

Prayer Thought

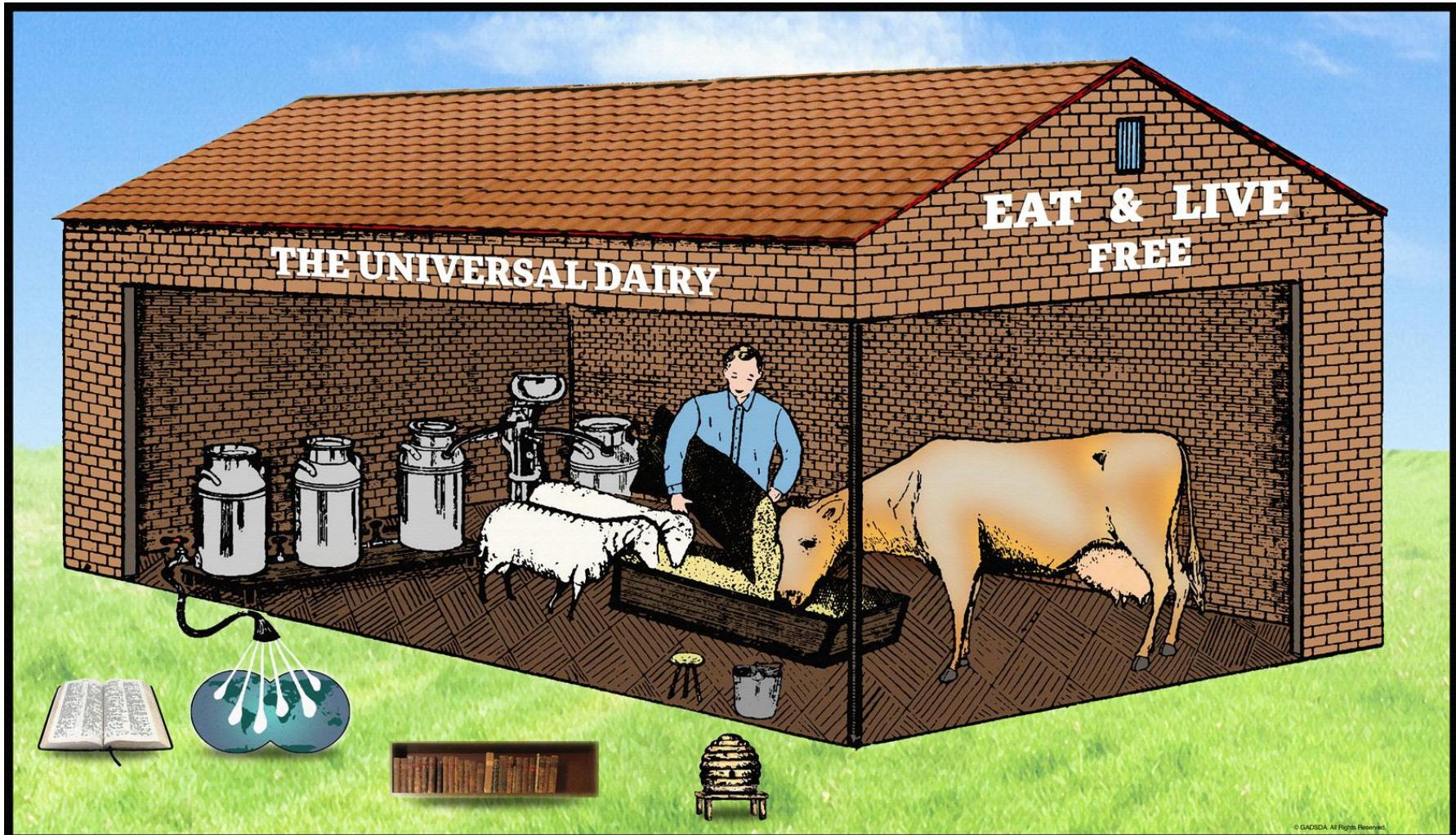
- I testify to my brethren and sisters that **the church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard.** While He extends to all the world His invitation to come to Him and be saved, He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition, and He comes personally by His Holy Spirit into the midst of His church. "If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. . . . Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And **He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**" {TM 15.1}

The Pasture, How Could We Have Missed It?

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Feeding The Whole World With The Whole Word



Purpose of Mt. Carmel Center—The DSDA Association

- Emerging in **1930** from within the Seventh-day Adventist denomination ("the church of the Laodiceans"), the **Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association** has ever been committed to the prophetic work (predicted in Isaiah 52:1) of **preparing the Laodicean church, the last** with "the tares" among "the wheat," **for the final proclamation of the gospel** "in all the world."
Matt. 24:14.--*Fundamental Beliefs*, p. 4

The Purpose of Mt. Carmel Center

- "Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem." Ezek. 4:1.
- Ezekiel was commanded to engrave a city upon a tile and to name it Jerusalem. The material on which the city was to be engraved being everlasting -- not subject to decay -- it denotes that the city envisioned is one that will stand eternally: a people that shall never die...
- "Set the camp also against it"; that is, make a temporary lodging place for your workers, Headquarters from which to carry on the work, and make preparation to remain there until you have conquered the city. **This is the devout purpose in building Mt. Carmel Center**, this is its given goal.--Shepherd's Rod Tract 1, p. 73, 74

Introducing Micah's Prophecy

- To continue with the theme of our previous studies -- the kingdom of Judah -- we shall turn to **the book of Micah**. It consists as you know, of seven chapters, and they carry a **continuous story of Judah in both her early and her latter days**. The first three chapters are concerning Judah in her early days, and the last four contain the promises to antitypical Judah, **the Judah of the latter days**, of whom **our main interest now is**.-- *Timely Greetings*, Vol. 1, No. 25, p. 3

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“Judah” Today, Who?

- "Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel." Ezek. 4:3.
- That is, when this takes place **in the antitypical house of Judah**, it shall stand as a sign by which the antitypical house of Israel shall be warned.--- Shepherd's Rod Tract 1, p. 75

“Judah” Today, Who? Cont’d.

- Now, by subtracting the 430 years from 1930 A.D., we get 1500 A.D., the time the Spirit moved to effect the Protestant Reformation. And as the defiled grains (doctrines) were during the 390 years dispensed to the Protestant congregations, and as the 40-year fast (absence of progressive Truth) occurred in **the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination**, two truths stand out clearly: first, that **the Protestants** are in this symbolism termed **the "house of Israel"**; and second that **the Seventh-day Adventists are termed the "house of Judah."** -- Shepherd's Rod Tract 1, p. 85

“Judah” Today, Who? Cont’d.

- Furthermore, Jerusalem, let it be remembered, is the capital city of Judah. Thus **the present siege against the "city" (the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination)** is to be a sign to the Sunday-keepers; that is, it is designed to awaken them to a realization of how the Lord is to be worshiped, and where saving truth is to be found; of the commencement of "the great and dreadful day of the Lord," and of His judgment, also to bring them to a realization that if it first "begin at the house of God," then "what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" 1 Pet. 4: 17. -- **Shepherd's Rod Tract 1, p. 85, 86**

Judah Not a Place in America...

- Gen. 49:10 -- "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."
- Here Moses wrote that the gathering of the people shall be unto Judah, and that when **Shiloh comes, Judah** shall have **a king and a lawgiver of her own**. Do we as Seventh-day Adventists believe in this particular part of Moses' writings? If not, then we have no better standing with Moses than did the Jews... Not to Takoma Park, not to Mt. Carmel Center, **not to some other place**, but to **house of Judah and Jerusalem** shall the final converts from all nations flow. Isaiah you plainly see absolutely confirms that the gathering of the people shall be unto Judah. Do you?-- **Timely Greetings**, Vol. 1, No. 15, p. 6, 7

Christ's Cleansing Bozrah, Who?

- Isa. 63:1-3, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with **dyed garments from Bozrah**? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have **trodden the winepress alone**; and of the people there was none with Me: For I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in My fury; and **their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments**, and I will stain all My raiment."

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- The last part of the preceding chapter speaks of "the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord". The first part of this chapter concerns those who have rejected the Lord (those who are to leave the name for a curse). To them the day of vengeance has come. The picture is not a pleasant one to look at, but it is true. It is God's "strange work." Edom is another name for Esau. See Gen. 25:30. Esau had his name changed because he sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage. The class here are termed Edom because **they have sold their birthright for self-gratification to satisfy lust**, the god of appetite (disregard of health reform), as explained on pages 59, 60. **"Bozrah" is the name of a city. The name means "sheepfold," a symbol of the church.**-- Shepherd's Rod book, Vol. 1, p. 156

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- **Bozrah: sheep-fold (the church)**. Micah 2:12; Isa. 34:6.
- Edomites: Those who sold their birthright to **gratify appetite**. They **make their stomachs their god**; violators of health reform.-- **Shepherd's Rod book**, Vol. 1, p. 99
- “I will surely assemble, O **Jacob**, all of thee; I will surely gather **the remnant of Israel**; I will put them together as the sheep of **Bozrah**, as the flock in **the midst of their fold**:[**is this Carmel, Bashan or Gilead? Micah 7: 14**] they shall make great noise by reason of **the multitude of men**.” Mic 2:12

Christ's Cleansing Bozrah, Who? Cont'd.

- The prophet saw **Christ himself** returning from the slaughter of the Edomites -- the class who were deceiving **God's people in the church**, the tares, or adversaries who had trodden down His sanctuary. **"Bozrah" means "sheepfold" – the [SDA or Laodicean] church.** He saw His garments stained with the blood of the tares, in delivering His people from their hands.-- **Shepherd's Rod book**, Vol. 2, p. 217

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- Because in that day the Lord is both to shepherd the faithful and to punish the unfaithful, the message which announces this "great and dreadful day" (Mal. 4:5), is titled, The Shepherd's Rod. "**The Lord's voice**," therefore, "crieth unto **the city**,... "Hear Ye the Rod, and Who Hath Appointed it." Micah 6:9.
- Sunken in Laodicean slumber and sleep, "**the city, the church**, in God's merciful effort to prepare it against this day of trouble, is to be startled to life by His urgent cry:
- "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." Isa. 52:1.

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- The church of the Laodiceans, being **the last of the seven churches**, is the last section of the Christian church in which the **wheat and the tares are commingled**. The overcomers, the marked ones, from it, **those who hear the Rod**, begin **the eighth section of the church** -- the one symbolized by the "barn" (Matt. 13:30). --*Tract 9*, p. 61

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- Laodicea may be infallibly recognized amidst the many "isms" of Christendom by the work she is doing -- **declaring the judgment**... The church therefore, which declares, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come" (Rev. 14:7), is evidently the one called Laodicea. And it is almost as well known outside Seventh-day Adventist circles as within, that **the Seventh-day Adventist church is endeavoring to carry the judgment message of Revelation 14:7**, and is therefore unchallenged in her claim to the title, **Laodicea**. -- Tract 3, p. 62

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- The end of the period in which the wheat and the tares are commingled is the time of the closing work for **the Laodicean church** (the last of the seven churches). This work is identified by **the church's founder** as the marking in Ezekiel 9, the sealing of spiritual Israel, the 144,000. (See **Testimonies to Ministers, p. 445** and *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 266; Vol. 5, p. 211.) And this identification is conclusively substantiated by the fact, as herein seen, that Ezekiel's prophecy is a separation of two classes -- those who "sigh and cry for all the abominations that be done **in the midst** thereof" (**the church**) and those who do not.-- Tract 3, p. 63.

Concluding Thought of the SR Message

- From what we have already seen, there is a clear pattern of truth that all the prophet's messages were directed to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This has been a continuous thought from Isaiah thru Micah and the other prophets.
 1. Elijah's message is for the SDA Church, and eventually for the world.
 2. Ezekiel's message was for the church, and then for the world.
 3. The latter rain is for the church, then to the world
 4. The 4th Angel's message first to the church, then to the world.
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Shepherd's Rod Tract 1, p. 70, 71

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The Rod Is Pure SDA Doctrine

- No one should fear or be backward to declare this message right from **the Seventh-day Adventist pulpit**, for it is pure Seventh-day Adventist doctrine, **calling God's people back to the principles upon which this great denomination was established**. Some will object and try to put a stop to it while they can not explain the Scriptures in another way. But he who takes the burden to carry the message, must insist and be faithful to conduct his studies.— Shepherd's Rod book, Vol. 1, p. 250

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