup>[13]</sup>

“For Adventists in the nineteenth century then, all meat-eating was discouraged, while the eating of pork was virtually banned. Other meats which we would consider unclean were not seen, apparently, in the same light as pork.”<sup>[14]</sup>

Since the AMA now agrees that “medicinal marijuana” is good for smoking in some challenged medical cases, should we include this form of therapy in our baptismal vows as well? This clearly shows that the Adventist’s position against pork is merely an appeal to “health,” will set us on a trajectory of no return. May YHWH help us to quickly recover from our Laodicean stupor!

### Sunday Sacredness And The Quest For Larger Congregations (Tithes & Offerings)

Sunday Sacredness Is Coming To A SDA Church Near You: C.D. Brooks weighs in on Adventist Sunday worship services:

“This development at First SDA Church is reminiscent of a once Sabbath-keeping church, under the leadership of Alex Bryan, the current Walla Walla SDA University Church Pastor, which is now a fully non-denominational Sunday-observing church. It is a documented fact that Alex Bryan “created a ‘Sunday service’ church and left Seventh-day Adventist employment. Alex Bryan began his ministry at the New Community Fellowship in Atlanta in 1996 under the blessing of conference administration. However, the methods used to reach secular young adults resulted in the creation of a ‘Sunday service’ and, as the conference administration was considering his termination, Alex Bryan resigned his denominational employment in 2002 and remained independent for the next five years. The resulting Sunday observing church still meets...The church meets Sunday from 10:30 AM to 12:05 PM. The current

pastor is Alex’s brother, David Bryan.” Perhaps Pastor Snell is counseling with Pastor Bryan and employing his methods of “evangelism” or maybe he is reading Bryan’s books, all of which are interwoven with mysticism/spiritualism. It is appalling that Bryan is allowed to be employed by the Seventh-day Adventist church given his history and current involvement with and practices in ecumenism and emergent church theology and activities. This is a clear example of what could be the future for First SDA Church.”<sup>[15]</sup>

Over and again, we can hear the voice of love thundering in our ears: “How has the faithful city become an harlot?”

While to the untrained eye, an Adventist Sunday service is a great evangelistic tool, the fact that it is being sponsored by those who have rejected most of our historic faith, gives me cause for pause and reflection, given the growing apostasy afloat in such congregations.

It is our “romancing with Sunday sacredness” which will eventually lead to “a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, **abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.** By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, **these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them,** and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.” {GC 608.2}

### Adventist Chaplaincy and The Papal Visit in September 2015

I am personally proud of pastor Barry Black, Rear Admiral of the US Navy and the first Black Chaplain to serve the US senate and also frequents the Houses of Congress. After all, I have visited his

home and from time to time attend church with his wife, where she currently serves as an elder of that congregation.

For those of you who may not know this man of distinction, here is a snippet: **“Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, USN (Ret.)** (born November 1, 1948) is the 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate. He was elected to this position on June 27, 2003, becoming the first African American and the first Seventh-day Adventist to hold this office.”[\[16\]](#)

“In addition to opening the Senate each day in prayer, Chaplain Black’s duties include counseling and spiritual care for the Senators, their families and their staffs, a combined constituency of six thousand people. Chaplain Black’s days are filled with meeting Senators about spiritual and moral issues, assisting Senators’ staffs with research on theological and biblical questions, teaching Senate Bible study groups, encouraging such groups as the weekly Senate Prayer Breakfast, and facilitating discussion and reflection small groups among Senators and staff.”[\[17\]](#)

So with such a caliber man in that highly coveted office, you can imagine he knows much more than the average pastor in the pulpit, for he is not only rightly placed, but highly placed, and well respected on the hill. It is deafening then to see the absolute silence within the world church of Seventh-day Adventist in light of the pope’s September historic visit, only five months away. This is to say that even if the public press (media mills) did not notify us, Adventists would have, and should have been the *first* to know of this official visit by the Pope to address the US Congress. But alas! The songbird of prophecy has stopped singing, and so whether or not he notified our officials at the General Conference, the silence from our churches speaks volumes as to how close we are to “Mother’s” embrace. Yes, we are close, very, very close. Praise God for the Internet! And too, be aware of this one thing: It is not the much demonized Shepherd’s Rod that has led the “faithful city” to the brink of total apostasy! If you don’t know who has done it, you might be sleeping too soundly, and will be in danger of never awaking!

## Pope Francis to address U.S. Congress in September

“*The Washington Times - Thursday, February 5, 2015*” Pope Francis will address a joint session of Congress during his September visit to the U.S., House Speaker John A. Boehner said Thursday. Mr. Boehner said the speech, slated for Sept. 24, is the first time a pope will have spoken to Congress.

“Mr. Boehner issued the invitation to the pope last March, when it became known Francis was considering a visit to the U.S. later this year for a major church meeting.

“In a time of global upheaval, the Holy Father’s message of compassion and human dignity has moved people of all faiths and backgrounds. His teachings, prayers, and very example bring us back to the blessings of simple things and our obligations to one another. We look forward to warmly welcoming Pope Francis to our Capitol and hearing his address on behalf of the American people.”[\[18\]](#)

So, from this cross-section of compromises, we can clearly see why the Adventist songbird of prophecy has stopped singing. Over and over again, we can hear the voice of love thundering in our ears: “How has the faithful city become an harlot?”

Please accept this sobering poem written so many decades ago, as God’s final plea to a backslidden church.

### The Church Walking with the World

The Church and the World walked far apart  
On the changing shores of time,  
The World was singing a giddy song,  
And the Church a hymn sublime.

“Come, give me your hand,” said the merry World,  
“And walk with me this way!”  
But the faithful Church hid her gentle hands  
And solemnly answered “Nay!

I will not give you my hand at all,  
And I will not walk with you;  
Your way is the way that leads to death;  
Your words are all untrue.”



“Nay, walk with me but a little space,”  
Said the World with a kindly air;  
“The road I walk is a pleasant road,  
And the sun shines always there.

Your path is thorny and rough and rude,  
But mine is broad and plain;  
My way is paved with flowers and dews,  
And yours with tears and pain.

The sky to me is always blue,  
No want, no toil I know;  
The sky above you is always dark,  
Your lot is a lot of woe.  
There’s room enough for you and me  
To travel side by side.”

Half shyly the Church approached the World  
And gave him her hand of snow;  
And the old World grasped it and walked along,  
Saying, in accents low:

“Your dress is too simple to please my taste;  
I will give you pearls to wear,  
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,  
And diamonds to deck your hair.”

The Church looked down at her plain white robes,  
And then at the dazzling World,  
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip  
With a smile contemptuous curled.

“I will change my dress for a costlier one,”  
Said the Church, with a smile of grace;  
Then her pure white garments drifted away,  
And the World gave, in their place,  
Beautiful satins and shining silks,  
Roses and gems and costly pearls;  
While over her forehead her bright hair fell  
Crisped in a thousand curls.

“Your house is too plain,” said the proud old World,  
“I’ll build you one like mine;  
With walls of marble and towers of gold,  
And furniture ever so fine.”

So he built her a costly and beautiful house;  
Most splendid it was to behold;  
Her sons and her beautiful daughters dwelt there  
Gleaming in purple and gold.

Rich fairs and shows in the halls were held,  
And the World and his children were there.  
Laughter and music and feasts were heard  
In the place that was meant for prayer.

There-were cushioned seats for the rich and the gay,  
To sit in their pomp and pride;  
But the poor who were clad in shabby array,  
Sat meekly down outside.

“You give too much to the poor,” said the World.  
“Far more than you ought to do;  
If they are in need of shelter and food,  
Why need it trouble you?

Go, take your money and buy rich robes,  
Buy horses and carriages fine;  
Buy pearls and jewels and dainty food,  
Buy the rarest and costliest wine.  
My children, they dote on all these things,  
And if you their love would win  
You must do as they do, and walk in the ways  
That they are walking in.”

So the poor were turned from her door in scorn,  
And she heard not the orphan’s cry;  
But she drew her beautiful robes aside,  
As the widows went weeping by.

Then the sons of the World and the Sons of the Church  
Walked closely hand and heart,  
And only the Master, who knoweth all,  
Could tell the two apart.

Then the Church sat down at her ease, and said,  
“I am rich and my goods increase;  
I have need of nothing, or ought to do,  
But to laugh, and dance, and feast.”

The sly World heard, and he laughed in his sleeve,  
And mockingly said, aside:  
“The Church is fallen, the beautiful Church;  
And her shame is her boast and her pride.”

The angel drew near to the mercy seat,  
And whispered in sighs her name;  
Then the loud anthems of rapture were hushed,  
And heads were covered with shame.

And a voice was heard at last by the Church  
From Him who sat on the throne:

“I know thy works, and how thou hast said,  
‘I am rich, and hast not known  
That thou art naked, poor and blind,  
And wretched before my face;’  
Therefore from my presence cast I thee out,  
And blot thy name from its place.”

By Matilda C Edwards<sup>[19]</sup>

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## Current Events

By now, most will have heard about the Supreme Court's decision to legalize same sex marriages.

This decision will have an effect upon us that many have not yet begun to realize. We may see this as the cup of iniquity now being full and in fact spilling over the sides. However, what most SDA's and Rod believers have yet to learn is that this is going to challenge our current understanding of the ten commandments and the law of Moses.

The majority of SDA's have nailed the law of Moses to the cross except for a few fringe groups, and many Davidians have taken Volume One, Timely Greetings (TG), No. 37 as their final proof that only those laws mentioned in that study by Br. Houteff are the ones we must continue to obey today. Sadly most Davidians have refused to see that Br. Houteff was only summarizing the law of Moses giving the reader an idea of what it meant. If Davidians would take what Br. Houteff states in 2TG 30, p. 21, they would clearly see that he was not separating out portions of the law of Moses, as some to keep and some to discard. After quoting Malachi 4:1-4 he clearly states, "**Here we are asked to remember the law of Moses which God commanded in Horeb -- the ten commandments, the statutes and judgments (Deut. 4:10-14).**" By placing this statement in the confines of Deut. 4:10-14 he is placing as much importance upon the statutes and

the judgments as he is upon the ten commandments. Why?

EGW explains, "He did not even then trust His precepts to the memory of a people who were prone to forget His requirements, but wrote them upon tables of stone. He would remove from Israel all possibility of mingling heathen traditions with His holy precepts, or of confounding His requirements with human ordinances or customs. But He did not stop with giving them the precepts of the Decalogue. The people had shown themselves so easily led astray that He would leave no door of temptation unguarded. Moses was commanded to write, as God should bid him, judgments and laws giving minute instruction as to what was required. **These directions relating to the duty of the people to God, to one another, and to the stranger were only the principles of the Ten Commandments amplified and given in a specific manner, that none need err. They were designed to guard the sacredness of the ten precepts engraved on the tables of stone. {PP 364.1}**

The statutes and judgments are the "principles" of the ten commandments" amplified to give clear and concise understanding (so no one need err) and they "guard" the sacredness of the ten precepts.

This is very important to understand. The definition of the word "principle" according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary is:

- 1.) a moral rule or belief that helps you know what is right and wrong and that influences your actions
- 2.) a law or fact of nature that explains why something works or how something happens

We can now take the ten precepts and see that they are like an index or book chapters to the law of Moses. They, the statutes and judgments, more fully explain what must be or not be done by those in obedience to the ten for they tell us much more explicitly what is right or wrong. For example, the ten commandments do not mention homosexuality, yet we know this is wrong and that it falls under the seventh commandment, thou shalt not commit adultery.

This places us now in an awkward position because if we claim that those laws not mentioned by Sister White or Br. Houteff are now done away with we have basically dismantled our foundation. Try telling a homosexual he is sinning while preaching the very law pointing to his sin has been abolished.

How about the festivals? These days were also given to “guard” the Sabbath and they are special Holy Days when we are to meet with our Lord. On these days we are practicing or rehearsing the whole plan of Salvation and how it is that God intends to harvest this world. It is nearly impossible to correctly understand Rev. 14 without first understanding Lev. 23.

By abolishing these days we steal from God that which is sacred; a set apart time for the service or worship of God. A time given to help in the sanctification process of a chosen people.

We must seriously consider the danger we have placed ourselves in by separating the ten precepts from the law of Moses; and then going even further by choosing to hang on only to those which appeal to us.

One SDA on Reddit.com stated it best:

“In trying to separate the Weekly Sabbath from the Feast Days of Lev 23, the SDA Church has done away with the so-called "ceremonial law" which has prohibited homosexuality. But in tearing down laws outside of the 10 commandments, the church is left with no biblical stance against gay marriage. They will now, due to the ruling of the US supreme court, reap the consequences of preaching in support of traditional marriage as defined by the bible.”

[https://www.reddit.com/r/adventism/comments/3bb6w9/why\\_the\\_sda\\_church\\_is\\_responsible\\_for\\_gay\\_marriage/](https://www.reddit.com/r/adventism/comments/3bb6w9/why_the_sda_church_is_responsible_for_gay_marriage/)

We are now being tested as to whether or not we will

allow God through His Spirit to guide us into all truth, or, are we forever going to depend upon the arm of flesh to lead us. It is urgent and it is necessary that we do our own thorough study. To this I blame the leadership for teaching that we must depend upon them to lead us into truth.

“Those who are inclined to question the ability of God to lead one into all truth, are not only unconsciously denying the faithfulness of His Word, but they also minimize His power by their act, and thus have "Limited the Holy One of Israel." (Psa. 78:41.) {2 SR 15:1}

‘The Spirit was not given -- nor can it ever be bestowed -- to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the Word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested Says the apostle John, 'Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.' (1 John 4:1.) and Isaiah declares, 'To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.' (Isa. 8:20)" -- "The Great Controversy," p. VII. {Ibid}

When we fight God, we lose. God never changes and what he said will stand forever. The law was never nailed to the cross, only our sins. Soon we may find ourselves without an answer unless we take the short remaining time we have left to re-examine the position taken on the law of Moses and finally to “remember” that which we have been commanded to do. Ω



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#### Thy Kingdom Come—Part 4

clouds of glory to take his faithful home.

1.) The pre-millennial kingdom is the fulfillment of God's promise to

Abraham, Genesis 15:18, to give him and his descendants the Holy Land.

2.) The pre-millennial kingdom is God's antitypical city of refuge for the innocent when they become condemned for the disasters and conditions of a world experiencing total chaos under the "mark of the beast" system and under the "seven last plagues."

3.) It is the headquarters for the 144,000 as they go forth into all the world to reap earth's final harvest — the great multitude.

4.) It is God's pavilion of safety when the mountains are crumbling, the islands sinking, and the plaques are being poor out upon the wicked.

5.) It is the location of the cleansing fountain. At the time Christ returns to take all the righteous to heaven for their 1000-year vacation: the dead rise and are changed in the twinkling of an eye, but the righteous who never experienced death will have passed through the cleansing fountain. Ezekiel 36:25, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you."

6.) The righteous dead who arise in the special resurrection will be taken to the kingdom to continue their work of turning many unto righteousness.

Number 5 may cause some to have serious questions, for who teaches about the righteous having clean water sprinkled on them and their filthiness removed?

Every person who enters into the kingdom comes in with a "stony" heart, although they have repented and have lived righteously in the sight of the Lord, for no sinner can enter therein, they still have to fight that carnal nature that has the propensity to sin. God promises to remove that carnal "stony" heart and replace it with a heart of flesh, one which the

law is now written upon, it is no longer carnal, and to transgress then would be as difficult as doing good today. There will be no more struggle in the flesh, as it will then be natural to be righteous.

Everyone who questions the possibility of a pre-millennial kingdom should study all of Ezekiel 36, because it touches on so many aspects of the kingdom, from the scattering of God's people to their re-gathering in the Holy Land; from the cleansing of the hearts of the righteous to the wicked who remain outside, yet who can see inside, and are amazed at the transformation of a once desolate land!

It is important to compare this to the time when the New Jerusalem is here. The New Jerusalem is a walled city of which no wicked can see inside, but Ezekiel 36 speaks of a land "without walls" that the wicked can see into, and they can see the transformation of the place. Obviously these are separate events taking place at separate times, one is pre-millennial while the other is post-millennial.

SDA's teach that at the time Michael stands up in Daniel 12:1 probation ends for all. Yet they fail to read with understanding Daniel 12:2-3. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; **and they that turn many to righteousness** as the stars for ever and ever." Note that the word "turn" is in the present continuous tense, for it does not say "turned," and is preceded by "shall," as in "shall shine."

At the time Michael stands up a very important event takes place. God's **professed** people have been tested, tried, and judged. Take special note that this is not addressing the world, but the church! Ezekiel 9 has just been executed and the house of God "His temple" just purged of the wicked. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: **and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple**, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts." Malachi 3:1.

"The mark of deliverance has been set upon those



“that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done.” Now the angel of death goes forth, represented in Ezekiel's vision by the men with the slaughtering weapons, to whom the command is given: “Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; **and begin at my sanctuary.**” Says the prophet, **“They began at the ancient men which were before the house.”** [Ezekiel 9:1-6.] The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together.” {GC88 656.2}

Again please take note this cannot be taking place at the time Christ comes in the clouds, for when he comes in the clouds the wicked are slain by the brightness of His Glory, not by the men with slaughtering weapons.

Praise the Lord, those who remain alive after God cleanses His church have a work yet to do. At the same time that the wicked are removed God also raises up, in the special resurrection, some of the wicked who persecuted Christ and crucified Him. These will live again, to see Him come in the clouds of Glory and witness that which they mocked. Also, there are those who died in the faith of the Third Angel's Message, whom God will raise up, and they will enter the kingdom with the righteous, to participate in the ingathering in of the great multitude. Many of these will be prophets, Matt. 8:11 **“And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.”**

Yes, friends, heaven reaches down and touches a portion of this earth and it becomes a part of heaven—“the first dominion,” Eden restored.

Long ago Ellen White wrote this solemn promise: “Your work, my work, will *not* cease with this life. For a little while we may *rest in the grave*, but, when the call comes, we shall, *in the kingdom* of God, take up our work once more.” Test. Vol. 7, p. 17.

Will EGW be raised in the special resurrection? If

faithful, of course she will be, and what was her work? It was the saving of souls! She will be raised with others, to join those in the pre-millennial kingdom, and will witness the final events taking place in this world, which she had previously seen in visions, as she once again takes up her work to teach the new converts about Christ and His love.

In the coming Journals we will continue to share more about the soon coming kingdom which will be given to the Saints of God prior to the return of Yahoushua to take His faithful children to Heaven for their 1000 year vacation—Earth's great Sabbath rest.

If you are having difficulty seeing a kingdom please open your Bible and as you read highlight, with one particular color, every passage where it mentions the land, the regathering to the land, God's covenant with the land and Abraham. From Genesis to Revelation with the exception of the book of Ruth you should find something dealing with the kingdom to come. Once you have done this you can pretty much guarantee your perception of the kingdom of glory will have significantly changed.

Until the next newsletter may you be blessed as you continue to study His Word. Ω

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### Unity Among Brethren

One man may be conversant with the Scriptures, and some particular portion of the Scripture may be especially appreciated by him; another sees another portion as very important, and thus one may present one point, and another, another point, and both may be of highest value. This is all in the order of God. But if a man makes a mistake in his interpretation of some portion of the Scripture, shall this cause diversity and disunion? God forbid. **We cannot then take a position that the unity of the church consists in viewing every text of Scripture in the very same light.** The church may pass resolution upon resolution to put down all disagreement of opinions, but we cannot force the mind and will, and thus root out disagreement. These resolutions may conceal the discord, but they cannot quench it and establish

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# THE CHRISTIAN'S LAND RENOVATION AND HEART OPERATION

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## Prayer Thought

### The Bible--Unquestionable Authority

I shall read from "Christ's Object Lessons," beginning on page 38 with the last paragraph--

"The teachers of Israel were not sowing the seed of the word of God. Christ's work as a teacher of truth was in marked contrast to that of the rabbis of His time. They dwelt upon traditions, upon human theories and speculations. Often that which man had taught and written about the word, they put in place of the word itself.... The subject of Christ's teaching and preaching was the word of God. He met questioners with a plain, 'It is written.' 'What saith the Scriptures?' 'How readest thou?'... Christ's servants are to do the same work. In our day, as of old, the vital truths of God's word are set aside for human theories and speculations. Many professed ministers of the gospel do not accept the whole Bible as the inspired word. One wise man rejects one portion; another questions another part. They set up their judgment as superior to the word; and the Scripture which they do teach rests upon their own authority. Its divine authenticity is destroyed.... He pointed to the Scriptures as of unquestionable authority, and we should do the same. The Bible is to be presented as the word of the infinite God, as the end of all controversy and the foundation of all faith."

We need to pray this afternoon for help never to set aside God's Word for human theories and speculations, but always to teach the plain truths of the Bible according to the Spirit, the only unquestionable authority -- the end of all controversy, the foundation of our faith. Let us kneel.

### Sermon

Our subject for this afternoon is the Christian's land

renovation and heart operation. This subject we find in the thirty-sixth chapter of Ezekiel.

Ezek. 36:1-10 -- "Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the Word of the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places [the places of worship in the Promised Land] are our's in possession: therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people: therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the Word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken [by His people], which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about; therefore thus saith the Lord God; Surely in the fire of My jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea [now Arabians], which have appointed My land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey. Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen: therefore thus saith the Lord God; I have lifted up Mine hand, Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame. But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled

and sown: and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded."

These verses, now seen in the framework of the message of the hour, show that the time of the Gentiles is at an end, that God's elect are to return and for ever possess their land!

Ezek. 36:11-14 -- "And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even My people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men. Thus saith the Lord God; Because they say unto you, Thou land devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations: therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord God."

These verses cannot be misconstrued to mean the return of the Jews from Babylon, because here it is said, the land shall "devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations anymore," whereas history shows that since the Jews' return from Babylon, the land has devoured -- there has been no lasting peace. Moreover, this chapter is in particular speaking about the "house of Israel," the ten-tribe kingdom, which has never to this day returned since it was scattered by the Assyrians.

Ezek. 36:15-22 -- "Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord God. Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before Me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. Wherefore I poured My fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: and I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when

they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned My holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of His land. But I had pity for Mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for Mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went."

By these scriptures it can now be understood that God does not do this because His people of yesterday or of today have been good, but because He must vindicate His name, and He must let the heathen know that they were able to drive His people out of the land only because He allowed them to do so on account of the iniquity of His people.

Ezek. 36:23-26 -- "And I will sanctify My great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

Plain it is to see that before you and I can be ready for translation, we must first be ready to go into the Promised Land, there to be cleansed, there to have our stony hearts removed. Yes, the only way to have this heart operation performed upon us is to let the Lord first gather us from among the heathen and bring us into our own land. For "then will I," says the Lord, "sprinkle clean water upon you," and "a new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."

In the face of this, I should like to know who could ever live with Christ during the thousand years without having first gone to the land, there to be cleansed and there to receive a new heart?

Ezek. 36:27-32 -- "And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel."

The Lord knows how to save: He had His people dispersed throughout the nations so that when He brings them back home they will remember the result of their evil doings, and so loathe their iniquities.

Ezek. 36:33-36 -- "Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the Garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it."

All these wonders, you see, the Lord performs in the land of Israel and in the sight of the heathen. These are necessarily premillennial events.

Ezek. 36:37 -- "Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock."

God's elect, this verse declares, will be praying for the fulfillment of these scriptures. What are you doing, Brother, Sister? Are you praying for these things? Or are you fighting against them? You dare not say, "It matters not," for such an attitude of unbelief will keep you out of the Kingdom just as surely

as it kept the antediluvians out of the ark.

Ezek. 36:38 -- "As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the Lord."

Is there still a doubt in the hearts of any of you? O, how could there be a doubt? These verses, you see, do not really need any interpretation whatever. There is no plainer doctrine in the Bible. You cannot close your eyes to it and yet expect to be counted among the believers of the Word of God.

Now we see that there must be land renovation and heart operation -- that God's Kingdom begins on earth in the sight of the heathen, that it is to be as real as anything, and that there is to be neither a sinner in It, nor a stony heart in It. Is this not more appealing than the imaginary, the much spiritualized, kingdom so often heard of?

Elijah shall indeed come first and restore all things. And we shall finally be what Adam was in the beginning, live in the Garden of Eden, and feast on the tree of life. Ω

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### Unity Among Brethren

perfect agreement. **Nothing can perfect unity in the church but the spirit of Christlike forbearance.** Satan can sow discord; Christ alone can harmonize the disagreeing elements. Then let every soul sit down in Christ's school and learn of Christ, who declares Himself to be meek and lowly of heart. Christ says that if we learn of Him, worries will cease and we shall find rest to our souls. {EGW 1888 Materials p. 1092.1}

The great truths of the Word of God are so clearly stated that none need make a mistake in understanding them. When as individual members of the church, you love God supremely and your neighbor as yourself, there will be no need of labored efforts to be in unity, for there will be oneness in Christ as a natural result... {EGW 1888 Materials p. 1092.2} Ω





## Recipe Time

## Health Nugget

### Three-Bean Chili With Spring Pesto

(<http://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/browse-all-recipes/three-bean-chili-spring-pesto>)

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon
- plus 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, diced
- 1 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes, including liquid
- kosher salt
- 1 15.5-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 15.5-ounce can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15.5-ounce can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons pine nuts, chopped
- 1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- crusty bread (optional)

#### Directions

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and carrots and cook until tender, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the tomatoes and their liquid, 2 cups water, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and bring to a boil.

Add the chickpeas and cannellini and kidney beans and cook until heated through, about 3 minutes.

Combine the garlic, pine nuts, parsley, remaining 1/4 cup oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper in a small bowl.



In the last few newsletters we have been sharing with the readers different natural ways of treating cancer. In this NL we would like to touch on the topic of the importance of Vitamin D in the prevention and treatment of cancer.

### Is Vitamin D the New Silver Bullet for Fighting Cancer?

Doctors have known that low levels of [vitamin D](#) are linked to certain kinds of cancers as well as to diabetes and asthma, but new research also shows that the vitamin can kill human cancer cells.

Researchers took human breast cancer cells and treated them with a potent form of vitamin D. Within a few days, half the cancer cells shriveled up and died.

The vitamin's effects were even more dramatic on breast cancer cells injected into mice. After several weeks of treatment, the cancer tumors in the mice shrank by an average of more than 50 percent. Some tumors disappeared.

Similar results have been achieved on colon and prostate cancer tumors in mice.

### Vitamin D Helps Prevent Heart Disease, Diabetes

Further, middle aged and elderly people with high levels of vitamin D could reduce their chances of developing heart disease or diabetes by 43 percent, according to researchers.

A systematic literature review of the relationship between vitamin D and cardiometabolic disorders looked at 28 studies including nearly 100,000 participants.

The studies revealed a significant association between high levels of vitamin D and a decreased risk

of developing cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and metabolic syndrome.

All studies included were published between 1990 and 2009, with the majority published between 2004 and 2009. Half of the studies were conducted in the United States, eight were European, two studies were from Iran, three from Australasia and one from India.

Vitamin D, a steroid hormone that influences virtually every cell in your body, is easily one of nature's most potent cancer fighters. Receptors that respond to vitamin D have been found in nearly every type of human cell, from your bones to your brain.

Your organs can convert the vitamin D in your bloodstream into calcitriol, which is the hormonal or activated version of vitamin D. Your organs then use it to repair damage, including that from cancer cells.

Vitamin D is actually able to enter cancer cells and trigger apoptosis or cancer cell death. When JoEllen Welsh, a researcher with the State University of New York at Albany, injected a potent form of vitamin D into human breast cancer cells, half of them shriveled up and died within days!

The vitamin D worked as well at killing cancer cells as the toxic breast cancer drug Tamoxifen, without any of the detrimental side effects and at a tiny fraction of the cost.

Many cancer treatments cost hundreds of thousands of dollars for a course of therapies and most are well in the five-figure cost range. You can actually get perfect vitamin D levels for free if you had access to sunshine in the sub tropics year round, but even if you purchased oral supplements, a year's worth of treatment would be well under \$100.

In mice, too, cancer tumors shrank by more than 50 percent, and some altogether disappeared, when vitamin D was injected.

These findings add to the growing knowledge that vitamin D is a key player in cancer treatment and prevention. If you want to see for yourself, you can browse through over 800 references showing vita-

min D's effectiveness for cancer here.

### **Cancer's Silver Bullet?**

Intake of vitamin D3 and calcium could potentially prevent 58,000 new cases of breast cancer and 49,000 new cases of colorectal cancer annually in the United States and Canada, according to a complex computer prediction model.

This model also predicted that 75 percent of deaths from these cancers could be prevented with adequate intake of vitamin D3 and calcium.

Theories linking vitamin D to certain cancers have been tested and confirmed in more than 200 epidemiological studies, and understanding of its physiological basis stems from more than 2,500 laboratory studies, according to epidemiologist Cedric Garland, DrPH, professor of family and preventive medicine at the UC San Diego School of Medicine.

Dr. Garland is widely regarded as the leading epidemiologist on vitamin D and its relation to health. He led one of the latest studies on vitamin D for cancer prevention and proposed a new model of cancer development -- dubbed DINOMIT-- that is centered on a loss of cancer cells' ability to stick together.

The model is a departure from the older model of cancer development, which centers on genetic mutations as the earliest driving forces behind cancer. According to Dr. Garland:

*"The first event in cancer is loss of communication among cells due to, among other things, low vitamin D and calcium levels. In this new model, we propose that this loss may play a key role in cancer by disrupting the communication between cells that is essential to healthy cell turnover, allowing more aggressive cancer cells to take over."*

### **Vitamin D May Help Prevent 2 Million Cancer Deaths a Year!**

Earlier studies have shown that optimizing your vitamin D levels could help you to prevent at least 16 different types of cancer including pancreatic, lung, ovarian, prostate, and skin cancers. But now we're starting to see more evidence that the type of can-

cer in question may not be all that important, because vitamin D appears to play a key role in the development of ALL types of cancer!

Vitamin D's protective effect against cancer works in multiple ways, including:

- Increasing the self-destruction of mutated cells (which, if allowed to replicate, could lead to cancer)
- Reducing the spread and reproduction of cancer cells
- Causing cells to become differentiated (cancer cells often lack differentiation)
- Reducing the growth of new blood vessels from pre-existing ones, which is a step in the transition of dormant tumors turning cancerous

A study by Dr. William Grant, Ph.D., internationally recognized research scientist and vitamin D expert, found that about 30 percent of cancer deaths -- which amounts to [2 million worldwide and 200,000 in the United States](#) -- could be prevented each year with higher levels of vitamin D!

### **How to Use Vitamin D to Lower Your Cancer Risk**

Making sure that your vitamin D levels are optimized is one of the simplest, yet most profound, things you can do to protect your health. It will likely be many decades before health policy catches up to what the evidence has already revealed, and widespread recommendations for increased sunlight exposure and vitamin D levels become the norm.

But you don't have to wait, as you can optimize your levels right now.

The ideal way to optimize your vitamin D level is by exposing your skin to appropriate amounts of sunlight on large areas of your skin. Unfortunately for most of you there simply isn't enough sun exposure where you live for half of the year or more

However, even when the sun is shining

many people are modern-day cavemen and spend the majority of the day inside at work or in your home. Not many of you are regularly out in the sun.

You typically need enough sun exposure to turn your skin the lightest shade of pink. If you have enough skin exposed you will produce about 20,000 units of vitamin D. Exposures any longer than turning your skin the lightest pink will not produce any additional vitamin D and may potentially lead to premature skin aging and increase your risk of skin cancers (so don't overdo it).

If you struggle with getting enough sun exposure during certain parts of the year, I also advise using a [safe tanning bed](#) (one that has the harmful emissions shielded) to have your own body produce vitamin D naturally.

A third option is taking a high-quality vitamin D supplement. You'll only want to supplement with natural vitamin D3 (cholecalciferol), which is human vitamin D. Do NOT use the synthetic and highly inferior vitamin D2.

### **A Reminder Why You Should Not Take Cod Liver Oil to Get Your Vitamin D**

A few years ago, I changed my recommendation on sources of vitamin D. I previously I recommended cod liver oil as a dietary supplement to support healthy vitamin D levels. However, based on more recent findings, I have updated my recommendations regarding cod liver oil, as it may not serve you as well as previously believed.

My previous recommendation was based on the fact that cod liver oil contains vitamins D and A in addition to healthy omega-3 fats. These vitamins are essential for most everyone who cannot get regular sun exposure year-round.

But more recent research has discovered that the ratios of these two vitamins may be of paramount importance in order to extract optimal health benefits, and unfortunately, modern cod liver oil does not supply these vitamins in healthy ratios to each other.

A new study in the *British Medical Journal* found that vitamin A, even in relatively low amounts, appears to thwart vitamin D's association with reduced rates of cancer, in this case colon cancer.

As reported by the Vitamin D Council, the study shows that the benefits of vitamin D are almost entirely negated in those with the highest vitamin A intake. This is the largest study to date confirming vitamin A can impair vitamin D's beneficial effects.

So in addition to not getting your vitamin D from cod liver oil, you should typically avoid synthetic vitamin A supplements along with your vitamin D either, as it appears to seriously negate its benefits.

### How Much Vitamin D Do You Need?

Based on the most recent research, the current recommendation for dosage via oral supplementation is 35 IU's of vitamin D per pound of body weight.

So for a child weighing 40 pounds, the recommended average dose would be 1,400 IU's daily, and for a 170-pound adult, the dose would be nearly 6,000 IU's.

#### VITAMIN D DOSE RECOMMENDATIONS VITAMIN D DOSE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Below 5            35 units per pound per day**

**Age 5 - 10        2500 units**

**Age 18 - 30      5000 units**

**Pregnant Women    5000 units**

#### **WARNING:**

There is no way to know if the above recommendations are correct. The ONLY way to know is to test your blood. You might need 4-5 times the amount recommended above. Ideally your blood level of 25 OH D should be 60ng/ml.

However, it's important to realize that vitamin D requirements are highly individual, as your vitamin D status is dependent on numerous factors, such as the color of your skin, your location, and how much sunshine you're exposed to on a regular basis.

So, although these recommendations may put you closer to the ballpark of what most people likely

need, it is simply impossible to make a blanket recommendation that will cover everyone's needs.

The only way to determine the correct dose is to get your blood tested since there are so many variables that influence your vitamin D status. I recommend using Lab Corp in the U.S. Getting the correct test is the first step in this process, as there are TWO vitamin D tests currently being offered: 1,25(OH)D and 25(OH)D. The correct test your doctor needs to order is 25(OH)D, also called 25-hydroxyvitamin D, which is the better marker of overall D status. This is the marker that is most strongly associated with overall health.

### Optimal Vitamin D Levels Explained

The "normal" 25-hydroxyvitamin D lab range is between 20-56 ng/ml. As you can see in the chart below, this conventional range is really a sign of deficiency, and is too broad to be ideal.

In fact, your vitamin D level should not be below 32 ng/ml, and any levels below 20 ng/ml are considered serious deficiency states, increasing your risk of cancer and autoimmune diseases like multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis, just to name a few.

The OPTIMAL value that you're looking for is 50-65 ng/ml.

This range applies for everyone: children, adolescents, adults and seniors.

Article taken from: <http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2010/03/11/is-vitamin-d-the-silver-bullet-for-cancer.aspx>

So ingenious are the plans that Satan lays to deceive and pervert, that the very blessings that come to us in the divine life may be turned into snares. By the same false reasoning by which he deceived Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he seeks to turn the very blessings which God sends for our good into snares and a curse. He seeks to lead men to use God's gifts as weapons against the Giver. {UL 49.6}



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### Last Page Reminder

If you plan on coming to Tabernacles,  
**PLEASE CONTACT Barbara ASAP**  
we need a head count.

## Prayer Requests

Prayers for "Heralds of the 'King' Ministries" are always much appreciated. More and more people are requesting materials and this takes a financial support system so that these requests can be filled. At this time we do not ask for compensation and we hope we never need too. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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## Festival Calendar

Passover: April 4

Feast of Unleavened Bread: April 5-11

Pentecost: May 24

Trumpets: Sept. 15

Day of Atonement: Sept. 24

Tabernacles: Sept 29-Oct. 5

Last Great Day: Oct. 6

Remember the festivals begins the night before.

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