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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS AND THE BIBLE

Back in the middle eighteen-hundreds a self-sacrificing and God-fearing band of men and women, following in the wake of a very bitter disappointment that their Lord did not return in 1843, again in 1844, and yet again in 1845, began to search the Scriptures to find out where-in they had erred.

Many times as they faltered in those early years a young woman filled with earnestness and sincerity, believing she was chosen of God to lead His people out of this terrible blackness of disappointment into a nobler and brighter day of spiritual light, gave to them the foundation of their beliefs.

At this time she herself could not understand the Word of God. Her mind was closed to the Scriptures. She would suddenly fall to the floor and before her she would see visions which she sincerely believed were shown to her by God. These visions were always upon the subjects under discussion, and even though she knew

nothing about the Bible, they accepted these visions as visions of God.

Life and Teachings of Ellen G. White, pp. 46, 47: "Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Elder Edson, and others were keen, noble, and true, and were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light, and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, 'We can do nothing,' the Spirit of the Lord (?) would come upon me; I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. A line of

truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God was made plain to me (?), and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me.

During this whole time I **COULD NOT UNDERSTAND** the reasoning of the brethren. **MY MIND WAS LOCKED**, as it were, **AND I COULD NOT COMPREHEND THE MEANING OF THE SCRIPTURES WE WERE STUDYING**. This was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. **I WAS IN THIS CONDITION OF MIND UNTIL ALL THE PRINCIPAL POINTS OF OUR FAITH WERE MADE CLEAR TO OUR MINDS**, in harmony with the Word of God. The brethren knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and **THEY ACCEPTED as LIGHT DIRECT** from heaven the revelations given."

Dearly beloved friend, **STOP, PONDER, and CONSIDER**. Is your faith based on a thus saith the Lord of Scripture, or on the visions of a well meaning woman who could not understand the Scriptures?

This is not meant as a slam on Sister White's

intentions. But I ask you in all sincerity, is this the safest foundation to follow?

God today reveals things to His chosen directly through His Son and not through earthly prophets. Heb. 1:1, 2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us **BY HIS SON**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." Here, then is the solid foundation—that which has been revealed by the Son of God, the holy Scriptures.

I wish to have you enter upon an investigation of these "TRUTHS," according to Scripture. Many times when someone talks to an Adventist about investigating their "TRUTHS," they do not want to do so, feeling that it is the TRUTH and nothing but the TRUTH and therefore it should not be open to investigation.

Let us read from page 47 of *Life and Teachings of Ellen G. White*, under caption, "Searching for Truth." "Those who **SINCERELY DESIRE TRUTH WILL NOT BE RELUCTANT TO LAY OPEN THEIR POSITIONS FOR INVESTIGATION AND CRITICISM,**

AND WILL NOT BE ANNOYED IF THEIR OPINIONS AND IDEAS ARE CROSSED. THIS WAS THE SPIRIT CHERISHED AMONG US FORTY YEARS AGO." O for the return of that spirit to the Adventist people. Listen now to the word of God, 1 John 4:1: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." What are we to judge these spirits by? It would be by the Word of God, would it not? 1 Thess. 5:21: "**PROVE ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD.**"

With this admonition from Mrs. White, and the Word of God, we will begin our investigation. Let no one think this is for criticism, but only to establish the Truth from the Word of God. There is no animosity here. But with Elijah of old we say, "If Mrs. White is the True prophet, then follow her, but if Christ, then follow Him."

1. The Seventh Day Adventists teach that we will reign in heaven for 1000 years, and that during this time the earth will be desolate.

Your Bible teaches that the saints will reign on earth for 1000 years and the earth will never be desolate. There is no scripture from Genesis to Revelation that teaches that anyone except Jesus ever went to heaven, or will there.

Let us go to the Bible. Rev. 20:4-6 tells us the saints will reign with Christ 1000 years, but does not tell us where. The sixth verse tells us we will reign with Christ as priests during this thousand years. Now where does the Bible say we will reign as priests with Christ? Rev. 5:9, 10: "And hath made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth." That's right, on the earth. Matt. 5:5 says that the meek shall inherit the earth.

Prov. 10:30 states: "The righteous shall never be removed, but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth." Prov. 11:31 tells us: "The righteous shall be recompensed (rewarded) in the earth, much more the wicked and the sinner." Rev. 22:12 says: "Behold I come quickly, and my REWARD IS WITH ME, to give every man according as his work shall be."

After the flood, and Noah began to offer sacrifices again, in Gen. 8:21, 22, we read, "And

the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground anymore for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living as I have done. WHILE THE EARTH REMAINETH, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night SHALL NOT CEASE."

Now what has God told us here? Just this, that as long as the earth remaineth it WILL NOT BE DESOLATE. This throws out the possibility of a desolate earth for 1000 years.

But, says one, what about Jer. 4:23-26? Well, my good friend, if you will start reading with verse 16 you will find that this is a prophecy concerning Jerusalem and the cities of Judah. Verse 29 also informs us why no man was left in verse 25; they fled into the thickets and climbed upon rocks, because of the horsemen and bowmen. This chapter is Jeremiah's prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem and the cities of Judah which was fulfilled in 70 A. D. by the Roman armies under Titus. This fact is known

by every Adventist leader. The thousand years is never once mentioned in this chapter.

John 3:13 tells us no man but Jesus has ever ascended to heaven. Dan. 7:27 tells us that Christ's Kingdom shall be established on this earth, under the whole heavens. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 shows that the saints meet the Lord in the air when He comes back to earth. It says nothing about our going to heaven. John 14:1-3 says nothing about our going to heaven, but rather tells us that when Jesus returns we shall be with Him where He will be at that time.

2. Adventists teach that Christ's feet will not touch the earth at His second coming, and thereby teach a third coming at the end of the thousand years.

Your Bible says, Zech. 14:4: "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives." That day refers to the battle of Armageddon at the beginning of the thousand year reign of Christ. (Read the entire 14th chapter.)

Job 19:25-27: here Job in referring to his resurrection says Christ's feet shall stand upon the earth. This could not be at the end of the

millennium, but at the beginning, because Job will be in the resurrection of the righteous which will be at the beginning of the thousand years.

The Bible only teaches two comings of Christ. The first as a babe, and the second unto salvation. Heb. 9:28. Any other coming is not mentioned in the Bible, and where there is no testimony there can be no faith. "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.

Isa. 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-4 tell exactly when and where the kingdom will be set up. It doesn't say it might be, or maybe, "But in the last days it SHALL come to pass." And after it is established, then many people shall go and say, "Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord."

3. Adventists teach that the Jews are not a nation, and never will be a nation.

Your Bible teaches the restoration of Israel, and their cleansing from sin in the last days. Read all of Ezek. 36; Amos 9:11-15. Friend, Israel is a nation today. It declared itself a nation May 15, 1948. It has its President and House of Parliament. It has established elec-

tions for the choosing of officers of government. It has its seat in the United Nations, and is recognized as a nation by the majority of the nations of the world. Yes, my friend, Israel is a nation, and growing every year. At this writing over 30,000 are returning to Israel every month. God is taking them out of the nations.

4. Adventists claim that the Prophets and Apostles were all Seventh Day Adventists, and if they were alive today they would all belong to that church.

Your Bible teaches that the Prophets belonged to Israel, and that when the Lord Jesus came the name would be changed. Isa. 62:2 says the mouth of the Lord would give a new name for God's people, and Isa. 65:15 says He would call His servants by another name. Now was this name Seventh Day Adventist? If so, where in the Bible does this name appear? Look at John 17:6, 11, 12, 26. Here he tells us He kept the Apostles in God's name. Acts 20:28 tells us He purchased the "Church of God" with His own blood. 1 Cor. 15:9; Gal. 1:13: here we find that while in the Jewish religion

Paul persecuted the "Church of God," not Seventh Day Adventist.

1 Cor. 1:2 and 2 Cor. 1:1: here he called the church at Corinth the Church of God. Now if Paul claimed to belong to the Church of God all the Apostles belonged to the same church. If the Prophets and Apostles were all Seventh Day Adventists, they were very silent about the subject.

The Seventh Day Sabbath, and the Second Coming of Christ are two of the outstanding doctrines of the "Church of God." Nowhere does the Lord inform us to place the names of leaders, or outstanding doctrines as the name of the church. It is His church, hence the "Church of God."

5. Adventists claim the 2300 days of Dan. 8 are years beginning in 457 B. C., and ending 1844 A. D. They claim the little horn of this prophecy was fulfilled by the Roman Empire.

Your Bible says, (Dan. 8:26): "And the vision of the evening, and the morning which was told is true: . . ." Now what was the evening and morning? A year or a 24-hour day? We all know it is a 24-hour day. In verse 14, it should

read: "Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings (margin); then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

From where did the little horn come in this chapter? Verses 8, 9: "Therefore the he-goat waxed very great: and when he was strong the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them CAME FORTH A LITTLE HORN, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land."

Verse 21: "And the rough goat is the king of GRECIA: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king." It is a well known historical fact that this great horn denoted Alexander the Great, the first king of Greece, the four horns denoted his four generals who took over the kingdom after his death, dividing it into four kingdoms, the South, East, North, and West. Then the little horn that came out of one of these was Antiochus Epiphanes, a king of the Syrian kingdom which was the eastern kingdom.

(For further details on this important subject write to our headquarters for the booklet, "The 2300 Days and the Investigative Judgment.")

6. The Adventists claim that when the 2300 years ended in 1844 A. D., Christ went into the Most Holy place in the heavenly sanctuary after being 1800 years in the holy place. He then became a great high priest, and with the Angels began an investigation of every man and woman's character from Adam on down to the present day, to find out who is to be saved or lost.

We have already disproved the 2300 year theory, but let us go to the Bible and investigate the investigative judgment. First of all let me emphasize the fact that the words investigative judgment nowhere appear in the Bible.

1 Cor. 11:28: "But let a man EXAMINE HIMSELF, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

Gal. 13:5: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

2 Tim. 4:6-8: "For I am now ready to be

offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto them also that love his appearing."

These statements are all from Paul and none of them speak of a future investigative judgment. In fact the entire 11th chapter of Hebrews would have to be destroyed if Paul had believed in an investigative judgment. (Write to our headquarters for the booklet, "The 2300 Days and the Investigative Judgment.")

7. The Adventists believe along with practically the whole world that Jesus was crucified on Friday, and arose Sunday morning.

Your Bible says (Matt. 12:38-40): "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was **THREE DAYS** and **THREE NIGHTS** in the

whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be **THREE DAYS** and **THREE NIGHTS** in the heart of the earth."

We all know it is impossible to get three days and nights from Friday night to Sunday morning. The Bible gives us the answer.

Dan. 9:27: "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the **MIDST** of the **WEEK** (Wednesday) he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease.

Matt. 28:1: "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn (draw on) toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." Verse 2, "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the sepulchre, and sat upon it."

Matt. 28:1 (Greek): "Now late on the Sabbath, as it was getting dusk toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." As we know the day would begin at sunset, then the beginning or dawn of a new day would be at dusk or evening.

With the Bible as our guide, let us count. Christ was crucified on Wednesday, and placed in the tomb near the going down of the sun. So from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening is one day and night. From Thursday evening to Friday evening is two days and two nights. From Friday evening to Sabbath evening is three days and three nights. This is complete and fulfils Christ's only sign of Messiahship. (For more detail on this great subject write to our headquarters for the booklet, "He Is Risen.")

8. The Adventists claim that during the time the seven last plagues are being poured out upon the earth, the righteous must live on the earth, in the sight of an holy God without an intercessor.

What does your Bible say? Rev. 18:4: "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, that YE RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES."

Rev. 15:2-6: "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his im-

age, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

AND AFTER THAT (not before) I looked and behold, the temple of the tabernacle in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breast girded with golden girdles."

Here we have a positive statement that the saints will be on the sea of glass BEFORE the plagues are poured out. (If you want to study this thoroughly, send to our headquarters for the booklet, "The Glorious Rapture.")

9. Mrs. White stated that every church should have a Christmas tree, not to bedeck it with tinsel, but to place a gift on it for the Lord.

This is a practice in many Adventist churches and school. Thus by practice they acknowledge the Catholic institution of Christ-Mass.

Jer. 10:1-5: "Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver, and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

Here Mrs. White has endorsed a heathen practice. (For further information on this subject write for our booklets, "Baptized Paganism," and "Christmas a Pagan Feast Day.")

10. The Adventists believe in the right mode of baptism (immersion) but do not use the proper names. They use the Catholic formula

of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Neither do they lay hands on the candidate after being immersed, for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them IN THE NAME of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST."

Now what is the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost that the Apostles used for Baptism?

Acts 2:36: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same JESUS (the Son) whom ye have crucified both Lord (Father) and Christ (Holy Spirit)."

Acts 2:37, 38: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, WHAT SHALL WE DO? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of JESUS CHRIST for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Here the name given for baptism is Jesus Christ, and since Jesus was made Lord and

Christ, it would be, Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 8:12: "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and **THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**, they were baptized, both men and women." Take notice when they believed the name of Jesus Christ they were baptized.

Acts 8:14-19: "Now when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of **THE LORD JESUS**.) Then **LAI**D THEY THEIR HANDS on them, and **THEY RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST**. And when Simon saw that through **LAYING ON OF THE APOSTLES' HANDS THE HOLY GHOST WAS GIVEN**, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also of this power, that on whomsoever I **LAY HANDS**, he may receive the **HOLY GHOST**."

These texts definitely prove the Apostles used the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the name

of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in baptism, and then laid their hands on them for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:1-6: "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him that should come after him, that is, on **CHRIST JESUS**. When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had **LAI**D HIS HANDS ON THEM, the Holy Ghost came on them."

I ask you, Were the Apostles doing wrong by not using the titles, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? Absolutely not. They used Lord for Father, Jesus for Son, and Christ for Holy Ghost. They baptized in the name of the Fath-

er, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost. They fulfilled Christ's commission in detail, and so should we.

11. Adventists claim their organization is Biblical. That they are organized according to the Bible plan.

I would like to ask you, Where in the Bible does it say that God's church was organized with presidents and vice-presidents? Rather, we find that in both Old and New Testaments God's church was organized with a board of 12, another of 70. In the New Testament, a new one was added, that of the 7 financial stewards.

We will show it was organized in the New Testament, and for a detailed summary of this subject, write our headquarters for the booklet, "The New Testament Church."

Matt. 10:1-5 outlines the names of the twelve Apostles. Luke 10:1: "After these things the Lord appointed other SEVENTY also." Here, then, we have the 12, and 70.

Were these still in existence in Acts 15? Acts 15:2: "When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and

certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the Apostles (the 12) and Elders (the 70) about this question."

How permanent are these to be in the Church? 1 Cor. 12:28: "And GOD HATH SET some in the church, FIRST APOSTLES (the 12), SECONDARILY PROPHETS (the 70)." If God hath set them in the church, who has the right to remove them?

The third board, or business board, is found in Acts 6:1-7. This board is to take care of the business of the church so that the Apostles can give themselves continually to the ministry of the Word.

The Church of God, keeping the Sabbath and believing in tithes, with headquarters at Salem, W. Va., still has the Apostolic form of organization. The 12 Apostles, the 70 Elders, or Prophets, and the 7 financial or business stewards.

12. The Adventists have elections for their officers, and delegates to their conventions to cast votes for officers. Theirs is a democratic political way of electing officers.

Your Bible gives God's method for choosing officers for His church. Prov. 16:33: "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing is of the Lord." Prov. 18:18: "The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty."

Here we have been told that casting of lots is God's method of choosing. Was this just for the Old Testament, or for all time? How was Judas' place filled after he fell by transgression?

Read Acts 1:15-26. We will quote from verses 23-26. "And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles."

Here, then, we see God's method used in the New Testament. Selecting the officers to be leaders in God's church takes more than human

wisdom. Therefore at least two names should be chosen for every vacancy. These two names should be placed in a container, then after prayer one should be drawn. The one drawn then is God's choice and not man's.

13. The Adventists teach that all the wicked will be destroyed at the second coming of Christ.

Your Bible teaches (2 Thess. 2:8-10): "And then shall THAT (not all) wicked be revealed, WHOM the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: EVEN HIM, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

Hence, only a certain class of those called wicked will be destroyed. Does the Bible reveal who they are and who shall be left? Isa. 66:15-21. Verses 15-18 tell about Christ's coming with fire, and then tells that those who purify themselves, and sanctify themselves, eating swine's flesh and the abomination will be des-

troyed, because He knows their works and thoughts.

In verse 19, however, He tells that those who escape this fire (the righteous) shall be sent to the nations to declare God's fame and glory to those who have never heard it. As they accept the fame and glory of the Lord they shall be taken up to God's Holy Jerusalem, and be made priests and Levites in His kingdom.

So God destroys only those who have heard the fame and glory of the Lord and rejected it; those who have never heard it will have their opportunity during Christ's millennial reign. (Note: This is not a second chance, as they never have had a chance before.)

14. Adventists teach vegetarianism as part of their program of salvation. Meat of no kind is served in the colleges, sanitariums, and hospitals.

Your Bible says (1 Tim. 4:1-5): "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to

marry, and commanding to abstain FROM MEATS, WHICH GOD HATH CREATED TO BE RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE AND KNOW THE TRUTH (these would be the clean meats). For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified (set apart) by the Word of God (Lev. 11; Deut. 14), and prayer.

What kind of people in the church did Paul say would eat just vegetables and herbs? Rom. 14:1-3: "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, WHO IS WEAK, eateth herbs (vegetables). Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him."

According to these texts, the Adventists are teaching people to be weak in the faith. If one wants to be a vegetarian, says Paul, that's his own business, but don't judge another that can eat all things. This is a weak point in the Adventist doctrine.

15. The Adventists claim that Mrs. Ellen G. White and the books she wrote is the Spirit of Prophecy.

Your Bible claims that It (the Bible) is the Spirit of Prophecy. Rev. 19:10: "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY."

There you have it, the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. Now what is the testimony of Jesus? John 5:39, 40: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; AND THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." In what is life? John 6:63: ". . . THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE."

Is our life complete for God by the Scriptures? 2 Tim. 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God MAY

BE PERFECT, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Then if the Scriptures can make us perfect, should we add any more? Rev. 22:18, 19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall ADD unto these things, God shall ADD unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this book."

Then who is our prophet today? Is it any earthly person, living or dead? Heb. 1:1-3: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake IN TIME PAST unto the FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS, hath in THESE LAST DAYS spoken unto US BY HIS SON, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself

purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high.”

There it is as plain as it can be said, that our prophet now is the Lord Jesus Christ, and we should go by the word which He has left, adding and taking away NOTHING.

16. The Adventists are proud of their institutions. They have many sanitariums and hospitals, and claim that these are the power of God. They train doctors and nurses and send them around the world, and teach their people that that is the **Gospel** of healing.

I ask how many sanitariums and hospitals did the Lord Jesus construct? How many did He ask His Apostles to build? How many doctors and nurses did they train?

James 5:14, 15: “Is any sick among you? Let him call for the Elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him.” (Where does the Word say to call for the doctors and nurses, and they shall give them medicine?)

Mark 5:25-29: “And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered **MANY THINGS OF MANY PHYSICIANS**, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, **WHEN SHE HEARD OF JESUS**, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of the plague.”

Dear reader, why not find Jesus as your Physician? Some day these buildings made with hands will crumble and decay. Look at the Lamb of God.

17. The Adventists claim that the stars fell in 1833 and then began the last generation.

The statement “last generation” does not appear in the Bible. What you will find though is a statement like this: “Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.” Luke 21:32; Matt. 24:34; Mark 13:30. We must let Jesus explain what He meant by “generation.” In Luke 16:8 He says “And the Lord commended the unjust stew-

ard, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world (or age) are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Jesus uses the word generation to mean a period of time. He does not imply the time of the son or the father, or the great grandfather, but all men from a certain time, or age, no matter how many sons or great grand sons are born. By the word "generation" is meant the time of the Gentiles.

"This generation shall not pass," means that the people of this age shall not disappear (or be destroyed) "till all these things be fulfilled" Matt. 24:34; 12:45; 23:36; Mark 8:38.

We certainly are living in the end of this wicked generation. The signs of the times all point to the time of the end. It is during this period that we can look for the darkening of the moon, the sun, and falling of stars. Clouds will roll back as a scroll, and the appearing of Jesus can be at anytime. Dear reader, will you be ready? We live in the end of this generation, and soon God's wrath (the Seven Last Plagues) will come. Why not go all the way with God today? (For further information on

this subject write to our headquarters for the booklet, "The Last Generation.")

18. Adventists take the Lord's Supper four times a year, once each quarter.

Your Bible says the Lord's Supper came in the room of the ancient Passover and therefore should be taken once a year, on the 14th of the Jewish month Nisan, in memoriam of the death of Christ.

Ex. 12:3, 6: "Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And ye shall keep it up until the FOURTEENTH day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening."

Lev. 23:5: "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover." (Note: The lamb was to be slain on the fourteenth of the month.)

Mark 14:12: "And the first day of unleavened bread, WHEN THEY KILLED THE PASSOVER (the 14th of Nisan) his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and

prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?"

Mark 14:17, 18: "And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me."

Mark 14:22-25: "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Here we see Christ partaking of the ancient Passover, and at that meal instituting the Lord's Supper. 1 Cor. 11:23-26: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus THE SAME NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. After the same manner also he took the

cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. FOR AS OFTEN AS YE EAT THIS BREAD, AND DRINK THIS CUP, YE DO SHEW THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COME."

Paul does not tell us that we can eat this as often AS WE WANT, but as oft as we eat it we do shew His death till He come. In other words, the Lord's supper is a memorial (once a year) of Christ's death.

You can have His death in memoriam only on the day He died, the 14th of Nisan, and that in the evening that the Lord Himself instituted the supper, the night of the ancient Passover. (Send to our headquarters for the booklet, "Christ Our Passover.")

19. Adventists claim that the mark of the beast will be Sunday-keeping, after a Universal Sunday Law goes into effect.

Your Bible says the WORSHIP of the beast is the MARK of the beast. Rev. 13:15, 16: "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both

speaking, and cause that as many would not WORSHIP the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their right hand, or in their foreheads."

In other words, you will obey the beast, do as it tells you to do, believe its teachings. The doing is represented by the right hand, and believing its teachings is represented by the forehead or mind.

The woman rider, or Catholic Church, is the one that fosters the doctrines of the beast, or Pagan Rome, which had the doctrines of Babylon. Rev. 17:4, 5: "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her FOREHEAD was a name written, MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

So then here we have it, the woman rider of the beast, the papacy. Anyone who drinks from

this cup filled with abominations, and filthiness, truthfully has the mark of the beast.

Now what are some of these? 1. Sunday-keeping; 2. Keeping Christmas; 3. Keeping Easter; 4. Believing in Good Friday; 5. Keeping the Lord's Supper more than once a year; 6. Infant Baptism; 7. Praying to saints; 8. Going to the confessional; 9. Observing Lent; 10. Believing that Christ was crucified on Friday, and rose on Sunday, etc. (Send to our headquarters for the booklet, "Protestants Should Protest.")

20. The Adventists teach that the scapegoat of the typical day of atonement represents Satan during the thousand years.

Your Bible teaches that it represents Christ as the sinbearer of the world.

Lev. 16:8-10: "And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the SCAPEGOAT. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. (This goat represented Christ's death.) But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, TO MAKE AN (one) ATONEMENT WITH HIM, and

to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness." (This represented the risen Lord who takes away our sins, and they are gone forever. Remember the Lord's goat and the scapegoat made an atonement (one, not two).

Now by whom was the atonement, and when did it go into effect? Adventists say 1844. Let Paul answer (Rom. 5:11): "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we HAVE NOW received THE ATONEMENT." Here, then, Paul is emphatically against the Adventist position; he said the atonement was in effect in his day by Jesus Christ. (For more details on this subject write to our headquarters requesting the booklet, "The 2300 Days and the Investigative Judgment.")

21. Adventists claim Moses made an exact duplicate of the heavenly sanctuary, and that Christ has been ministering in the heavenly sanctuary since His return to heaven in 33 A. D.

Your Bible teaches that God's true sanctuary is the heaven and the earth. Heb. 8:1, 2: "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set

on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of [the true tabernacle, WHICH THE LORD PITCHED, and not man.

What does the Bible say the Lord pitched, and not man? Gen. 1:1: "In the beginning God created the HEAVEN AND THE EARTH." Isa. 66:1: "Thus saith the Lord, THE HEAVEN is my throne, and THE EARTH is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"

Acts 7:47-50: "But Solomon built him an house. Howbeit the most high dwelleth not IN TEMPLES MADE WITH HANDS; as saith the prophet, HEAVEN is my throne, and EARTH is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?"

Here, then, we have it very plainly stated that God's temple or tabernacle is the heaven and the earth.

22. The Adventists teach that the 144,000 are the living saints at the second coming of Christ.

Your Bible mentions the 144,000 twice in the book of Revelation. Read Rev. 7:1-8, where you will find the 144,000 are composed of the twelve tribes of Israel, 12,000 of each tribe. Beginning with verse 9 we find another company out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. These are those gathered out of the Gentile nations.

The gospel first went to the Jews, or Israel, out of which were saved by the teaching of Christ and the Apostles 144,000 of the tribes of Israel; then the message of salvation went to the Gentiles, out of which a great multitude which no man could number are being saved.

Rev. 14:4 calls the 144,000 the firstfruits unto God and the Lamb. Also they were not defiled with women (churches). In the days of the Apostles there was only one church, and these Jews came out of Israel, God's church of the Old Testament, and in following Christ, were in God's church. Not so with the Gentiles, nor with us today; we may come out of many churches before we come into the right one.

Now if the 144,000 were the living saints,

when Christ returns they would be the last fruit of the harvest, and not the first fruit.

Then start with verse 6 of this same chapter and you will find that three angels go to the Gentile nations after the firstfruits, the 144,000 of Israel, were saved. The 144,000 are already sealed and in their graves awaiting the resurrection. (Send to our headquarters for the booklet, "The Glorious Rapture.")

23. The Adventists claim the Seal of God is the keeping of the Sabbath.

Your Bible says (1 Cor. 1:21, 22): "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

Eph. 1:13: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: In whom also after that ye believed, ye WERE SEALED with that HOLY SPIRIT of promise."

1 Tim. 2:19: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having THIS SEAL, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from

INIQUITY." (Sinning or breaking all Ten Commandments.)

Romans 4:11: "And he received the SIGN of circumcision, A SEAL of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: That he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that the righteousness might be imputed unto them also."

Now if circumcision was a seal of righteousness to Abraham, and if we be Christ's, we are Abraham's seed, what is our circumcision or seal of righteousness? 1 Cor. 7:19: "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, BUT THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD (all ten)."

Rev. 12:17: "And the dragon (Satan) was wroth with the woman (Church), and went to make war with the remnant (last part) of her seed, which KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." We are not sealed by keeping one of the commandments, but all ten.

Rev. 14:12: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that KEEP THE COM-

MANDMENTS OF GOD, and the faith of Jesus. Rev. 22:14: "BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Yes, the Holy Spirit seals us with the commandments (all ten) of God.

24. In the books *Early Writings* and *Word to the Little Flock*, we are told that the first Angel's Message was when William Miller was proclaiming the Second Coming of Christ in 1843. The Second Angel's Message was the proclaiming of the Second Coming of Christ in 1844, that the Protestant churches were Babylon, and by rejecting the message of the coming of the Lord in 1844, had fallen from the grace of God.

Your Bible proves the first Angel's Message was presented by Christ and the Apostles, the Second by the church in the wilderness during the dark ages.

The Adventists also claim the Third Angel's Message is a warning to the world against the Mark of the Beast, which is a universal Sunday Law. Your Bible teaches the Third Angel's Message is a calling back to the keeping of the

commandments of God, so we will not receive the Mark of the Beast, which is worshipping the doctrines of the Papacy, so that we may escape the wrath of God, the seven last plagues.

Rev. 14:6: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14:7: "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Here is what is called the First Angel's Message. Let us go to the Bible and see who proclaimed it, and when it was proclaimed.

John 9:39: "And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see might not see; and they which see might be made blind." John 12:31: "NOW IS THE JUDGMENT OF THIS WORLD: now shall the prince of this world be cast out." 1 Peter 4:17: "FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall be the

end of them that obey not the gospel of God?" Here, then, we know the Apostles taught that God's judgment hour had come in their day.

Acts 17:22-25: "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship him declare I unto you. GOD THAT MADE THE WORLD, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." Here we see Paul calling men to the worship of the God of creation, a very definite part of the First Angel's Message.

Now the second. Rev. 14:8: "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of her fornication."

A person is fallen while in a drunken state. Let us now see when Babylon was drunk. Rev.

17:5, 6: "And upon her forehead (the papacy) was a name written, Mystery, BABYLON THE GREAT, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. AND I SAW THE WOMAN DRUNKEN WITH THE BLOOD OF SAINTS, AND WITH THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS OF JESUS, and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."

History records that it was during the dark ages, or approximately 1260 years, from 536 to 1798, that this occurred. Therefore it was the woman (or church) in the wilderness that gave the Second Angel's Message.

We will now print the Third Angel's Message. For a complete analysis of this message order from our headquarters the booklet, "The Glorious Rapture."

Rev. 14:9-12: "And the Third Angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead (this mark comes there by worshipping the beast and his image) or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God (Rev. 15:1; Seven Last Plagues) which is poured out without mixture

into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb (showing that Christ and the Angels are in the air): And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. (Now watch God's way of escape.) Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

25. As has already been proven, the Church of God was organized by Jesus Christ Himself. This was in 33 A. D. in Jerusalem. He told us the gates of hell would not prevail against it.

This cannot be said for the Seventh Day Adventist Church. That was organized in 1863 under the guiding eye, and according to the visions of Sister Ellen G. White. There she told them God had shown her they were not to take the name, "Church of God," because that was too indefinite for God's people, and it would lead to the supposition that they had a faith

they wished to cover up. This is found in the first volume of **Testimonies to the Church.**

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