



# The Four Angels' Messages

## A Monthly Magazine

It is the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 empowered by "another angel" (Revelation 18:1) producing the Loud Cry, which is yet future, but now is the time of preparation, which is the purpose of this publication.

### *Rules for Christian Workers*

*Ellen White*

To the Household:

In a dream there have been presented to me things that depress me. I have been instructed that many among us are not reaching their highest privilege. They are not walking in the way of the Lord.

Christians are Christlike. In following Jesus, we walk in the light as He is in the light, and as we advance, this light grows brighter unto the perfect day. As those in the home circle stand under the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, they are drawn into the close relationship of a family compact. They feel the responsibility resting upon them to improve in their connection with one another, preparatory to their union with the family in heaven. They are to realize the sacredness of the obligations resting on them as they stand in the

inner and smaller circles of duty. They are to live as those who have a sacred part to act in keeping their souls in the love of Christ. They are to live in close connection with the Light of the world, walking circumspectly.

They are to strive earnestly for the gift of eternal life, a gift that includes everything good and ennobling—honor, love, eternal riches. In order to gain this heavenly treasure, there is something for every one to do. The Lord says to those who are seeking for eternal life, "Go, work today in my vineyard." Christ was a worker. It was His work to help and bless others. "We are laborers together with God." A tree is known by its fruit. Men do not gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles. Christ says, "I am the vine, ye

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

# Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

I was asked recently to provide my opinion on *The Complete Jewish Bible*. This reminded me of the number of times people have brought to my attention other versions of the Bible asking what I thought. One poor soul, a coworker, brought several to my attention, all with the intention of escaping the difficult language of the King James Version. He eventually gave up on my opinion because, despite showing him how I test versions of the Bible and proving each time that the version he brought happened to fail, he went with a failed version and joined one of those mega churches.

So, *The Complete Jewish Bible* piqued my interest because the title having the word "Jewish" in it implied a most accurate translation. Would this not be a more accurate translation, seeing it comes from the people Jesus was associated with? They should know the Hebrew better than anyone.


So, I put it to my usual tests. The first test was to turn to Isaiah 14:12 which is the only place in the Bible where we learn the name of Satan being Lucifer. The King James Version states, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" *The Complete Jewish Bible* states, "How did you come to fall from the heavens, morning star, son of the dawn? How did you come to be cut to the ground, conqueror of nations?" There is no reference to Lucifer. In fact, many other belief systems try to connect "morning star" to Jesus and make it appear Jesus is the fallen one.

Now that is considered a minor test, but it did fail. So, I tried some other texts that are more specific to Adventist beliefs. Does the version under consideration support them, or not?

Turning to Revelation 12:17, the King James Version states, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed,

which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." We then take the words "the testimony of Jesus Christ" and connect it with Revelation 19:10, which says, "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy", allowing us to teach that one of the identifying marks of the last day church is one that keeps all Ten Commandments and has the gift of prophecy, specifically, a modern day prophet at the very least. *The Complete Jewish Bible* states, *with an extra verse of 18 added on*, "The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off to fight the rest of her children, those who obey God's commands and bear witness to Yeshua. Then the dragon stood on the seashore". So, we lose the identifier. Yes, Revelation 19:10 does state, "the testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of prophecy" but the link to get there is broken. Without that link from 12:17, the identifier of the last day church is gone.

As a final test to share with you, keeping in mind that there were quite a few other tests along the way of which *The Complete Jewish Bible* failed all of them as well, we have the version that supports 1844. For Jesus to move from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place must mean that Jesus had to be in the Holy Place when He ascended, however most modern translations place Jesus in the Most Holy Place right away, negating 1844. The King James Version states in Hebrews 9:12, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]." *The Complete Jewish Bible* states, "he entered the Holiest Place once and for all. And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever."

So, I have personally concluded that "*The Complete Jewish Bible*" is another crafty way of Satan to distort our doctrines. Be careful. 

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“Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.” {1SM 122.1}

“We must enter upon the work individually.” {1SM 122.2}

We are not against conference churches as there are some still faithful, but most are not.

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are the branches.” The branches of the vine bear fruit of the same kind as the fruit borne by the parent stock.

True Christians have the mind of Christ. They labor in harmony with the great Worker, gathering strength from the Source of all strength, the Fountain of all goodness and truth. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith, receiving light from the Saviour, they reflect light to others. The glory of the Lord is their reward. Their path on earth may be traced by the character of their work. They are not clouds without rain. They are cheerful and happy, because they are following the light of life, whose going forth is prepared as the morning. They have gratitude offerings to present to God. They see Him in all His works; they acknowledge Him in all His ways.

If they are members of a Christian family, they make the most of their privileges and opportunities, turning them to the very best account. Not only do they receive; they impart; for they are ever learning, ever discerning new motives to duty. They follow where Christ leads the way, advancing, not standing still, for Christ moves ever onward. They feel that it is their constant duty to inquire, “Is this the way of the Lord? Shall I, in following this way, gain spiritual strength? Diligently examining themselves, proving themselves by the law of the Lord, looking at themselves in the divine mirror, they will discover every defect of character if they desire earnestly to know how they can improve, how [to] grow up into Christ, their living Head.

Thoughtful self-examination is too often neglected to the great danger and loss of the soul. Before all, old

and young, Christ stands as the perfect example. They are to copy His character. To be careless in this work is dangerous.

Those who neglect to follow the way of the Lord, wasting their time or employing it to the detriment of the soul, follow a road over which they must retrace their steps if they are ever saved. Habits have been formed, tastes and inclinations pleasing to the natural heart established, which make them spiritually and morally weak. They have been doing a work represented as bringing to the foundation hay, wood, and stubble—just the work that Satan was pleased to have them do. But it was their privilege to obtain wisdom from God—wisdom that would have enabled them to make all their mercies tell with directness and power in the service of Christ. It was their privilege to do a work represented as bringing to the foundation gold, silver, and precious stones.

Every day, true Christians will watch for opportunities to speak words that will be a blessing to others and to do the works of righteousness represented in the Word of God as gold, silver, and precious stones. They have special help in every time of need, because they are not living to please themselves, but to work the works of Christ. In the place of choosing to follow their own way, they inquire, “Is this the way of the Lord?”

We have enlisted in the army of God to do whatever He bids us. We are to obey the orders of our Captain. We are engaged in an unceasing conflict with evil. Satan and his angels league themselves with men who do not the will and way of God. Although these men have a pretense of godliness, a name to live, they are dead. Satan

uses them as decoys to win other souls to himself. They lead those with whom they come in contact to do those things that are a snare to them. Their influence is a savor of death unto death, whereas, if they followed the way of the Lord, it would be a power for good, on the Lord's side.

Satan is a deceiver, a corrupter of principles, and it is a sad loss to any soul to work on the enemy's side while professedly serving in Christ's army. Christ has a work for all to do. All are under obligation to learn the best methods and the wisest plans for advancing the cause of Christ. They have enlisted in His army, and they are to use every jot of their ability in the struggle against evil. They are to war a good warfare against the wily foe. They are never to give the enemy the least opportunity to gain control over the thoughts or actions.

This is the work before every one. Every member of the church must feel the converting power of God. The prevailing sin of the members of the church is that they do not follow Christ. They do not advance in Christian knowledge and experimental godliness. They stop short, as if there were no more steps to take in order to keep by the side of Christ as He leads the way. They are not wide awake to the importance and positive necessity of the union of divine influence with human endeavor. They work without bringing Christ into their work, and therefore their efforts are not successful.

Many fail to see the necessity of placing themselves in the companionship of those who breathe a pure, holy atmosphere. They do not see the need for the presence of the Lord in all their undertakings, and the enemy leads them in his path,

keeping them busy in his work. Then he brings discouragement upon them because of their unfitness to engage in the work of the Lord. They have little power to strive in the strength of God to escape from the snare in which they have permitted Satan to take them captive at his will.

The soul thus weakened should cast himself upon Christ. He will receive him. He alone has power to change the current of his thoughts and convert him from the error of his way. He can so transform him that he will carry about with him, in word and deed, the proof that divine grace has been working upon his heart.

O how greatly our churches are in need of the Spirit of God. It makes my heart ache to see how often the Lord Jesus is betrayed and put to open shame by unconverted believers. Satan secures their services. Under his direction they bring to the foundation material that will be consumed by the fires of the last days. O that God would arouse His people to the necessity and importance of earnest prayer for divine enlightenment, for the influence of the Spirit of God. I pray that they may so strive to gather divine force that their spiritual sleepiness may not deepen into the death slumber.

Reproach is brought on Christ every day because of the absence of the Holy Spirit among His people. They have so long accustomed themselves to be content with a faint glimmer of light, to be satisfied with small things, that they are disqualified for service. They have received so little spiritual power that they cannot reach hearts. They have not put to the tax every spiritual nerve and muscle in the effort to advance, making the most of their entrusted capabilities.

We are to keep increasing in wisdom. The more experience we gain in doing the will of the Lord, the better will we understand what the cross of Calvary means to us. Christ says, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." We shall find that as we lift the cross, it lifts us. Fallen human beings can be converted and transformed only by following where Christ leads the way. Justice says, "Let him alone; he is joined to his idols." Christ says, "Let him come to Me, and live. I will pardon his transgressions. Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me."

Our Saviour does not leave His followers in ignorance as to what is before them in the spiritual warfare. With simplicity and faithfulness He lays open before them the character of the warfare in which He asks them to engage. He urges them to count the cost. He points them to the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against them, but He tells them that they will not fight alone, that God and the angels will fight with them if they will faithfully act their part, steadfastly resisting the temptations of the enemy. "Be of good cheer," He says, "I have overcome the world. I, the

Captain of the Lord's host, stand at the head of His soldiers, leading them on to victory."

Christ's soldiers wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and against spiritual wickedness in high places. At times the battle waxes strong, and apparently they are well-nigh overwhelmed; but they need not be discouraged. They are engaged in a good warfare, and angels of God are fighting with them. Impelled by the love of Christ, they are to press the battle to the gates. Every soldier is to be up and doing. But God's servants are so slow, so fearful to make a charge upon the enemy, that often favorable opportunities for gaining a victory pass unimproved, because they are not ready.

The Lord is working upon human hearts, but how few act as if they believed this. There are those upon whose minds the Lord is working, bringing to them conviction in regard to the truth. If His human agents would work patiently and in faith, never losing their hold on God, great results would be seen. God is waiting to unite His power with human effort, that the truth may triumph and the world be astonished at the work that God has wrought.

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But before this can be accomplished, a deeper work of grace must be done in the hearts of believers. Christ will accept nothing short of wholehearted service. To the Jews He said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." The charge that He brought against the Jewish leaders was that their piety was not sincere, but superficial—a cloak put on to conceal the deformity of their motives and purposes.

Every true follower of Christ is guided by principles that keep him active in the service of the Master. He has a high and holy object to gain. Jesus puts in his heart principles that lead him to make the glory of God his highest aim.

Christ expects us to keep the will of God ever before us, making it our rule of life, committing the keeping of our souls to God as unto a faithful Creator. We are not to allow our own will to control, for we have been bought with a price. We are to keep ever in view the glory of God, for we are Christ's representatives. Every purpose, every plan, every object, must bow to the supreme will. "I came" Christ said, "not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." In the garden of Gethsemane, His soul enshrouded with darkness, the thought before Him that His life of humiliation and suffering was to be

ended by an ignominious death, He looked to God, exclaiming, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine be done."

Ever since the time that man aspired to be as God, and fell through Satan's deceiving power, there has been a controversy between man and His maker—a determination on the part of man to gain an independence totally opposed to the life and lessons of Christ. Christians are to lay this struggle for independence on God's altar. Until they do this, God cannot imbue them with His Spirit. All self-sufficiency is to be given up. The will is to be wholly yielded to God's will. He who is truly seeking for help from on high will welcome the assistance and counsel that God sends, whatever means the Lord may employ to give His directions.

O how we grieve God's heart of love by our stubborn self-will, our determination to do as we please. Let us not provoke the Lord to anger by striving for self-exaltation. Let us not think that we have no confessions to make. Unless we place ourselves, by confession of sin, where God can cleanse our hearts, we shall do the same wrong things again and again. We cannot afford to do this. Of those who have passed a certain boundary line, God says, "I will punish, and will not spare My judgments." {Manuscript 27, 1890}



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# Unbelief

*J. Clarke*

"O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!" Luke xxiv,25.

THERE have been periods in the history of the church and of the world, in which (on account of some great event affecting the condition of man) there is such an important bearing upon the vital interests of mankind, as to call the attention of God himself to the subject, to such a degree as to reveal the main facts to his people hundreds of years previously.

Such periods are called eras, and time is reckoned from some era, as we reckon time from the birth of Christ, or from the deluge, or as the Jews reckon from the departure from Egypt, or from the return from the Babylonish captivity. The creation of the world was a remarkable era, the deluge was another, and the first advent of Jesus Christ, his humiliation, his crucifixion and ascension, was the most remarkable and astonishing event, or era, recorded in history, because of its bearing upon man's future destiny.

But there is an era just before us; viz., the second advent of Jesus Christ, which promises to eclipse all previous eras, so that they will seem as small events compared with this; and though mankind mock at the idea, as they did at Noah who foretold of the deluge for 120 years; though impious scoffers rail as they did at Jeremiah who foretold the captivity of the Jews in Babylon; though the visible church reject the idea as the Jewish church did his first advent; yet come it will, for the word of the Lord is sure.

Ever since the fall of our first parents, there has been a disposition on the part of man to reject the word of the

Lord: his warnings have been slighted, his invitations despised, and his offers disdainfully rejected by the vast majority of our race, even until now; and it would seem even necessary that a full stop should soon be made to the wickedness of man, for the cup is nearly full.

The deluge was foretold by Noah amid contempt and scorn, yet it came as pre-determined. The deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt was effected by a series of miracles, extending through forty years, according to the word of God, in spite of the opposition and heartlessness of the rescued captives, and they were established in the pleasant land, freed from the oppressor's lash. Thus God fulfilled his promise to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; but the word and promise of God was rejected, and one generation perished in the wilderness. Even so was the word of the Lord rejected by them in the time of Isaiah and Jeremiah, and the Babylonians came and carried them into captivity; and at the end of this seventy years of exile, when warned to flee from Babylon, very many of them rejected the call, and were engulfed in the destruction which afterwards befell that wicked city and nation.

But the first advent of the Messiah, the most remarkable event recorded in history since the creation to the present; this event so often spoken of, and so clearly described by the prophets; this event so well attested by his miracles, his teaching, his example of purity and patience, was ignored by the then only visible church. It is true a few acknowledged his divinity, but only a few. O



wonderful, willful ignorance! O blind envy! adamantine obduracy! The first advent of Jesus was too humble, too lowly for the soaring Pharisee; the prophecies were too mysterious for the wise lawyer and the ambitious scribe, too deep for the rapacious, money-loving Jew; and so the meek and lowly Jesus was rejected, despised, spit upon and crucified.

On this occasion, having arisen from the dead, Christ addresses his mourning followers as above quoted, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe," etc. But why fools? because they did not implicitly believe what the prophets had spoken of him. O then, if Jesus laid such stress upon what the prophets had spoken, what must be the guilt of those who wholly omit to read or understand the prophecies of the Old and New Testaments? Why were these revelations of the plans of Jehovah made to the prophets of the old and new dispensation, if they were forever to remain sealed? No, they are to be unsealed, before the events transpire, to the wise who shall understand.

But there is a practical application of this subject to the present state of things, which is solemn and fearful; viz., the present generation are acting over again the same skeptical part as to his second coming that the Jews did to his first advent, 1800 years ago. Yes, the visible churches in their hatred to Adventism, and in their opposition to the law of God; in the contempt cast upon his holy Sabbath from week to week, in the face of the light now shining every where; in their efforts to put the Sabbath under foot, and to set up a pagan festival in its stead; in their efforts to darken the page of prophecy which sheds such a flood of light upon the second advent of the Messiah, are acting a part ten-fold

more aggravated and fearful than that enacted by the Jewish church 1800 years ago. Why? Because we have ten-fold more evidence of his second coming, and of its time and manner, and of the accompanying circumstances, than the Jewish church had of his first advent.

In proof of this, let any candid person examine carefully the evidences of the advent of Christ and of his life, sufferings and death, which were in possession of the Jewish church at his first coming, and compare it with the light now shining upon the page of prophecy in both Old and New Testaments; and such a person after carefully and intelligently weighing the comparative evidence, must certainly admit that the light now beaming upon and from prophetic scriptures, is far, very far greater, than could have been realized either in the days of Noah or of Jesus Christ.

We have the same prophecies which they had, and besides we possess the awful history and final end of those who rejected them, and the general experience and history of those nations mentioned in the Bible, together with the accredited history of the fulfillment of many of the prophecies. Thus we have numerous data and stand-points from which to view the future, and a vast mine of cumulative evidence daily increasing; we possess the prophecies of Christ himself, and by his apostles, clear and well defined; we have the signs of the times, and all point with awful precision to the all-absorbing event, to that great day just looming up before us.

Now too, the human intellect is cultivated, the mind enlarged, the means of knowledge are greatly increased, and the facilities for the investigation of truth are greatly enlarged and spread abroad; and

such is man's present power of investigation, that nothing material is seemingly too high or too deep for his study. Height and depth, length and breadth, are accurately measured, and by means of skillful and scientific combinations and arrangements, his eye penetrates the depths of space, into other spheres; he brings suns and systems into his range of thought; he pries into the earth, and classifies its materials; he analyzes the very air we breathe; he tames the lightnings; almost annihilates time and distance, and performs unnumbered wonders; but alas! when he turns to the page of prophecy, or the law of God, one is obscure, and the other is done away.

The word of God and the practice and precept of the church, are seen to be at such points of opposition, and at such variance that one or the other must be set aside; and there are so many magnets on the side of man's precept, that the silent and severe word of God, is lost sight of and forgotten or ignored, and the natural mind at once leans upon its kind. Truth is darkened and obscured; light is taken for darkness and darkness for light; and so is enacted over again, the blind part of the Jews of old, who were blind and deaf, but thought they saw and heard.

These are not random thoughts; they are well attested facts. And startling though they may be, we should know them, should bear them in mind. They remind us of the corruption of the age; they warn us of its perils and dangers. We must stand aloof from spiritual Babylon, must come out of her or be partaker of her sins, and receive of her plagues.

Rest assured, dear brother or sister, that it is not a light thing to serve the Lord, to keep his commands, and

have the faith of Jesus. We must leave their assemblies, must protest firmly against their Sabbath desecration, their mock baptism and other errors, and must bear plain witness in regard to Christ's second coming, and the awful plagues impending over the wicked. All are wicked who trample upon God's law, be it done ever so solemnly.

One point here claims our attention in regard to the eras in the past; as in the days of Noah. God by Noah called loudly for a reform previous to sending the deluge upon the earth; so it was previous to the first advent of Christ that John the Baptist preached repentance. He called the leaders of the Jewish church a generation of vipers, and this gave great offense; he rebuked king Herod, and this faithful dealing cost him his life. It was against the crimes of the professed church, and those in high places, that he hurled the thunders of truth, against hypocrites, who were sitting in Moses' seat, expounders of the law, scribes, Pharisees, priests and Levites, white-washed with apparent sanctity; against such he pointed his sharpest arrows of reproof. The ancient prophets of the Lord began with these elevated sinners when a reform was called for, and whenever in the past the church departed from the standard of purity and became corrupt, then God has raised up faithful reprovers; and whenever such reproofs have been rejected by those to whom they were sent, the judgments of God have immediately followed. This offensive word, repent, has often been the stone of stumbling over which corrupt churches and false prophets, and lying teachers, and thoughtless nations, with their reckless rulers, have stumbled, and fallen, and expired.

So now a reform is called for; reprovers are raised up who preach repentance. Repent, repent, they say; turn, turn, O house of Israel, from your idolatrous pagan rites. O ye corrupt churches, repair the breach, restore the ancient paths, prepare, prepare for the coming of the Lord; but all in vain. This offensive word, repent, has the same effect now upon these confused organizations, that it had when it fell from the lips of John the Baptist in the wilderness of Judea.

But a grand era is now quickly coming. The day of God's wrath is near, it hasteth greatly. It will be an era fraught with awful importance to the wicked; but to the righteous it will be a bright, a glorious day. To the wicked it will be a day of tempest, of hail, and of pestilence; but to the righteous, a day of deliverance, of joy and rejoicing, an era from which

through eternity they will date immortality and eternal life.

How remarkable that any with the prophetic scriptures open before them, with their fulfillment recorded on almost every page of profane as well as sacred history, can still reject the testimony of the prophets. How strange that the second advent of the Messiah can be doubted in the face of such proof! Oh awful thought! that men are now ripening for the seven plagues spoken of in Rev.xvi.

"Babylon is fallen. Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues." Rev.xviii.

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# Eternal Life

Jerry O'Donnell

Here are some thoughts that the Bible reveals regarding eternal life. This is not an exhaustive study but sufficient to encourage us to want to experience it.

To start with, let us identify when eternal life begins free from the lost and free from the chance that Satan can ruin it. Although we consider eternal life beginning at the second coming, for we shall not ever die again, it will not be the eternal life of peacefulness forever just yet. Revelation 20:7-9 tell us, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Therefore, true eternal life, free from Satan disrupting it ever again, starts after the millennium.

We know this to be true and that we will never have to face the sin issue ever again because Nahum 1:9 informs us of, "What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." Affliction, which sin causes, does not happen a second time, and "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2).

With that said though, there will be a reminder throughout eternity of what did happen. Zechariah 13:6

reveals that there will be people who lived up to all the light they had yet did not know of the sufferings of Christ. They will see wounds upon Jesus and wonder what happened.

"And [one] shall say unto him, What [are] these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, [Those] with which I was wounded [in] the house of my friends."

"One reminder alone remains: our Redeemer will ever bear the marks of his crucifixion. Upon his wounded head, upon his side, his hands and feet, are the only traces of the cruel work that sin has wrought. Says the prophet, beholding Christ in his glory, 'He had bright beams coming out of his side; and there was the hiding of his power.' [Habakkuk 3:4 (MARGIN)] That pierced side whence flowed the crimson stream that reconciled man to God,—there is the Saviour's glory, there "the hiding of his power.' 'Mighty to save,' through the sacrifice of redemption, he was therefore strong to execute justice upon them that despised God's mercy. And the tokens of his humiliation are his highest honor; through the eternal ages the wounds of Calvary will show forth his praise, and declare his power" {GC88 674.1}.

So, if that is the only reminder of sin, what happens to all of the results of sin here on earth? 2 Peter 3:12 answers with, "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" It all gets burned up. Not a trace shall remain.

But what about the effects of sin upon the human race that may cause us to miss loved ones who are not part of the saved? According to Revelation 21:4, we are told, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." We will not remember the missing loved ones nor the experience of our sins, especially since the only reminder is that of the results of the crucifixion.

"Says an inspired writer, 'Yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.' And another declares, 'They shall be as though they had not been.' [Psalm 37:10; Obadiah 16.] Covered with infamy, they sink into hopeless, eternal oblivion" {GC88 544.2}.

The purpose of what is happening now is a proving ground. Can those of this sinful planet in which "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) be able to populate Heaven and guarantee that "affliction shall not rise up the second time" (Nahum 1:9)? Our works, though they do not save us, reveal the answer. All Heaven watches how we deal with every temptation for it was a temptation that Lucifer gave in to that started this. And if we are easily persuaded by temptation, excusing it as "I can't help myself", then we shall not be part of the group that populates Heaven. We do not need to remember any of the experiences here when we are in Heaven or while enjoying eternal life. Everything we have experienced has a taint of sin to it anyways. Even animals that we have loved as pets have a taint of sin. None of it serves a

purpose when God makes all the former things to pass away.

Therefore, with a well-charcoaled planet, according to Revelation 21:5, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

Everything will be made new except something that we experience now will not be available then. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." We are not going to have oceans separating us as a people anymore. It will be one large land mass. Further, Isaiah 60:18 tells us, "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." Of course, we do not expect violence but also no wasting nor destruction. That includes the fact that we will not have dead leaves, rotting fruit, etc.

Now, I do not know if there will be a sun and moon, but "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Isaiah 60:19); "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof" (Revelation 21:23); and "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Just because we do not need them does not mean they will not exist.

And as stated earlier, everything has a taint of sin. Since nothing shall hurt in all the land, that means even the

plants will be thornless. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign [that] shall not be cut off" (Isaiah 55:13). And the animals will be encountered without fear: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).

But the new earth is not for everyone's enjoyment. Not every human being will get to experience it. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). So, let us make sure our names stay in the Lamb's book of life by the grace of God!

All of this sounds wonderful, but let us stop and think for a moment. Earth, despite being recreated, was the home of Satan and the fallen angels. It was the original planet in

which all the redeemed had experienced sinning. It is most notably identified with crucifying the Savior. So, even after recreating this planet, it could carry the stigma of its original history. However, God has a solution, for in Revelation 21:2-3, it says, "I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God." Heaven gets relocated to earth! Therefore, earth cannot carry the stigma, or that stigma would apply to the capital of the universe as well. Praise God! To go from quarantined to the location of the capital of the universe is breathtaking. It is probably where all these unconverted story tellers and movie producers come up with things like Cinderella, as they copy that which God has already stated.

Now as people read verses in the Bible about eternal life, many are bothered by Isaiah 65:20, which says, "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner [being] an hundred years old shall be accursed." No, children will not be dying during eternal life, for God said, "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying" (Revelation 21:4). It simply means

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that childhood ends at one hundred and not nine, ten, or eleven or even eighteen, as we declare eighteen-year-olds to be considered adults.

And do not worry about reconnecting with a spouse, especially if multiple spouses have been involved.

Matthew 22:30 tells us, "In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." But understand this... we shall be like angels!

Though we do not know what your neighbors are like, many report to us of how rude their neighbors have been. Let us look forward to what Isaiah 32:18 tells us: "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

And did you know that we shall have two dwellings? John 14:1-3 tells us, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I

would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also." But in addition to the mansions, Isaiah 65:21-22 says, "And they shall build houses, and inhabit [them]; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree [are] the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

How that will work out is that according to Isaiah 66:23, "it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD", therefore, it is understood that the mansions will be used over the Sabbath hours while we enjoy our country estate, built with our own hands, during the week, if we

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are not out exploring the universe at the time.

Revelation 22:2 tells us of some of the food we shall eat: “In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.” We will have to wait until we get to Heaven to see if that is twelve fruits each month, or if each month for twelve months it is a different fruit appearing before the cycle repeats.

There will be a special designation bestowed upon the final generation facing the great tribulation and yet were faithful in giving the last day message. According to Revelation 7:14-15, it says, “And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and

serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.”

And nothing is going to please God more to see His children enjoying all of this. “But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying” (Isaiah 65:18-19).

So, despite Hollywood doing a pretty good job in creating special effects, when it comes to the spectacular experiences awaiting us, “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

That should make us want to be there, and by God’s grace, we can be.



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# How Do You Resolve It?

Jerry O'Donnell

*It is one thing to know some verses that help a person stay in the faith, but it is another thing to know the Word in such a way that when a verse seems contradictory to know how to resolve it. True Seventh-day Adventists do not ignore verses. It is our hope that this section will help answer some of those challenges that we may come across personally or be used by others against our beliefs.*

## **Is Sacrificing a Child to God Acceptable or Not?**

Leviticus 18:21, "And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through [the fire] to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I [am] the LORD."

Judges 11:31, 35, "Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back."

First of all, the child would not be sacrificed to Molech, but the atheist's argument is that fire is used in both cases – the first being forbidden, and the second being acceptable to God for the sake of the vow.

However, if a person reads the context of Judges 11 properly, they will see key words that indicate no burnt offering of his daughter took place, but rather the part that whatever first came out of the house would be the Lord's. In other words, she became a servant of God and God alone, which meant she would

never fulfill her desire of getting married and having children. This reality was very disturbing to her that she requested a period of two months for mourning. Please notice the verses:

Judges 11:29-40, "Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over [unto] the children of Ammon. And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands. And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, [even] twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she [was his] only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And it came to pass, when

he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back. And she said unto him, My father, [if] thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, [even] of the children of Ammon. And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. And he said, Go. And he sent her away [for] two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her [according] to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, [That] the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.”

A person does not bewail their virginity if they were going to die soon, in this case, after two months are up. Additionally, after the two months were up, the vow became executed in which “she knew no

man” (Judges 11:39). The atheists said she died in a burning as a burnt offering, but all that we have to go on is that Jephthah “did with her [according] to his vow which he had vowed”, which was that she “surely be the LORD'S” (Judges 11:31). If an animal were to be the Lord’s, as he expected, it would be burnt, but as for a human offered to God, it was not with burning but dedicated to serve God.

Finally, verse 40 states, “the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.” They did not go and weep for four days because she died as a virgin, but rather they went to her and wept with her annually for a four-day period. This practice did eventually cease as she eventually grew old and died.

So, there is no contradiction. No child was burnt that day but simply offered to be the Lord’s. The words “I will offer it up for a burnt offering” simply showed that the expectation would be an animal. The vow was not to burn, but to “surely be the LORD'S”, which she was and went on in life to tell about it.



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# Heavenly Health

Reen Swindle

## “What Can I Take?”

That is, by far, the most asked question that comes across my screen or through my phone. Of course it is always accompanied by a specific ailment, or discomfort, and this one is amazingly common – “What can I take for indigestion?”, otherwise known as dyspepsia. It is usually not a matter of finding something to “take”, unless it is an absolute emergency, but making simple daily changes in our eating habits.

Being moderate, or temperate in everything we do is a good rule to live by in all areas, especially when it comes to our eating and drinking. Everything we put into our systems affects everything in our lives. Our general health, our mood, our intellect and even our morals are affected by what we eat. Do you know someone who has a sour, negative, hateful disposition? Most of us know at least one. You can bet that person is intemperate in at least one area of his life, and the easiest one to fall into is food or drink. It is everywhere! Most people eat three meals a day when two will suffice in almost every case. Try that, always leaving 5 - 6 hours between meals. The stomach needs a break for optimal performance!

Even good food when prepared in the same manner with little variation day after day, can even disrupt the digestion. We have been given a wide variety of foods to choose from which is for our pleasure and benefit. We need the various nutrients from that variety that our Creator has supplied. Genesis 1:29, 30, “And God

said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for meat: and it was so.” Look around! Have you actually tried many different fruits or vegetable varieties in your local market? “The Kew Royal Botanic Gardens has documented over 390,000 vascular plant species. Of these, around 2,500 are fruits and over 1,000 vegetables are edible.” While the precise figure is elusive, it is clear there are **thousands** of fruit and vegetable varieties in the world.” So, there is no excuse for us to eat the same meals over and over even though every variety is not available to us in our locale, we still have an abundance to choose from.

And how about piling your plates high, even with those good foods, and then going back for seconds! Overloading the stomach can actually become a deadly habit to develop. The average stomach can hold about 2 cups of food and one litre of liquid, but realize that cannot be at the same time. There should not be any liquid taken with a meal as it only dilutes the digestive juices and enzymes, thus hindering digestion which of course is going to lead directly to indigestion. When the stomach is over this capacity the food cannot possibly be digested completely so the person is not going to receive proper nutrition from that meal. In this case more is definitely

not better! It is no surprise that our American diets are nutritionally deficient due to farming practices, but we even add to that problem in our own mouths; we over-stuff our stomachs by eating too much, not to mention not taking our time chewing enough. If we do not thoroughly break down our food with mastication our body cannot use it as is intended. Before swallowing each mouthful, the food should be reduced to a creamy texture before it enters into the next phase of digestion; we are robbing ourselves of the nutrients available in that mouthful of food if it is not completely processed by the mouth, teeth, and tongue.

Actually, we should mention that the first phase of digestion takes place before you even take a bite of food. Our bodies are intricate communication systems which signal and prepare the digestive organs to be ready to do their jobs when the food finally arrives on the scene. The smells associated with meal preparation set the wheels in motion to assure good digestion. Intricate neurological and hormonal messages

take place between the brain and digestive system. If you are in a hurry, or are angry, or tense you could be robbing yourself of vital nutrients by interfering with this delicate process and setting yourself up for disease, indigestion being the least of these. We might believe that we have little or no control over disease in our bodies, but if we focus on the right attitude coming to the table, chewing our food thoroughly to insure getting all the nutrition from it, and not overloading the system, not eating to be “full”, but satisfied and no longer hungry, pushing that plate away, we have actually taken a good foundational step in setting up our body for health, not disease.

We can only address a few primary things concerning our digestion in this limited space, but if you need additional help, or have questions, feel free to contact us and we will work with you. The best answer to “What can I take for indigestion?” is take charge!! You are in control of what goes into your system.



## ***Healthy And Delicious Recipes***

*Lisa O'Donnell*

### ***Blueberry Bagels***

#### **Ingredients:**

- 144 g (1 c) Frozen Blueberries
- 1 tsp Lemon Juice
- 2 Tbsp Sugar
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 520 g (4c) bread flour
- 1 packet of instant yeast (2 ¼ tsp)

- 1 ½ salt
- 8 c. Water
- 2 Tbsp light brown sugar
- Plant based milk of choice

#### **Instructions**

1. Thaw blueberries and then mash with a fork to release juices.

2. Place in a small sieve over a measuring cup and pour the blueberries into it to separate the juices from the berries.
3. Set mashed blueberries aside and to the measuring cup add enough warm water to the juice to measure 1 and ¼ cup of liquid.
4. Add the lemon juice
5. To a small bowl add the sugar and lemon zest and rub mixture together with your fingers to release the lemon oil into the sugar.
6. To a large mixing bowl add flour, lemon sugar, and salt and whisk to combine.
7. Pour blueberry juice and mashed blueberries in and stir well until thick dough is formed.
8. Either by hand or with a stand mixer, knead the dough at least 10 minutes. If dough is too sticky add a Tablespoon of flour. If the dough is too dry add a Tablespoon of water.
9. Form dough into smooth ball and transfer the dough to a greased bowl.
10. Cover and set in a warm place to rise for at least 1 hour.
11. Once dough has doubled, punch it down and roll into ball.
12. Cut into 8 equal sized pieces and form into balls.
13. Poke a hole in the center with a floured finger or wooden spoon handle.
14. Place on a parchment lined sheet to rest.
15. Meanwhile preheat oven to 425.
16. Bring 8 cups of water to a boil adding brown sugar.
17. Once boiling, drop bagels into the water bath 1-2 at a time letting them boil for 1-2 minutes each side.
18. Remove back to tray and brush bagels with plant-based milk.
19. Bake for 25 minutes.
20. Cool for 10 minutes before cutting.




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It is a wonderful process that transforms the food into blood and uses this blood to build up the varied parts of the body; but this process is going on continually, supplying with life and strength each nerve, muscle, and tissue. {CG 378.3}

## ***Natural Vitamins***

*Jerry O'Donnell*

### ***Benefits of Eating Peaches***

1. May aid in digestion because of their fiber content, both soluble and insoluble
2. May lower the risk of high blood pressure since they are high in potassium
3. May lower bad cholesterol levels
4. May help skin retain moisture from the vitamins A, C, and E along with lutein and zeaxanthin, copper, and zinc
5. May prevent certain cancers by

eating 2 peaches a day, for they are rich in carotenoids and caffeic acid

6. May reduce allergy symptoms
7. May boost immunity due to the vitamin A and E levels along with iron and zinc
8. May protect against certain toxins, like nicotine
9. May reduce blood sugar levels
10. May help wounds heal faster since they contain vitamins C and K

11. May reduce inflammation because they contain carotenoids

### More on Cayenne

1. Useful as a blood vessel dilator, which relaxes the muscular walls, contributing to better heart health
2. Helps regulate the electrical activity of the heart



## Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

Jerry O'Donnell

*If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible, which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible. And Ellen White does identify not to use them for reliability: "Wycliffe's Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many errors." {GC 245.1}. Latin is Catholic or which most modern versions rely upon.*

### Who do the elders worship?

In **Revelation 5:14**, many versions have the elders fall down and just worshipping. They could be worshipping the four beasts or creatures, which are referenced at the beginning of the verse. They could be worshipping God the Father, which would be acceptable. They could also be worshipping other things, which definitely would not be acceptable.

**King James Version:** And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four [and] twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

### In Error:

**American Standard Version:** And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

**Anderson New Testament:** And the four living creatures said, Amen; and the elders fell down, and worshiped.

**Aramaic Bible in Plain English:** And when The Four Beasts said, "Amen", The Elders fell down and worshiped.

**Berean Literal Bible:** And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Berean Study Bible:** And the four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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**Christian Standard Bible:** The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Contemporary English Version:** The four living creatures said "Amen," while the elders knelt down and worshiped.

**Darby Bible Translation:** And the four living creatures said, Amen; and the elders fell down and did homage.

**English Revised Version:** And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

**English Standard Version:** And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Godbey New Testament:** And the four living creatures continued to say, Amen. And the elders fell and worshiped.

**GOD'S WORD® Translation:** The four living creatures said, "Amen!" Then the leaders bowed and worshiped.

**Good News Translation:** The four living creatures answered, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Holman Christian Standard Bible:** The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**International Standard Version:** Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!", and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

**NET Bible:** And the four living creatures were saying "Amen," and the elders threw themselves to the ground and worshiped.

**New American Standard Bible:** And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**New Heart English Bible:** The four living creatures were saying, "Amen." The elders fell down and worshiped.

**New International Version:** The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Weymouth New Testament:** Then the four living creatures said "Amen," and the Elders fell down and worshipped.

**World English Bible:** The four living creatures said, "Amen!" The elders fell down and worshiped.

**Worrell New Testament:** And the four living creatures said, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Close:**

**A Faithful Version:** And the four living creatures said, "Amen." And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him Who lives into the ages of eternity.

**Amplified Bible:** And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped [Him who lives forever and ever].

**Bishops' Bible of 1568:** And the foure beastes sayde, Amen. And the 24 elders fell vpon their faces, and worshipped hym that lyueth for euermore. The lambe openeth the sixe seales, and many thynges folowe the openyng therof, so that this

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conteyneth a generall prophesie to the ende of the worlde.

**Catholic Public Domain Version:** And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And the twenty-four elders fell down on their faces, and they adored the One who lives forever and ever.

**Coverdale Bible of 1535:** And the foure beestes saide: Ame. And ye xxiiij. elders fell vpon their faces, and worshipped him that lyueth for euermore.

**Douay-Rheims Bible:** And the four living creatures said: Amen. And the four and twenty ancients fell down on their faces, and adored him that liveth for ever and ever.

**Geneva Bible of 1587:** And the foure beasts said, Amen, & the foure and twentie Elders fell downe and worshipped him that liueth for euermore.

**Haweis New Testament:** And the four living beings said, Amen. And the four and twenty presbyters prostrated themselves, and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

**Lamsa Bible:** And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty

elders fell down and worshipped him who lives for ever and ever.

**Literal Emphasis Translation:** And the four living creatures kept saying, Amen; and the elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives unto the ages of the ages.

**Literal Standard Version:** And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and they worship Him who is living through the ages of the ages.

**Mace New Testament:** and the four animals said, amen, and the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

**New King James Version:** Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

**Smith's Literal Translation:** And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell and worshipped him living for the times of times.

**Tyndale Bible of 1526:** And the .iiii. bestes said: Ame. And the .xxiiii. elders fell apon their faces and

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worshipped him that liveth for ever more.

**Webster's Bible Translation:** And the four living beings said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshiped him that liveth for ever and ever.

**Worsley New Testament:** And the four animals said, Amen: and the twenty four elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth to endless ages.

**Young's Literal Translation:** and the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the twenty-four elders fell down and they bow before Him who is living to the ages of the ages.

**Best:**

**New Living Translation:** And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.



## Questions And Answers

*Jerry O'Donnell*

***Allow at least three (3) months before your question may appear.***

**QUESTION:** When young ladies wear chokers, those thin bands of material around the neck, what does it really mean?

**ANSWER:** Like many articles of clothing worn today, many do not understand their origins and dark meanings. They just accept the fashion of society, which is usually pushed through Hollywood, most of who are out to corrupt minds. Despite the ignorance on this matter, by continuing to wear such clothing, it supports the deception being perpetrated upon society along with actually being deceived personally. So, it would be one of those things of which, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15), and discard those things.

With that said, looking at the choker specifically, of which mostly consists

of wearing of a ribbon or cloth material but they can take the form of actual jewelry, we find what it really symbolizes, and it is not all that good. According to Agape Studio, they define chokers as being "associated with high fashion, elegance, and sometimes rebellion." That sounds a bit prideful and we know that "Pride [goeth] before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18)

But let us dig deeper. According to Urban Dictionary, "A tight fitted necklace around a person's neck. Women wore plain red ribbon chokers to indicate that they were prostitutes. Plain black choker necklaces sometimes signified secret lesbianism. These necklaces transformed into a regular necklace worn for fashion purposes. Choker necklaces were very popular in the 90s as celebrities started to wear them more and more. It is still a

trend to this day.” Additionally, “For some, it might even be seen as sexy or provocative.”

Thicker chokers are also known as dog callers (Gatsby Jewellery), which means that a human wearing such articles of clothing have been reduced to a dog and are subject to be commanded like a dog. That sounds quite degrading. Additionally, “It became popular in the late 1990s as part of the ‘Goth’ look” (Fetch the Love), which is not a look established by God but of Satan.

**QUESTION:** Why do certain Christians abstain from wearing jewelry?

**ANSWER:** Several denominations frown on the use of jewelry. Unfortunately, many use verses of the Bible to overreach the full meaning. In fact, if a person were to study from Genesis to Revelation, it does not appear that God has always been wholly against the use of jewelry.

One of the earliest references is found in Genesis 24 when Eliezer gave Rebekah bracelets in choosing her to be Isaac’s wife. God could have prevented such, although that is not God’s way of handling things, nevertheless, it is there. Yes, we dismiss it as an excuse to permit jewelry wearing because of the lack of education upon Eliezer’s part. He did have a pagan background before joining with Abraham, and not all habits are easily dismissed.

Another is Joseph receiving a ring from Pharaoh as a symbol of authority, nevertheless, it is jewelry. He could have easily told Pharaoh, “No thank you”, and worked some other means of expressing authority since he already had Pharaoh’s respect, but he indeed accepted it. Of

course, we dismiss it as an excuse for wearing jewelry because, although it was a ring, it was an object of employment as opposed to fashion. The ring was also used in sealing documents, applying wax seals to those things that were not to be disturbed lest the seal be broken, etc.

All in all, we can argue and excuse numerous exceptions found in the Bible regarding jewelry so that they cannot be used as an excuse to try and justify the putting on of jewelry, even a modest manner. Instead of numerous necklaces, just wear a thin single necklace. Instead of hundreds of piercings, just the earlobes. Instead of numerous bracelets, just choose a dainty one.

Now, if human beings could abide by some strict measurement when it came to jewelry, God may have considered it such for us, but as it stands, there are always enough people to keep pushing and pushing. So, instead of one dainty earring in each ear, what is wrong with two? Then a person that wants to wear three, looks at the one with two in each ear and justifies their position of three, and so on. Now, before anyone becomes weary of the example, it eventually leads to outlining the whole ear and others choosing a different body part, like the nose, maybe even the tongue, etc.

And then there is the question of setting the standard for how thick a necklace may be or a bracelet. And what is considered dainty anyways?

For this household, we wear no jewelry, at least not that we are aware of. The reason is because we are under the feast of atonement since 1844 and will be under such until the second coming. It is a time to “afflict your souls” (Leviticus

23:27). “For whatsoever soul [it be] that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people” (Leviticus 23:29). While people put away sin, there is absolutely to be no attraction to ourselves during this time. And what was practiced to make sure not even the slightest item attracts is this, “And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye [are] a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb” (Exodus 33:4-6). Now, do not question how the people were using the jewelry, the fact of the matter is that they were caught in sin and to show remorse, repentance, sorrow, grief, etc., over the matter, they put off all of it from their bodies. They did not justify a small ring, a single earring, an anklet, or anything. That is the mode we are to be in.

We are under a more serious time of putting away of sin as compared to any time prior. “Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;

but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand” (Daniel 12:10). This purification process started in 1844 and will continue until the end of time. The woman of Revelation 12 is a pure woman which is in complete natural beauty without an ounce of jewelry while the woman in Revelation 17 is decked out with the stuff. Sure, those that justify the dainty use may say, “I’m not as decked out as the harlot of Revelation 17”, but when we see zero jewelry on the woman of Revelation 12, the connection to the woman of Revelation 17 by the use of the jewelry becomes a bit more apparent.

So, there is no winning the argument with anyone wearing jewelry by addressing all of the verses about jewelry, gold use, silver use, etc. that is found in the Bible. What it comes down to is our humility in the anti-typical day of atonement of putting away all sin and doing it so with all ornamentation removed. The feast is celebrated spiritually in sackcloth and the putting away of all ornamentation. Even our diet is affected, but that is another story.

That is at least how this family sees it.



## *Prophecy Made Plain*

*Jerry O'Donnell*

What is Meant by Spiritual Babylon?

Last month we revealed how all those that have connected with the truth, primarily found to be Seventh-day Adventists, constitute Spiritual

Israel. Now, with Babylon mentioned in a number of places in Revelation, and knowing that physical Babylon will never rise again (Jeremiah 51:64), it then makes sense to figure out

what this spiritual application is all about.

The primary focus of this topic comes from the second angel of Revelation 14, which says, “And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” (Revelation 14:8).

The name “Babylon” is associated with confusion because the tower of Babel was the early start to what would eventually become the kingdom of Babylon. Now, “the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth” (Genesis 11:9).

As spiritual Israel represents people, specifically the people of God, spiritual Babylon would also constitute people, they that are not of God. In fact, they are in confusion, many of which are willingly confused because “light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).

In ancient days, Babylon was an Empire swallowing up nation after nation, so likewise, Babylon is not pointing to any one group of people specifically, meaning, it is not pointing to a specific denomination. Many have speculated that this form of Babylon in Revelation 14:8 points to the papal power, but not so. The three angels’ messages did not begin to sound until the mid-1800s. The papal power had already fallen back in 1798 and has yet to regain her full strength of which heals the wound completely. It is still in the healing process.

The spiritual Babylon does not refer to Muslims, Hindus, or any other non

-Christian religions as they are not confusing anything of Christ. They are blatantly separate religions teaching to worship completely other gods. What is confusing is all the Protestant denominations who had claimed to be against Rome for their unbiblical teachings while they themselves were teaching unbiblical doctrines. And many of those doctrines were instituted by Rome, which makes it easier to return back to Rome today.

It is the Protestant denominations that make up Babylon, and that is why there will be a final call to come out: “I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” (Revelation 18:4). And that is because, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird” (Revelation 18:2).

So, what we have is spiritual Israel that is made up of all people gathering their beliefs solidly by the Word of God against all those denominations that use traditions of men, beliefs of counsels, and simply created church doctrines. Now, when we say “against”, we do not treat individuals as enemies. We sympathize with people and do all we can to educate them to come out of Babylon, but in nowise are we active in creating denominational ties because as they promote their doctrines, they are working against the Word of God. That is what makes them enemies – enemies of God that is.



# News And Comments

**March 5—UPI**

## **Study finds sweetened drink consumption may be linked to atrial fibrillation**

Even the Bible states that a person should not consume too much in sweeteners: "[It is] not good to eat much honey" (Proverbs 25:27). In this case, a mere 67 fluid ounces per week of drinks containing artificial sugars or actual added sugars contributed to the risk of atrial fibrillation by 20% while natural sugar drinks like natural sweetened drinks "such as 100% orange or vegetable juice" actually reduced the risk by a mere 8% but still, it was a reduction.

**March 17—New York Times**

## **Piety and Profanity: The Raunchy Christians Are Here**

Basically, the article points out the hypocrisy, the lightening up of standards, the allowance of immorality while pointing out other immoral activities. It also pointed out how the attitude has changed over the decades and even centuries towards these things. Pretty much society has dictated to the church instead of the church to society. How many Christians are then truly born again? "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9).

**March 22—Business Insider**

## **Tennessee is trying to ban 'chemtrails' from planes based on a wild conspiracy theory**

Just because the public labels a theory as a conspiracy theory does not make it false. They state that "When the humidity is higher, the contrails linger in the sky for longer — which causes more alarm among the conspiracy theorists." The unfortunate thing is that when the sky is full of "chem trails" and normal trails, both cannot exist at the same time if it were a humidity thing. What actually fuels the "conspiracy theory" is the stupid reason to dismiss the belief in the "conspiracy" with falsehoods. The same applied to the COVID theories where they are now finally able to admit many of the "conspiracy theories" were correct. "I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:21).

**March 27—The Independent**

## **Bernie Sanders says Israel is 'becoming a religious fundamentalist country'**

We are not offering an opinion for or against Israel. We are focusing upon the language used. Labeling anyone as a religious fundamentalist, be it a country or person, is a method to turn the ungodly against the godly. Remember, the pope labeled all Ten Commandment keepers as religious fundamentalists [Eye of the Tiber, November 22, 2016, "Pope Francis Calls Ten Commandments Too Rigid"]. Those that are against the commandments, even using religious reasons, are on board in condemning these so-called fundamentalists. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put

bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

### March 30—ABC News

#### **The Trump camp assails Biden for declaring March 31, Easter Sunday, as Transgender Day of Visibility**

Although this has been going on for 15 years, why did they have to wait until what is recognized by many Christians as a high Christian day, to actually make the proclamation?

Why have many other steps also made to down play the day in a Christian manner? Nothing short of being a taunt. It is to instigate the right to cause the swing that leads to a moral enforcement that is coming. "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" (Revelation 13:12).



## *Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth*

*This section is not about revealing the apostasy and creating ill feeling towards the conference. It is to make sure that no one is caught up in those that participate in the apostasy. That is what it means to "Declare What I See" because God says, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18). We have enough to worry about our own life; we do not need your (in general) blood to be on us too.*

### February 26—Adventist Review

#### **World's Largest Bed Helps ADRA to Raise Funds for Vulnerable Children**

The 14-ton bed in Chile promotes a campaign to provide beds for young people in need.

**EGW:** "The plan of Moses in the wilderness to raise means was highly successful. There was no compulsion necessary. Moses made no grand feast, and he did not invite the people to scenes of gaiety, dancing, and general amusement. Neither did he institute lotteries or anything of this profane order to obtain means to erect the tabernacle of God in the wilderness. God commanded Moses to invite the children of Israel to bring their offerings. Moses was to accept gifts of every man that gave willingly from his heart. But the freewill offerings came in so great abundance

that Moses proclaimed it was enough. They must cease their presents; for they had given abundantly, more than they could use." {Con 70.4}

### February 27—Adventist Review

#### **Andrews University's Envision Magazine Wins National Award**

The article reveals how they competed with "publications by California Baptist University, Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Drake University, the University of Oregon, Texas A&M University, Syracuse University, and Oregon State University." But the issue is the photoshoot featuring Jeremi Powell posing for the cover page of the article holding a football.

**EGW:** "Some of the most popular amusements, such as football and

boxing, have become schools of brutality. They are developing the same characteristics as did the games of ancient Rome. The love of domination, the pride in mere brute force, the reckless disregard of life, are exerting upon the youth a power to demoralize that is appalling.” {AH 500.3}

### March 4—Advent Messenger

#### **According to Diop, Adventists Must be the Most Ecumenical People in the World, Revelation 14 is an Ecumenical Message, and We Must Remain on the Official List of “Genuine Christians”**

This is ecumenism at its worst. This is what Rome’s interfaith movement will lead people to say and believe. This is what Diop learned while getting his PhD at a Vatican-approved Catholic university. No matter how often church leaders tell us today that mingling with Rome is good, the truth is that these unfaithful watchmen will no longer lift their voice against apostasy, heresy, or serious theological errors.

**Comment:** Revelation 14 is NOT an ecumenical message. Revelation 18 confirms this.

**Bible:** Revelation 18:4, “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

### March 20—Adventist Review

#### **South American Division Holds First Women’s School of Evangelism**

The facilities of the John N. Andrews Auditorium of Peruvian Adventist University were the venue for the event that enlisted 50 women leaders, who participated in the

development and organization of the initiative. The Women’s School of Evangelism, which Adventist leaders called “a historic event,” included reports and presentations, seminars, visits to Bible students, and personal testimonies that sought to motivate Adventist women leaders and provide them with tools to do evangelism.

**EGW:** 1 Corinthians 11:18, “For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.” Galatians 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

**Comment:** Why does the church have to cause division? There should be a session that includes males and females together as both could use the education. To focus upon motivating just Adventist women leaders is an agenda in action.



### ***Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue***

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

AH - The Adventist Home

CG - Child Guidance

Con - Confrontation

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy (1888)

# Natural Remedies

Reen Swindle

**COMMENT:** *In these times we live in, even access to natural supplements will become increasingly difficult to access, so we are going to try our best to use the most natural means possible to deal with health situations.*

## **Dried Gogi berries and eye health**

A study shows that a small serving of the fruit increased protective pigments in the eye.

The pigments that increased in the group that ate goji berries, lutein and zeaxanthin, filter out harmful blue light and provide antioxidant protection. Both help to protect the eyes during aging as well.

“Lutein and zeaxanthin are like sunscreen for your eyes,” said lead

author Xiang Li, a doctoral candidate in the Nutritional Biology program.

“The higher the lutein and zeaxanthin in your retina, the more protection you have. Our study found that even in normal healthy eyes, these optical pigments can be increased with a small daily serving of goji berries,” said Li.

