

# The King's Journal

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*“Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Matt. 6:10*

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Dear Friends,

It has been quite a while since we have sent out a newsletter, and it is our desire to begin anew. This isn't just a cliché—we truly are experiencing the end of an era, and it is most important that we stay updated on current events.

The cover graphic depicts a two-horned beast, representing the United States of America. This symbol shows the USA in the act of deliberately destroying the lamb-like characteristics (Protestant principles) it once revered and protected. Riding upon this beast is the dragon, which signifies Satan's attempt to "make war with the saints" through political institutions, in a desperate effort to seize the precious "Lamb of God" from their grasp! The illustration, therefore, conveys a dual prophetic pronouncement about the nation changing its spiritual and political directions.

Biblical Interpretation of the Two-Horned Beast: Revelation 13:11-12 teaches that the United States will eventually "speak like the Dragon," meaning it will abandon the Protestant principles of religious freedom. These principles originally allowed individuals to worship God according to their own conscience, free from state coercion. However, the prophecy states that the beast will enforce a national mandate, compelling citizens to worship God as influenced by the "healed" beast's impact on national and international public policies.

Current Social and Religious Trends: Today, both the nation and the world stand on the threshold of an unprecedented crisis. All three branches of the U.S. Government now have a significant Roman Catholic majority, actively working to shape society with Catholic doctrines, known as the "Social Teachings" of this Church-State system. Few realize that initiatives such as the push for illegal migration and restrictive climate change policies are manifestations of Rome's social teachings.

In addition, these despotic forces will prompt governments to enact legislation about "worship," particularly establishing Sunday as the designated Sabbath. This measure will be imposed by legislation, to help reverse what Scientists today say are the adverse impacts of climate change. According to the prophecy though, refusal to comply with these Catholic-leaning laws will eventually carry the death penalty, as foretold in Revelation 13:15. This will be a time of untold persecution upon God's faithful Remnant people, but for their rescue Michael will "stand up," and deliver into the glorious Kingdom of our God.

For our first article in this newsletter, we chose to republish an article written in 2012. This article is even more relevant for today given the unfolding events since its publication. The only modifications are the insertion of a more recent picture of Gaza. A significant event has taken place since the article's original publication; the United States moved its Israeli Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This is significant because in Daniel 11:45 we are told that the King of the North (USA) "shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas

in the glorious holy mountain...." This "holy mountain" is a biblical symbol for Jerusalem.

Why do we teach that "his tabernacles" are the embassy? Because it is called "the tabernacles of his Palace"—the king's dwelling place. Since the Commander in Chief's "palace" is the Presidential Mansion—The White House, then the "tabernacles of his Palace" is an extension of the White House, the governmental seat of the United States in a foreign country. The United States as the "king of the north," is touched on lightly in the article, but we will go further into this concept in a future newsletter, giving more details as to how this will occur.

The second featured article by A.T. Jones *Keeping the Commandments* sums up Righteousness by faith, how simple it really is to understand, and just how merciful our God really is. This will give those with understanding an insight into what the real issue in 1888 was. Please read the article again, and again, and let it sink deep into your soul.

The last article is *Pope Leo's Declaring a 24-hour day of peace* to honor Christmas. Christmas may be over now, but the significance of what this means for you and me in the future Sunday Law is tremendous, and we need to take it quite seriously. Friends, it is time to "Come out of Babylon." We cannot participate in a pagan ritual and claim to be walking uprightly with our Savior and still gain the favor of Heaven! As you will read in the A.T. Jones' article, Christ does at times wink at our ignorance, but he expects us to grow in righteousness, learning how to choose the good and refuse the evil.

Our prayer is that you will appreciate the content provided in this Newsletter, and share it on to others, so they too can taste and see that the Lord is good, His Truth is eternal, and His mercies are new every morning.

*Barbara Eustace*

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# GAZA AND ISRAEL IN THE LAST DAYS

Garrick Augustus November 2012

“For **Gaza** shall be forsaken, and **Ashkelon** a desolation: they shall drive out **Ashdod** at the noon day, and **Ekron** shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.” Zeph. 2: 4, 5.



What do the verbs “forsaken,” “desolation,” “driven out,” and “rooted up,” especially when joined with the phrase, “there shall be no inhabitant,” all have in common? You guessed it, the markings of a war, a terrible war, the formation of which leaves in its wake such scenes of carnage and desolation, that cities are left without inhabitants—depopulated! Shortly, we will examine these verses to see if they were fulfilled in ancient times, or if they are timed for the latter days, the times in which we live.

“On Monday, militants fired several rockets toward Eshkol in southern Israel. One hit a school that has been closed since the conflict began, the IDF said. Several more rockets fired at **Ashkelon** — which has been repeatedly targeted by militants in recent days-

— were intercepted by Israel’s missile defense system, it said.”

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/11/19/world/meast/gaza-israel-strike/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t1](http://www.cnn.com/2012/11/19/world/meast/gaza-israel-strike/index.html?hpt=hp_t1)

As believers in the Three Angel’s Messages, when we hear of earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, famines, plagues among a host of other natural and man-made disasters, we echo the chant that “these are signs of the Coming of the Lord.” Truly, when we see movements of the Vatican, letters from the Pope, or international engagements with the Papacy, we also proclaim, “the man of sin is being revealed as the world wonders after the beast.” We are also conditioned to believe that these are warning signs, and that the time of trouble is not far off, a time when we will need to leave the cities and run to the deep countrysides and remote mountains, in an effort to survive the punishing persecution. We also envision great persecution to come upon Christians in general, and Seventh-day Adventists in particular. But when we see war and bloodshed in the Middle East, especially as it relates to Israel and her neighbors, it confuses us. It causes us to act as though we do not know what this trumpet blast means, for theologically speaking, we have not been prepared to look into the existence of an Israel in the Last Days, a prophetic oversight which will cause our Revelation Seminars, and other teachings on latter-day prophecies much theological embarrassment, as the conclusions we make fall out of line with both history and reality.

Why am I writing on Gaza now? The answer is clear, Gaza and Israel have been the focal point of many world news coverages over the past sixty years, and although the Bible is pregnant with teachings on a Middle East conflict involving Israel, Gaza, Jerusalem, Syria, Egypt, and an host of other Muslim and non-Muslim powers, within and outside of that region; a conflict which will be the warning sign of the long

expected “time of trouble” (Dan 12:1, 2), as well as the final signal of the cleansing of the Church (1 Pet, 4: 17) by Christ Himself (Mal. 3: 1-3), from all who seek not the complete robe of His Righteousness, our theologians have been very dismissive of these parts of the Holy Scriptures, denying their eminent fulfillment in the latter days. Yet, the Bible does teach the reality of a general Middle Eastern military campaign centered in Jerusalem, Israel. A military showdown in the Middle East is not one which can be easily contained or dismissed, as it will involve America’s strongest international ally in the region—Israel, for whichever nation touches Israel, also touches, as it were, “the apple of America’s eye,” and will thus draw her (the USA) into full battle array in Israel’s defense. The Palestinians also have their international nation block which supports their cause, and their growing need of political statehood, and this block includes nations such as Russia, China, Iran, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan, to mention a few.

Prophecy does speak of a Gaza in the latter days, a political State of Israel, as well as a conflict between these two ideologies which will foment into the ultimate military fall of Israel and the United States while they are engaged in a gigantic Middle Eastern battle. I can speak with certainty on this topic, because the Bible has been very clear as to its development and outcome, and it speaks even more clearly than it has on the rise and fall of the two-horned beast in Revelation 13. Let us now hear from one who had written some 2,500 years ago, and prophesied of these very places calling them by their recognizable political names and geographic specificity in the latter days:

“Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O **nation not desired**; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, **before the day of the LORD’S anger** come upon you.” Zeph. 2: 1, 2.

Here the prophet speaks of an undesired, or shameless nation, one who is to marshal herself and “gather together,” an indication of her unifying herself both economically, militarily and ideologically, and

this gathering must occur “before” the day of YHWH’s anger comes upon the earth. Thus, sometime in the latter days, sometime *before* the great and dreadful day of the LORD comes, a “nation” of despised people will emerge to power. The fact that this nation is to “gather” itself together suggests that at the time this prophecy meets its fulfillment, the people comprising the nation were scattered, hence the need to be *gathered together*. Which nation could this be? The context is clear that the nation, resides in the Middle East, and has cities with names such as Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Ekron. While some of these names might not be readily familiar to our minds, we will shortly see that they are centers of population in the modern-day State of Israel. Let me be clear, the need to be gathered, is strong indication that this nation was once scattered—providing another compelling reason to direct our attention to political Israel who has been “gathering together” her citizens from all quarters of the earth since she declared independence in 1948. Hence, we see the prophetic announcement of this nation State as she emerged from the various corners of the earth to be recognized by the United Nations in 1948 as the independent State we now know as Israel. And ever since her establishment in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Israel has been engaged in bloody wars with her Muslim and Arab neighbors.

One would hardly be candid to suggest that Israel’s statehood has not been of Divine guidance. Consider the war of 1967, the six-day war, when the young state was attacked from her three sides: Jordan in the East, Syria in the North, and Egypt in the South. Though outgunned and outmanned, yet, in only six days, Israel routed her enemies so completely, that her borders would more than quadrupled! Egypt lost the Sinai Delta and the entire Sinai desert including Gaza, Jordan lost the West Bank, and Syria, the Golan Heights. Because of international negotiations to stave off the cold war, Egypt has signed a peace accord with Israel in return for the Sinai Delta and the greater Sinai desert—Sinai Peninsula, up to the border of Gaza. Jordan has since signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994, which has given greater autonomy to Jordanian Palestinians in the West Bank to now seek



for independence and Statehood. This has been a centerpiece of American and European diplomacy for nearly two decades to date. Also, Syria and Israel have negotiated a peace settlement, in which the greater part of the Golan, excluding a military “buffer zone,” has been handed over to Syrian rule, in an effort to sweeten the deal. While these negotiations provide temporary relief from a state of overt aggression, Syria and her allies are in the background working through other means to bring down Israel’s military strength. There has been the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization), The Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah, to mention a few of the more extreme guerilla organizations whose sole aim is to “drive Israel into the Mediterranean Sea.”

The prophet continues: “Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’S anger.” Zeph. 2: 3.

While on the one hand the Almighty speaks of this rejected, undesired, shameless nation, declaring that it would be *gathered together* before the day of His wrath pours forth, He simultaneously, on the other hand, speaks of another nation, one simply known as the “meek of the earth,” beckoning them to seek His meekness, to seek His righteousness, that they may be “hid” when His “anger” pours forth. Who are “the meek”? A quick search of the Bible identifies them as the righteous:

“The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.” PS 25:9

- “But the *meek* shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.” Ps. 37:11
- “When God arose to judgment, to save all the *meek* of the earth. Selah.” Ps. 76:9
- “The LORD lifteth up the *meek*: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.” Ps. 147:6
- “For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.” Ps. 149:4
- “Blessed are the *meek*: for they shall inherit the earth.” Matt. 5:5

- “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am *meek* and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Matt. 11:29

From these Scriptures, we can clearly see that the “meek” of the earth shall inherit the kingdom, because they are followers of Him who is “meek and lowly in heart” giving rest to the souls of the weary pilgrims. So, while on the one hand, the political nations will be engaged in a gigantic military war in the Middle East, the true followers of the Lamb, will, on the other hand, be taking on His likeness, and seeking more to be wrapped in the robe of His righteousness, His meekness, so they can be sealed as *one with the Lamb*, and thereby be “hid” in the day of YHWH’S anger.

**Gaza will be abandoned and Ashkelon left in ruins. At midday Ashdod will be emptied and Ekron uprooted.** Woe to you who live by the sea, you Kerethite people: the word of the Lord is against you, **Canaan, land of the Philistines.** He says, “I will destroy you, and none will be left.” Zeph. 2:4,5, NIV

In unmistakable language, the Bible declares that the entire Mediterranean coast will be wasted with the ravages of war, to the extent that none of its inhabitants will be left! The fact that this is a very densely populated part of the world, one whose population is realizing increasing growth, further indicates that the days of her emptying with “no inhabitant” are yet future. This fact makes this subject into a message of present truth, meat in due season. Gaza as described by the CIA, is “slightly more than twice the size of Washington, DC,” with a total land area of 360 sq-km and boasts a population of 1,710,257 (July 2012 estimates), with a population growth rate of 6<sup>th</sup> in the world! To set this in perspective, Gaza is 3.3% the size of Jamaica and has a population 59% of Jamaica’s. This means that the need for food, housing and economic survival is increasingly high, as they all compete for the same diminishingly scarce set of resources.

The Bible, while depicting this area of war and bloodshed, lost no time in familiarizing our thoughts

with the ancient land of promise, Palestine, thus it is here described as “Canaan, land of the Philistines,” in an effort to cause the reader to reflect on the warrior-like tribes of that region, and fast forwarding them to our times where the same spirit survives. This land, friends, is not the *heavenly Canaan*, which all true Christians long for and will one day possess, but we are here learning of a latter-day Canaan in the Middle East, built on the ruins of those ancient Philistinian cities. We are now to brace for the greatest of all global conflicts, yet to be fought in the Middle East, with Jerusalem at its epicenter, and Israel’s allies and enemies as the forces in conflict. To this the Bible has further warned:

“The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, **I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about**, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though **all the people of the earth be gathered together against it**. In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.” Zech. 12: 1-4

Observe that in outlining this prophecy, the Creator has laid out His credentials as the One who “stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.” In other words, the inerrant YHWH is here speaking and declares that He “will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto **all the people round about**, when they shall be in **the siege** both against Judah and against Jerusalem.” A “*siege*” is the language of warfare. Right there in Jerusalem and the nations “round about,” will be a cataclysmic battle, which will attract the attentions of the military world, for the infallible One declares,” all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though **all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.**” It is often

necessary to remind the reader that this is not the New Jerusalem after the millennium, but a latter-day Jerusalem which will be pummeled by her enemies *before* she is delivered by her Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Going back to Zephaniah, we read: “And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.” Zeph. 2: 6, 7.

As though the vision has changed, we see the very “sea coast” which was once destroyed “without inhabitant,” is now *inhabited*, but with people of a different character. They are to be populated with shepherds and their flocks. Think not that this is a return to agriculture, no, indeed. This change of occupants, indicates a change of heart, a changed character, that the true future dwellers of this land will be the “meek of earth.” Now, this might appear to some as fanciful Evangelical teachings, but to those who believe in “every word” which proceeds from the mouth of YHWH, this is present truth—meat in due season. We are living in a changing world, with changing seasons, but there is more change to come, and in the Middle East which has been ravaged by the terror or war, the Prince of Peace is about to reckon with, and make Jerusalem the center of the everlasting gospel once again, *before* probation closes.

Do realize that it is the United States which will lead the world in making an image to the beast, and during those terrible times of trouble and persecution, the headquarters of the gospel will no longer reside in the USA, or for that matter, in the domains of the two-horned beast’s, but rather it will be relocated by the Creator Himself, to the land that He has chosen and forever placed His name there, thus he describes her, “Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there” (1 Kings 11: 36). This is an often-repeated phrase throughout the Scriptures. Another such instance is, “Jerusalem, which I have chosen *out of all*

tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever.” (2 Kings 21:7).

Have you ever wondered why there are only two Jerusalem’s in the entire Universe (biblically speaking)? There is Jerusalem on earth, which is in bondage with her children, until now, and the *new* Jerusalem in Heaven above, and one day both Jerusalem’s will kiss each other. Where there now exists historic, or “old” Jerusalem, in its place, after the millennium, will reside the metropolis of the New Earth and Universe, the very throne of the Eternal Majesty of Heaven, YHWH Himself. Why? Because Jerusalem is the place where His name dwells *forever*. The very name *Yah-rushalayim*, Yerushalayim, [Jerusalem], means “city of peace.” In spite of its *peaceful* name, Jerusalem has been everything but peaceful! But those days are coming to an end. Here is what the Bible says:

“But in the **last days** it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” Micah 4: 1, 2.

Here Micah, in unmistakable language speaks of “the last days” and declares that the gospel will emanate from earthly Jerusalem, during a time when sinners can be saved, for he said, all “peoples shall flow unto it.” “And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth.” When “the law goes forth,” it will be under the auspices of the Loud Cry of the Third Angel’s message, when a people who keep the commandments of YHWH and possess the faith of Messiah, shall preach the everlasting gospel as a witness unto all nations before the end shall come.

For many years, our SDA theologians have held that “old Jerusalem will never again be rebuilt,” citing support from *Early Writings*, pp. 74-76. But in recent years, however, in light of Israel’s becoming a great nation, an event which was not seen in any of the visions of Sister White’s, the White Estate has been placed in the position of apologists, and has since written a seventeen-page document entitled “**The Gathering of Israel, A Historical Study of Early Writings, pp. 74-76,**” in which they explain that Mrs. White was not suggesting that Jerusalem would not ever again be build up, but that the purposes of the Zionists of the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century (her times) would not be realized, a view which held that during the millennium, there would be a peaceful reign of Christ on earth, and that the gospel would be preached to all nations, and Jerusalem would then be the center of the gospel. This view Ellen White opposed and spoke out against. Specifically, they conclude:

“But the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine of the millennium precluded accepting the age-to-come views: With all the redeemed in heaven and no human being left alive on the earth, there is simply no room for either **probation after the Second Advent** or a “Judaizing” **millennial kingdom on earth**.

“Like the Millerite “anti-Judaizing” view, the Seventh-day Adventist belief had nothing to do with the Jews or with their religion or national status. It opposed one specific *Christian* prophetic interpretation, namely: the application of certain prophecies to an expected gathering and conversion of the Jews, and to their place in a “Davidic” kingdom on earth **during the millennium**. (An opinion for or against the “Judaizing” Literalist interpretation of the prophecies no more makes one pro-Israel or anti-Jewish than does the acceptance or rejection of the British-Israel claim make one pro-or anti-British.)” —Julia Neuffer, *Former Assistant Book Editor* Review and Herald Publishing Association. [Emphasis mine.], *Ibid*.

To clear matters in the reader’s mind, let me repeat, **the prophecies nowhere teach of a millennial reign of peace on earth** (this is a belief of Evangelicals, Messianic, and Christian Zionists), **but that the saved**

**will reign with Christ for 1,000 years in the Holy City (Heaven) above.** What it does teach, however, with great lucidity, is that the gospel work on earth will be active when Jerusalem again becomes the headquarters of the everlasting gospel. Here is the prophet Joel:

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for **in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance**, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.” Joel 2: 28-32.

We have long been told by our theological forefathers that there will be a final outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit, far exceeding the manifestation realized on the Day of Pentecost (Acts. 2), which event is here partially described. What we were not told, though, is that the Middle East will be included in this final shower of grace on the waiting church of God. “For,” says the prophet, “**in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance**, as the LORD hath said, and **in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.**” This reference to Zion and Jerusalem, in connection with the “remnant,” clearly speaks of the final evangelic thrust of the 144,000 (the true remnant), earth’s final evangelists, as they make the final march on the battlefield of sin, warning a dying world of our loving Saviour’s return. Regarding the promises given in Joel, Ellen White also provided insights, declaring:

“After the wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, Peter exhorted the people to repentance and baptism in the name of Christ, for the remission of their sins; and he said: ‘Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you,

and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.’ Acts 2:38, 39.

“In immediate connection with the scenes of the great day of God, the Lord by the prophet Joel has promised a special manifestation of His Spirit. Joel 2:28. This prophecy received a **partial fulfillment** in the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; but **it will reach its full accomplishment** in the manifestation of divine grace which will attend **the closing work of the gospel.**” *The Great Controversy*, p. X (Introduction)

Let’s note that the “partial fulfillment” of the prophecies of Joel, are to meet their consummate fulfillment in “the closing work of the gospel,” the Loud Cry of the Third Angel. That additional light and power will attend the Third Angel’s message, is evidenced in Rev. 18:1, where another angel was commissioned to unite his voice with that of the three angels’, lending power and force to their message, by calling a people out from Babylon into the true worship of the one and only Majesty of the Universe, YHWH Himself.

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold...The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the ‘former rain’ was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the ‘latter rain’ will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest.

“The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are ‘the times of refreshing’ to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: ‘Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.’ Acts 3:19, 20.



“Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.” *The Great Controversy*, pp. 611, 612.

## The First Exodus and Jerusalem

When Israel left Egypt in the first exodus, Palestine was filled with a terror-dealing warlike people, and it has not changed much even after three millennia, but things are about to change for the better, but the political will get worse before it gets better. The worst is that the last world war will be fought in that place, and the USA and her allies will suffer a stunning military defeat, and the better is when Michael stands up to deliver His Saints. This fact is more directly stated in the prophecies of Daniel:

“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet **he shall come to his end, and none shall help him**. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” Dan. 11: 45 – 12:1

The power here identified as “he” (v. 45), is the “king of the North,” the United States and her allies, including her religious ally—the Papacy. They will seek to make Jerusalem an extension of their headquarters by planting “the tabernacles” of their palace—Embassy—“in the glorious holy mountain,” Jerusalem, but will soon realize that the coalition which aided them in this take-over is no longer standing in their favor, and as the coalition breaks without hands, through direct divine intervention, the

### **Special Note:** Why is the U.S.

included as part of the “King of the North”? Because the Papacy now (unlike in the past) has no military of her own, she depends on the military strength of the United States and her allies to enforce her dogmas. The U.S. military and allied nations (in silence as a lamb) are the right arm of the Vatican’s military might. They will eventually enforce the decrees of Apostate Protestantism in their enacting the prophetic “image of the beast” system for the control of the masses, and the persecution of the true worshipers of YHWH.

once great military engine, and the floating armada of the seas will suffer her most humiliating military defeat. And this the Majesty of heaven will do in order to save both groups of belligerents, for they will finally see that were it not for divine intervention, the coalition could not have been broken, much less the Muslim and Arab nations stand as victors! I cannot say exactly the circumstance which will lead to the breaking of the coalition, but here is

what the Bible does teach regarding the demise of the King of the North, under his prophetic title, Assyria:

“Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err. Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one

goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel. And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. **For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down**, which smote with a rod.” Isa. 30: 27-31

“Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. Then shall **the Assyrian fall** with the sword, **not of a mighty man; and the sword**, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith **the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.**” Isa. 31: 6-9.

As clear as language can describe, we see the allied Assyrian power of the last days being crushed “through the voice of YHWH,” and that he will not be humiliated by the sword of a “mighty” nation nor that of a “mean” nation, but only through the “voice” of the LORD (Michael), when he stands up. Thus, “Assyria will fall by *a sword that is not of man*; a sword, **not of mortals**, will devour them.” Isa. 31: 8 NIV.

In Dan. 12, we also see that while Assyria, under the title of “the King of the North,” is being humiliated with no one coming to his aid (Dan 11:45), Michael simultaneously stands up and delivers his people, those whose names are found written in the Lamb’s book of life. What a wonderful moment that will be! This standing up of the Prince of Peace, is not at His second advent, but sometime prior thereto that time, in a time when the everlasting gospel is being preached and people are being saved. This time also known to be the Mark of the Beast system, as described in Rev. 13.

It makes perfect sense that the Saints’ Deliverer intervenes in the affairs of earth at such a critical time,

for at that time there shall be “a time of trouble,” one in which His waiting remnant cannot buy or sell, except they surrender to the despotic system engendered by the two-horned beast, a global *religio-politico-economic* system which restricts the liberty of conscience, and dictates how, when, and whom to worship. It is for this reason that we see the great multitude of saints being saved (delivered) during the Image of the Beast system. Thus, the prophet declares:

“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number...These are they which came out of **great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Rev. 7: 9, 14.

As on the day of Pentecost, the 120 disciples received the former rain of power and proclaimed the eternal gospel under the anointing of the Holy Spirit wherein some three thousand plus souls per day were saved, (a great multitude), similarly, on the day of Pentecost to come, during the times of the latter rain, the divine Christ will abundantly pour out His Holy Spirit in power on his remnant—the 144,000, who will in turn preach the everlasting gospel under His special anointing, and gather in a great multitude of believers in the latter days—the closing hours of earth’s probation.

## The Faithful and Wise Servant

So, the saber rattling of war in the Middle East are to be taken seriously, because they are closely linked with the introduction of the Mark of the Beast system, and the closing work of the Third Angel’s message in the Loud Cry. The call is now being delivered to “seek meekness” all ye meek of the earth, that we may be hid (delivered) in the day of YHWH’S anger. Further, Daniel confirms that only those whose names are found written in Michael’s Book of Life shall be delivered. The greatest urgency at this moment is that we purify our characters through the indwelling Christ, that our names may be *retained* in the Lamb’s book of life. There is a latter-day fulfillment of the covenant promises given to ancient Israel, which will be fulfilled through the goodly remnant in the last days of this

earth's history. Due to time and space limitations, I will encourage each reader to take a fresh look into the two classes of servants (Matt. 24: 45-51), and the two classes of virgins (Matt. 25: 1-13), and learn the parable of the fig tree, for the time is at hand.

“The lord of that [foolish] servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that **he is not aware of**, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matt. 24: 50, 51.

Note carefully that this coming of the Master to the “servant” is his coming in judgment to His church (1 Pet. 4:17), and not at His Second Advent. This coming, therefore, finds believers unprepared, because they were “not aware of” the Master’s visitation, due to their not having partaken of his “meat in due season”—present truth messages, served by the “faithful and wise servant.” That the Lord will come to His church in judgment, is not a silent thought in the Scriptures:

“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. But who may abide **the day of his coming**? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.” Mal. 3:1-3.

## Ellen White On the Rebuilding of Jerusalem

Let’s now contrast Ellen White’s historic statement with conditions presently unfolding on the ground in Jerusalem:

Given the reality on the ground, that for many decades general construction has been and is ongoing in “Old Jerusalem,” we can now choose to either stick our

heads in the sand, so to speak, and pretend that this is not happening, or wake up to the fact that it is occurring differently than our Adventist theologians have predicted, and wake up to the reality that they are acting like *blind leaders of the blind*. When we realize that Old Jerusalem has been and continues to be built up, then statements such as *Early Writings* p, 76 will not confuse and confound students of Scripture and history but will lead them to allow the “context” to drive the author’s conclusion. Personally, I am quite confident that this is a very embarrassing statement for our church to confront, given the history-making declaration of the State of Israel’s emergence exactly one hundred years after Ellen White definitively stated that she “also **saw** that Old Jerusalem **never** would be built up.”

Once ago our Church leaders were quite proud of this “proof statement” from our prophet, and would readily whip it out to “disprove” the so-called erroneous teachings of the divine restoration of Israel to the Promised Land, but with history, prophecy and reality not in her favor, she has launched a face-saving campaign in a seventeen-page apologetic, in an attempt to sanitize this vision from Ellen White and restore credibility to the authority of her writings. No other statement of Mrs. White’s has warranted such historic research and verbose assessment than the one at hand, and for good reason, it shows that our church leaders are not being guided by the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and doctrine, but are wholly leaning on statements from the pen of Ellen White to establish such doctrines, without even giving credence to the historical setting in which her statements were made.

In an ear-shattering proclamation through one of the Denomination’s leading journals on current events in the light of Bible prophecy,

“Some few of this once-favored people will receive the Jesus whom their forefathers rejected and slew; but, as a people, they have long since ceased to have any significance. For the same reason, **Palestine will never become the home of the Jews; there would be no purpose in it.**” — *Signs of The Times, Are the*

Ellen White in 1848	News on Jerusalem in 2012
<p>"Then I was pointed to some who <b>are</b> in the great error of believing that <b>it is their duty to go to Old Jerusalem</b>, and think <b>they have a work to do there</b> before the Lord comes. Such a view is calculated to take the mind and interest from the <b>present work</b> of the Lord, under the message of the third angel; for those who think that they are yet to go to Jerusalem will have their minds there, and their means will be withheld from the cause of present truth, <b>to get themselves and others there</b>. I saw that such a mission would accomplish no real good, that it would take a long while to make a very few of the Jews believe even in the first advent of Christ, much more to believe in His second advent. I saw that Satan had greatly deceived some in this thing and that souls all around them in this land could be helped by them and led to keep the commandments of God, but they were leaving them to perish.</p> <p>"I also saw that Old Jerusalem <b>never would be built up</b>; and that Satan was doing his utmost to lead the minds of the children of the lord into these things <b>now</b>, <i>in the gathering time</i>, to keep them from throwing their whole interest into the <b>present work</b> of the Lord, and to cause them to neglect the necessary preparation for the day of the Lord." (<i>Early Writings</i>, p. 75, 76. Emphasis added)</p>	<p>Israeli PM: No limits on Jerusalem construction; AP foreign, Sunday October 21, 2012</p> <p>JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister vowed on Sunday to <b>continue building in east Jerusalem</b>, despite objections from Palestinians who claim the territory as capital of their hoped-for state. Benjamin Netanyahu spoke Sunday after the European Union's foreign policy chief criticized plans to <b>build 800 new apartments and a military college on contested land</b>.</p> <p><b>"We are not imposing any restrictions on construction in Jerusalem"</b> Netanyahu told his Cabinet. <b>"It is our capital."</b> A top aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas promptly accused Netanyahu of deliberately destroying prospects for peace.</p> <p>The Israeli leader's comment "comes in the context of the continuing destruction of the peace process and the two-state solution," Nabil Abu Rdeneh said. <b>The fate of Jerusalem lies at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.</b> The Palestinians refuse to negotiate while <b>Israel continues to build settlements in east Jerusalem</b> and the West Bank, areas captured by the Jewish state in 1967. Netanyahu has rejected the notion of partitioning the city. <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk">http://www.guardian.co.uk</a></p>

*Jews God's People? Does He Plan to Give Them Palestine After the War?* Nov. 7, 1939, pp. 7. ([https://adventistdigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/adl%3A358534/%3Fview\\_only%3Dtrue](https://adventistdigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/adl%3A358534/%3Fview_only%3Dtrue))

So, a decade before Palestine became "the home of the Jews", our SDA Theologians confidently taught that this would "never" happen, as "there would be NO PURPOSE in it." Yet, reality on the ground speaks quite to the contrary! Just imagine with me, had these statements been made by such as the Baptists, *Shepherd's Rod*, Jehovah's Witnesses, or Roman Catholics, etc.; how much mileage might we SDA's have gained by taking them to task with the political realities of our times? Yet, these false statements have been buried deep in the GC's archives, never to see the light of day, unless some Spirit-guided researcher would be directed to discover them! Astonishingly, though, although our theologians could not see the reality of the State of Israel only 10 years in advance, they stultify reason today and make equally damnable statements, such as this one:

**"No return of the Jews to Jerusalem God never predicted that, in the last days, the literal Jews would**

**return to literal Jerusalem.** Instead, He predicted they would **never again control that city and they never have**, they still do not, and they never will. The prediction of God cannot be changed.—Vance Ferrell, *CRACKING THE PROPHETIC CODE; Principles of Prophetic Interpretation; — Prophetic code (sdadefend.com)*

How do we get out of this theological "rut"? If we stay here, we will have a greater disappointment than that visited upon our pioneers in 1844! Yet, in 2007, in a piece directed against the Evangelical community and their Christian Zionism, in our Flagship periodical for the North American Division, the SDA Denomination again went to press, asking, "*How Should Christians View Israel?*" They answered below:

**"The 1948 establishment of the State of Israel, an outgrowth of the Nazi Holocaust in which 6 million Jews were killed, is viewed by Adventists as a political, not a prophetic event."**— *Adventist Review*, Nov. 8, 2007, p. 8; *How Should Christians View Israel?*; <https://adventistreview.org/2007-1531/2007-1531-8/>

We simply ask these theologians to cite for us only one prophetic event that was NOT also a political issue; its best to start from the gates of Eden to our present time! This really is a fool's errand, for *all prophetic events are centered on deep political issues!* It is sufficient to read the book of Daniel to establish this fact. Therefore, the suggestion that Israel's existence is purely "a political, and NOT a prophetic event," demonstrates a serious of understanding on how the prophecies are unfolded as current events. Even today, as we await the looming "Sunday Law," it is evident that it is steeply interwoven in political garb, thus we often speak of "church and state" alliances.

Saddest of all, in 1947, even as England cleared the way for Israel to become a nation, the SDA Theologians made one last attempt at averting the realities of Bible prophecy, and made this baseless pronouncement:

"The God of heaven who overthrew the city [Jerusalem] and nation and who because of their apostasy dispersed the inhabitants to the ends of the earth, **forever settles the question of a complete return and restitution in old Canaan by asserting that it "cannot be."**— *The Jews and Palestine*; 1947, Pacific Press Published Association, p. 61.

May we all heed this wise and solemn counsel given over three millennia ago: "Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**" 2Chron. 20: 20.

May we not be condemned by Christ as "fools and slow of heart to believe ALL that the prophets have spoken," for behold the days are hastening when every vision will come to pass, and every prophecy will be fulfilled, for the Word of God cannot come back unto Him void but *must* accomplish the thing whereunto It is purposed! Stay tuned...

## Ellen G. White's Last Statement on the Pre-Advent Kingdom in Palestine

(Added January 21, 2026)

To settle this apparent misapplication of Divine regard for earthly Jerusalem in the Holy Land of Palestine, four months before she should close her eyes in this life, God permitted Sister White to go to press on this subject and bring clarity to an otherwise beclouded subject. And what she said is deafening in its clarity and firmly establishes the truth that God has not forsaken "the Promised land... forever." Let's take a prayerful read below:

"The ten tribes of the northern kingdom were soon to be scattered among the nations, and their cities left desolate; the destroying armies of hostile nations were to sweep over their land again and again; even Jerusalem was finally to fall, and Judah was to be carried away captive; yet the Promised Land was not to remain wholly forsaken forever. The assurance of the heavenly visitant to Isaiah was: 'In it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.' Verse 13." —EGW, Review & Herald, March 11, 1915, Art. A, Par. 11

Those who will still use Early Writings p. 75 as an occasion to countermand the clear teachings of Scripture are now forever silenced, for the Bible does not support this idea, nor does the testimony of EGW. Let us, therefore, depend on "the Bible and the Bible only, as our only rule of faith and doctrine," then shall we realize that "the holy seed"—remnant people of God—shall return to Palestine in these last days, and like Isaiah, will be sent into all the world to preach the final gospel message, with lips anointed by the Holy Fire from the Alter of grace. What a glorious day that will be! Ω

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## Righteousness by Faith

Barbara Eustace

Have you ever been accused of attempting to earn salvation by works just because you may emphasize the importance of observing the entire law, including the commandments, statutes, and the judgments? Often, such misunderstandings arise not from the accuser's intent, but from how the message is communicated. When properly understood, both parties can recognize that "faith without works is dead," and that obedience is a response to faith, not a means of achieving righteousness.

A.T. Jones in the following article taken from the Kansas Camp Meeting Sermons, May 1889, in the article "Keeping the Commandments" explains in the simplest way, why there is such an emphasis on keeping the commandments.

(Paraphrasing) Jones makes it clear that "Jesus is the commandments". For me, this explains why the law is immutable, why we cannot void out one single commandment without voiding Christ out altogether. At the moment we give our life to Him he justifies us, making us righteous. We then by taking on His robe, His character, which is the law, we too become the law. As the sanctification process begins, we learn how to keep the law so that the law can be fulfilled in us, as it was in Christ. Jones explains, Jesus forgives us of our ignorance of the law, but if we willfully turn away from a single point of truth presented, we then lose our righteousness.

As you read the A.T. Jones article please pay special attention to how he explains Abraham's righteousness. God declared Abraham righteous at the moment he "believed". But it wasn't till 25 years later when he "obeyed" that it was fulfilled.

It is therefore, very important, that we see the necessity of the law in our lives, and it must be God's law that we obey, for he never changes. It is not for us to reject, for we cannot alter Christ. Christ is truly our Righteousness.

Victor Houteff in Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 37:24 made this profound statement:

"Your obeying "all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments" of the moral law of Moses, you see, is your evidence that you have been born again, that you have been endowed with power from above, that you are enabled to choose the good and to refuse the evil, that you are the children of God. Keeping the commandments and the statutes in the Lord, then is the light and shield of your life. It is the outward sign that by the life of Christ you have overcome the Enemy of your soul and body. This system of worship, therefore, is truly the Righteousness by faith that brings the righteousness of Christ in the people of God. Let us now with ears wide open hear the crier's bell:

'Isa. 52:1, 7 -- "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.... How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

'Nah. 1:15 -- "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that PUBLISHETH peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the WICKED shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly CUT OFF." VTH 2TG 37:24

The term "Judah" is a symbol of the Church in her current state, hence the need for the "good tidings" of the pre-Advent Kingdom today. Judah (the Church in her current state), is urged to "keep [her] 16 solemn feasts" that were supplanted and taken out are forgiven, yet willful refusal to accept points of the way by Rome (see Hosea 2: 11). This forcefully demonstrates that this message to "keep... [the] solemn feasts" came after 1798, the period during which the truth was trampled to the ground (Dan. 8: 12). The "man with the dirt brush" has dusted off His Truth and placed it in its original setting of the plan of Redemption, and urges those who shall be members of the Kingdom-Church to "keep" all the statutes, judgments, and commandments of our God, for they and they only, shall survive to be members of the church after her purification, and "the wicked"

(sinners) no longer have access to this body of true-worshippers.

## "Keeping the Commandments"

A. T. Jones May 1889

2 Corinthians 5:17. We have seen how we are brought into Christ and how this says if any man is brought into Christ he is a new creature. Gal. 6:15; 5:6, nothing avails but this and faith that works by love of God, being made a new creature by faith. Romans 5:1,2,5; 1 John 5:3 **then keeping the commandments comes in after we are new creatures, so then we must be made good, be made righteous, before we can do good or do righteousness;** 1 Corinthians 7:19--that is the aim set before us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:8-10. We are created unto good works; made new creatures in him, his righteousness counting for our unrighteousness. The good works God's creatures are created in Christ to do are the good works we could not do before. **So a new creature will aim constantly to keep the commandments.** James 2:1, 9. **We do not have the faith of Christ with the transgression of the law.** Christ did not come to set us free for that, because **if we turn from a single point of the law our faith will not avail.** But our intent is accepted and ignorant sins are forgiven, yet **willful refusal to accept points of truth presented will cause us to lose all the righteousness we ever had.** This explains the fast growing evil in the popular churches of today.

**Years ago the churches were religious--even when the third angel's message started they were accepted of God but when they refused to comply with the requirements of the message, then they lost all the righteousness** they had and have had to invent all manner of means by which to keep the congregations together, by entertainments. This is the philosophy of the degeneration of the churches. James 2:14. **No more does faith profit unless it is kept alive by these works. God has provided, Num. 18, let us show our faith by our works.** Faith is the anchor that holds the craft in the right place to work and the storms beat us nearer home. Verses 21, 23. Abraham was counted righteous when he believed and without works, the other righteousness came in twenty-five years after, so he was not counted righteous by works, that scripture was spoken when he believed and more than

twenty-five years after James says the scripture was fulfilled. If he had refused to offer Isaac, his former righteousness would have disappeared, so **the obedience of his faith completed his righteousness that he had by faith. Then our keeping of the commandments is not to become righteous, but because we are righteous.**

Romans 8:26 shows that we can not even pray aright, but the spirit does it for us, so our prayers are acceptable only through the intercession of Christ and the merits of his blood. Rev. 8 :3, 4. Here is the intercession in the sanctuary making intercession for us and God looks upon Christ, his wounds and his sacrifice and accepts them. Christ was perfect before he came to earth, and his absence makes our prayers acceptable, God imputing his prayer for us to us. How is his righteousness imputed to us? Are our acts righteous as far as they go and is his righteousness applied to finish out the work?

**No. Christ's righteousness starts at the beginning and makes the action what it ought to be.** Romans 1:16. Is not our faith greater than when we came here? Do we not see more of his righteousness than we did? How is it we have more faith and see more of his righteousness? Why our faith has grown. So it is day by day. We came daily for greater supply of faith. And we finally have so much of Christ's divine nature in us that we can draw the bow strongly enough to hit the mark, and then we will be keeping the commandments of God. Then is it not Christ's work from the beginning and all his divine power? Where, then, do our works come in? Nowhere. Why then do we strive so hard to keep the commandments, if it avails not?

It is only by faith in Christ that we can say we are Christians. It is only through being one with him that we can be Christians, and only through Christ within us that we keep the commandments--it being all by faith in Christ that we do and say these things. **When the day comes that we actually keep the commandments of God, we will never die, because keeping the commandments is righteousness, and righteousness and life are inseparable--so, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and faith of Jesus,"** and what is the result? These people are translated. Life,

then, and keeping the commandments go together. **If we die now, Christ's righteousness will be imputed to us and we will be raised, but those who live to the end are made sinless before he comes, having so much of Christ's being in them that they "hit the mark" every time, and stand blameless without an intercessor, because Christ leaves the sanctuary sometime before he comes to earth.** Now some say, "I will live better; I will try to build myself up into that place where God can accept me." If a child tries to do something to build up himself that you may think more of him, and falls, you say it was selfishness and pride, and serves him right; but if a child tries to do something simply to please you, even though bunglingly done, you commend him and praise him. So with us, if we strive to please our God, no matter how bunglingly we do it, he is so glad to put Christ's righteousness upon us and all heaven rejoices over it. How often a child tries to help mother, and she lets it go on, although mother has to do it all over again--yet she delights in the effort of the child to please her. Now like a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. {May 1889 ATJ, KCMS 5.1}

So then we can say with David: "I delight to do thy law, oh, my God." Why? Because the love of God was shed abroad in his heart. Now let me read a few texts about pleasing God: Hebrews 11:6. The aim of faith is to please God, because he is so good. Romans 8:8. Again 2 Cor. 5:14. The love of Christ draws us and we get that love through faith. But can we love God if we cannot keep the commandments of God? No. We can do neither until we become new creatures. 1 John 3:21-22. Now let us read Col. 1:9-10. We should be able to walk pleasingly before him. 1 Thess. 4:1. **This then is the root and motive in keeping the commandments--to please God, and not to make ourselves righteous. God makes and keeps us righteous and then we keep the commandment to please God who has done so much for us. As then it is the power of Christ through which we keep the commandments now, and it will be his power through which we shall live forever in the new earth. His name to us is what? Jeremiah says it is "the Lord our Righteousness."** Jer. 23:5-6. {May 1889 ATJ, KCMS 5.2} Ω See diagram p. 9

## Moral Law

How does one define moral law? Is it only the 10 commandments? Malachi 4:4 "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments." Here God through the prophet Malachi specifically says to remember the law of Moses **WITH** the statutes and judgements, notice he didn't mention commandments. Today, most Christians have nailed the law of Moses to the cross giving themselves permission to forget exactly what God said to remember. Ezekiel 5:7 "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that [are] round about you, [and] have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that [are] round about you;"

5:8 'Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, [am] against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations."

Sr. White and Br. Houteff both separate the sacrificial service from the other statutes proving that only the sacrificial service was done away with.

"In consequence of continual transgression, the moral law was repealed in awful grandeur from Sinai. Christ gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern everyday life. **These statutes were explicitly given to guard the ten commandments. They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ. They were to be binding upon men in every age as long as time should last. These commands were enforced by the power of the moral law, and they clearly and definitely explained that law.**" EGW (April 15, 1875 [Reprinted in RH May 6, 1875]). {1BC 1104.6}

The ten commandments do not guard themselves. Other laws written by Moses, but dictated to him by God do, and these too are part of the Moral Law.

"The only law of Moses, therefore, that we can possibly be admonished to remember, is the third part of his law: the moral law, which consists of the things that pertain to us as individuals, the things that we as individuals must perform, the things that perfect our character, the things that make us a peculiar people.

We therefore need to search out and do the things contained in the moral law of Moses -- "The commandments, and the statutes and the judgments." Deut. 5:31. VTH 2TG 37:15

'Let everyone know once for all that the only law which God did do away with is the law of the sacrificial ordinances (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14; Heb. 7:18-25). And He removed this law of sacrifices only because it, the shadow, the type, met its substance and its antitype in Christ's sacrifice of Himself for penitent sinners, and in His heavenly ministration for them, all in vicarious atonement for their sins -- in payment of the death penalty which the moral law imposed upon them for their having broken it. Thus the typical sanctuary with its ceremonial services was, in effect, transferred to the antitypical sanctuary in Heaven, where Christ our everlasting High Priest is now officiating, offering His Own blood, in our behalf. Hence the typical sacrificial law is the only law that was ever removed from earth." VTH Vol.13 S.C. 11,12:13 Ω

#### Shepherd's Rod Vol 2 p.272

"Though Cyrus freely offered his resources to finance the construction of the house of God and its sacred service, and authoritatively commanded that it must be built, the Samaritans, or factitious Jews, frustrated the progress of the foundation and retarded its completeness. **Therefore, though the message (decree) in 1844 was proclaimed to build the house of God and restore true worship according to the law and the prophets, the type reveals that the progress has been frustrated, and its completeness retarded by factitious Jews -- untrue Seventh-day Adventists.** This fact is plainly stated in the "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5, p. 217:

"I am filled with sadness when I think of our condition as a people. The Lord has not closed Heaven to us, but our own course of continual backsliding has separated us from God. Pride covetousness, and love of the world have lived in the heart without fear of banishment or condemnation.... The church has turned back from following Christ her leader, and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power."

#### Chick Pea Flour Cookies



1 1/3 cup Chickpea Flour

3/4 cup Coconut Sugar

1/2 cup Melted Coconut Oil

1/4 cup Unsweetened Applesauce - or mashed banana

1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda

1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract

1/2 cup Mini Carob Chips

#### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 °F (180 °C). Line a large cookie sheet or two medium cookie sheets with parchment paper. Slightly oil the paper. Set aside.

In a mixing bowl, add chickpea flour, sugar, and baking soda, and use a whisk to stir everything together until no more lumps of chickpea flour can be seen.

Add melted, cooled coconut oil, applesauce, and vanilla extract.

Use a rubber spatula to stir the dough then fold in carob chips and keep stirring to evenly distribute them. Do not taste the dough, raw chickpea flour tastes awful, and that's not what it will taste after baking.

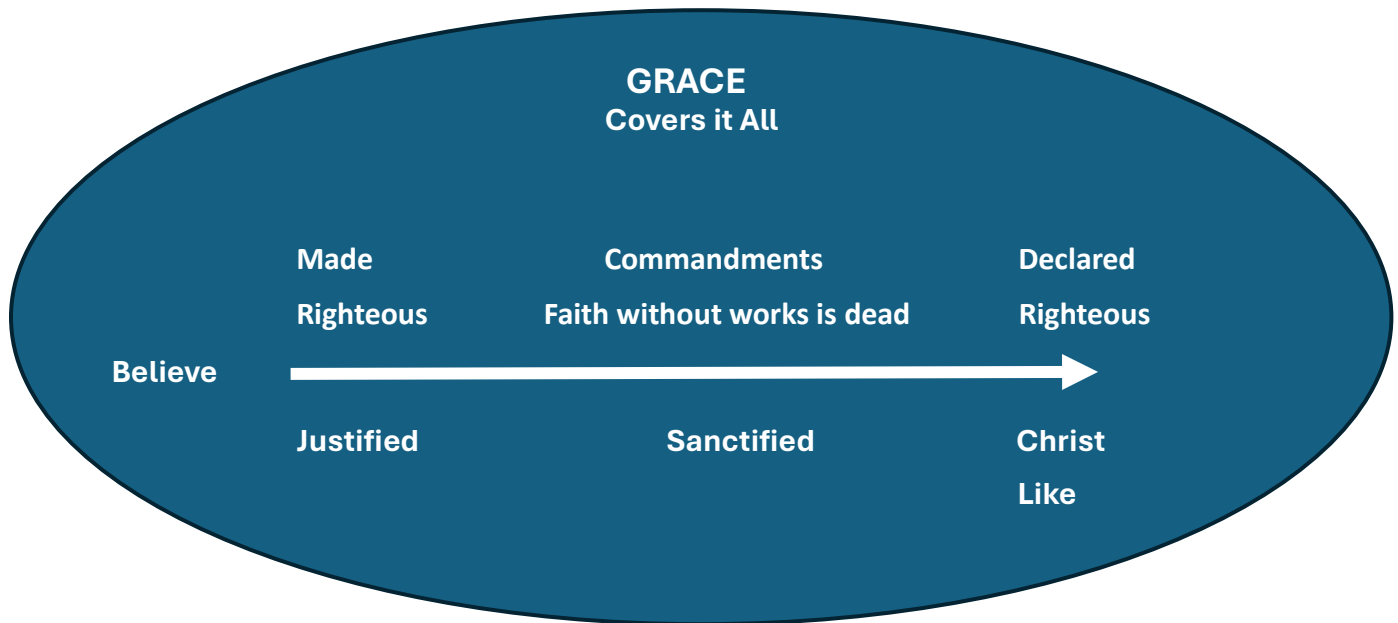
Divide the dough into 8 (for larger cookies) or 12 cookie dough balls. Place each ball on the baking sheets, 3 thumbs away from each other as the cookies will spread a lot.

Press the top of the cookies to flatten them a little using the palm of your hand.

Bake the cookies for 8-11 minutes at 350 °F (180 °C) until the sides are golden brown.

<https://www.theconsciousplantkitchen.com/chickpea-flour-cookies/>

# What a Wonderful and Gracious God We Serve



1. When we Believe, we are justified and made righteous.
  - a. Jesus accepts us as we are the moment we believe and makes us righteous.
2. Sanctification begins; we strive to do right (keeping the commandments).
  - a. God says, “if ye love me keep my commandments.” John 14:15
  - b. Believing Him means loving Him enough to strive to do His will, and by keeping the commandments we are taking on His character.
3. Grace covers our ignorance as we strive.
  - a. He covers us when we ignorantly sin and keeps us righteous in-spite-of it, this is GRACE, but we must continue to strive to learn all that is expected.
4. Immediately repent if we fall, God forgives, and we remain righteous.
5. Seeking & believing present truth keeps us under grace and righteous.
6. Once, fully keeping the commandments, we walk like Enoch.
  - a. When we have fully reached the character of Christ, we are living out the law completely, and He now grants us “life” without “death”.
  - b. Romans 8:4 **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.



## YHWH's Appointed Times For Year 2026

January							February							March							April						
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<b>Legend</b>	New Moon (Holy Time)	Vernal Equinox	Annual Sabbath Day	Holy Time	Weekly Sabbath Day	Passover day; not a Sabbath day	Full Moon	Heart preparation for Passover begins--this is the 10th day of the first month, the time when the lamb was taken from the fold and separated for the ceremony. Similarly, we must be separated unto YHWH for His reasonable service.
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Site seeing notice: **Cherry blossoms in Washington DC will be LATE.**

Caution: 1) All observances offset in light green are Sabbaths or holy days and are celebrated from the previous evening to the next evening.

Summary of 2026 Holy Times Calendar				
		New Moons, 2026	Days	Notes
New Year's Day ( <b>Not</b> a Sabbath)	Saturday, April 18, 2026	1 Tuesday, January 20, 2026	30	
Separation of the Lamb ( <b>Not</b> a Sabbath)	Monday, April 27, 2026	2 Wednesday, February 18, 2026	-29	
Passover ( <b>Not</b> a Sabbath day)	Friday, May 1, 2026	3 Friday, March 20, 2026	-30	
First day of Unleavened Bread	Saturday, May 2, 2026	4 Saturday, April 18, 2026	-30	
First Fruits (Wave Sheaf) ( <b>Not</b> a Sabbath)	Sunday, May 3, 2026	5 Monday, May 18, 2026	-29	
Last day of Unleavened Bread	Friday, May 8, 2026	6 Tuesday, June 16, 2026	-29	
Pentecost ( <b>Sabbath</b> day)	Sunday, June 21, 2026	7 Wednesday, July 15, 2026	-30	No. DOA since 457 BC
Feast of Trumpets ( <b>Sabbath</b> day)	Monday, October 12, 2026	8 Friday, August 14, 2026	-29	
Day of Atonement ( <b>Sabbath</b> day)	Wednesday, October 21, 2026	9 Saturday, September 12, 2026	-30	2483
Feast of Tabernacles BEGINS	Monday, October 26, 2026	10 Monday, October 12, 2026	-29	
Feast of Tabernacles ENDS	Monday, November 2, 2026	11 Tuesday, November 10, 2026	-30	
		12 Thursday, December 10, 2026	-29	
		13 Friday, January 8, 2027	-29	

# Pope Leo-14 Declares 24-Hours of Global Peace to Honor Christmas!

Garrick Augustus, December 26, 2025



From the earliest times, it has ever been Rome's ambition to "rule the world," and at the time of Jesus' birth, on the Feast of Tabernacles (not Christmas), in 3.5 BC, Rome issued a decree that had global impact. The Bible says, "it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that **all the world** should be taxed." (Luke 2:1 ). This "all the world" phrase was limited in scope to only those nations under Rome's domination at that time, but it makes the case that when Rome makes policy decisions, she intends that "all the world" bows in compliance. For example, while advertising the Church's Social Teachings on Climate Change and the Environment, Pope Francis, in his historic encyclical, *Laudato Si*, made a proclamation to the entire world, declaring, "In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with **all people** about our common home." Its message was warmly received by world leaders of very religious and political persuasion and gave impetus to the COPS since 2015.

Enter Pope Leo-14 and the Vatican is again asserting its global reach for power, and in an apparently "peaceful" and pusillanimous manner, **the Vatican Press reports:**

"Speaking about Ukraine, where massive Russian raids have struck several regions in recent hours, Pope Leo said: "Truly, among the things that cause me great sadness in these days is the fact that Russia has apparently refused the request for a Christmas truce." The Bishop of Rome therefore renewed his appeal for a pause in fighting at Christmas: "Perhaps they will listen to us, and there will be 24 hours – one full day of peace throughout the world."

The significance of this appeal may be muffled to the uninitiated observer nevertheless it is bold in its aspirations—give the Vatican global cloud to order wars to cease for one day. When world leaders begin to respond appropriately to the Pope's overtures, soon he will make greater demands for global cooperation with Rome's far-reaching policies, which will culminate with the ultimate demand of making Sunday sacred around the world, and joyfully, they with all heads of Nation-States cooperate as surrogates of Rome.

The Bible speaks of such a time, and it not far in the distant future, as we can already hear and feel the tremors of the "thunders of Rome" through her social and ecclesiastical arm to gain access over all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples. Let me be clear: Rome will not accomplish this on her own, but through subversion, she will have her helpers from the White House to the Palace House, from the House of Congress to the Houses Parliaments around the world, there will be one harmonious note—bow to the demands of Rome. Already she is coopting the Seven Mountains Mandate Movement, an outgrowth of Christian Nationalism and the Project 2025 Mandate for Conservative Leadership. The Seven Mountains

Mandate calls for Christians to take back seven areas that form the cradle of our modern society:

1. **Family:** Promoting Christian (Catholic) values within family structures.
2. **Religion:** Influencing religious institutions and practices in conformance with Papal standards.
3. **Education:** Shaping educational content and policies to reflect Christian teachings embraced by the Vatican.
4. **Media:** Controlling media narratives and representations to embrace greater Catholic (Christian) content.
5. **Arts and Entertainment:** Creating and promoting art and entertainment that aligns with Christian (Catholic) values.
6. **Business:** Integrating Christian (Catholic) principles into business practices and ethics.
7. **Government:** Engaging in political processes to influence legislation and governance with Catholic Social Teachings, such as global action against Climate Change.

The “seven mountains” did not simply originate organically with the Evangelical community but were taught through the interconnected organizational influence of Rome. And the end goal in all this effort is to coerce the whole world to accede to the demand of making Sunday into the Global Sabbath. This will be spiked with an economic benefit, as with the vaccine mandates which demanded that free people comply or “it’s the jab or the job” that will be sacrificed. This will only be for starters though, until greater demands are made to include *terminating* our existence on this earth for noncompliance (Rev. 13: 15)! The same voices that cry peace and harmony between peoples of earth, will roar with the Dragon’s voice, demanding full compliance with satanic principles. It will be seen

that these “seven mountains” complement the “seven” tenets of the **Laudato Si Action platform** of the Roman Catholic Church:

The apparently “Christian” act of acknowledging the birth of Christ on December 25th (Christmas) and His ignominious death at Easter, may seem quite charitable to the casual observer, but in getting the world to accept these rites of Roman Catholic-Christianized origins, is to yield much ground to Rome. The Bible teaches that the humanity will become so deceived under Roman influence that the line of demarcation between True and False worship will be such that it proclaims, “all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast.” (Rev. 13: 3, 4). The driving portion of this beast is the “head” that was wounded to death and later “healed.” During its “healed” phase, is when this global Dragon-worship will be enacted under the auspices of the two-horned beast, a symbol of the United States of America. To learn more about these beasts, check out our Online Videos at this link, and watch “**The Dragon’s Roar**” Series: <https://www.bitchute.com/channel/NRNN2uGFa3E6>

Describing America’s role in this global work of deception, intent on deceiving, if it were possible, the very elect, the Bible declares: “11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” Rev. 13: 11, 12.

In Prophecy, horns represent civil powers, while beasts represent nations and kingdoms. These two

horns, therefore, represent the bicameral system of governance in America—The Democrats and

Republicans. While as of late there's an "independent" party, it is a floating system that is subservient to both houses of Congress, and there is no "independent" house of Congress, as an underscore to this fact. Ω

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### HKM UPDATE

Heralds of the 'King' Ministries is revamping the website. We have changed website servers and have been working on launching a new website. Recently we learned that websites will now be required to be ADA compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act). We are upgrading our site to address these concerns. Our new and official website (not yet live) will be [heraldsoftheking.com](http://heraldsoftheking.com). We will strive in the meantime to keep the newsletters coming, monthly.

We will also provide in the upcoming Kings Newsletters, some of our basic Bible studies for those who are new or are just hearing about *The Shepherd's Rod* message. We appreciate your feedback; if you have something to contribute Poems, Christ filled experiences, testimonies, answered prayers, or even prayer requests, please let us know by email and we'll be glad to include it.

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### The Restored Kingdom Becomes a Light to the Nations

The restored people, renewed by the Spirit, become a witness to the world. The restored land becomes a testimony of God's faithfulness. The restored Kingdom becomes the launching point of the gospel to all nations.

The gospel that goes forth is not merely forgiveness—it is **the pre-millennial kingdom**, the renewal of humanity, and the reclaiming of the nations under the reign of the true King.

### The Story We Stand In

Today, we stand within this same prophetic story:

- We are the fruit of the Seed
- We are the heirs of the promise
- We are the regathered remnant
- We are the citizens of the Kingdom
- We are the heralds of the King