

# LESSON NO. 6

May 21, 1958

## Subject: The Family Tree Isaiah 11:1:

Purpose To show 3 great divisions of the Genuine Movement - (Life Incidents 306-307).

1. Jesse (Stem C.: Roots)
2. Rod
3. Branch

Gem Thought; Jesus depicted as a green Tree. (D.A. 743).

### 1. Jesse - Roots & Stem - Foundation of Tree.

- a. First-day Adventist Rev. 14:6-8 1st & 2nd Angel William Miller.
- b. Seventh-day Adventist Rev. 14:9-11 3rd Angel Ellen Harmon.

These were:

Fused into one - Seventh-day Adventist ... Rev. 14:6-11 ... Judgment of Dead.

"...work of William Miller and that of Sr. White deeply rooted in the 'more sure word of Prophecy.'... " Tract #6, 69:2, (6th and 9 hours).

Three in one .....As the 3rd Angel's Message of 1844.

### 2. Rod-- Shoots up from the Stump.

- a. Angel from the East -- Rev. 7:1-8 -- Type of John the Baptist. 1 TG 42-19:2.
- b. John:
  1. Last of the Old Testament prophets. ,
  2. Received no priestly training in Rabbinical schools (D.A. 101:3).
- c. John baptized the Messiah, (Lamb of God) - out of the common order of things --- not authorized by the Sanhedrin.

"The work of John was not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian Church." D.A. 181:5.

- d. V.T. Houteff (Elijah-John, in antitype, Unrevised 1 TGr 42-19:2; 1 TG 36-4:1) received no training in S.D.A. or other theological schools-

Only: 1. -- - Layman Sabbath-school teacher .

2. -- - Like John the Baptist he was called as a reformer.

3. -- - And ... like John, was denounced as false by leaders.

A Comparison:

John: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

V.T.H.: "Who is to bring this ... great change? - The BRANCH - 1 TG 8-24, 25:3.

"...Joshua is in charge, not the angel of Laodicea." Para. 2.

"Joshua ... (authorizes) his helpers whom the Lord names ... Here is seen an organization having a leader and an under leader - the Lord (BRANCH) and Joshua." 1 TGr 8-26:2.

John: "He must increase but I must decrease." D.A. 182; John 3:30.

V.T.H.: "..... this same movement would merge into a greater one." 1 S.R. 234:2.

".....let the Recruiter anoint their eyes" ...that 'In that day the Branch

".... (God's denomination of today)". W.H.R. 53:2.

John's work: "not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian Church." Desire of Ages 181:5.

V.T.H.'s work - S.R. Message: Not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Kingdom Church.

For: The BRANCH builds the temple, (Zech. 6:12; G.C. 415:3).

John: Brought about no purification -- only reform.

V.T.H: Brought about no purification -- only reform.

"Church ... led and preserved by a prophet, she can continue on in no other way from here on. Unrevised 2 TG 26-25:1; 2 TG 26-23:3.

"Shintoism ... Nothing less than making the dead prophets God's last word." Unrevised 2 TG 26-24:2; (2 TGr 26-22:0).

"Worshiping the dead prophets and killing the living ones, is a brutal effort to block the progress of Truth, to deceive self and others. 2 TGr 26-23:1.

3. Branch - grows out of his roots - (Roots of Rod and Jesse).

That is, the Branch message has its roots in both the Rod and S.D.A. Messages and movements.

Branch repeats truths of former messages with the addition truth – the judgment of the living. (Rev. 18:1).

It is to be expected that the new message will make its way against opposition and will be denounced as false. (G.C.S. 7:2).

#### CONCLUSION:

1. JESSE ..... The Stump ..... Judgment of the Dead Revelation 14:6-11.

- a. Third Angel's Message - Threefold message - S.D.A.
- b. Three horses (red, speckled, and white, Zech. 1:8, 11, 17, see chart).
- c. Young man -- Zechariah 2:1, 2.
- d. Eagle - cropped off twigs from cedar of Lebanon and planted it in a fruitful field by great waters and set it as a willow tree - grew - became low spreading vine with roots under him. Eze. 17:1-6. (Cropped suggests first harvest – judgment of the dead).
- e. First lion whelp learned to catch the prey - devoured men -- taken captive by Egypt. Eze. 19:1-4 (Read 5T 217).

2. ROD ..... Out of the Stump ..... Pre-judgment of the Living ..... Revelation 7:1-8.

- a. First Angel's Message repeated - For Judgment of the Living. (W.H.R. 37:1).
- b. Angel ascends from the East - Revelation 7:1-8.
- c. Angel with shepherd's rod in his hand -- talked to Zechariah - Zech. 1:9, (see chart).
- d. Angel that talked with me went forth - Zech. 2:3.
- e. "Another great eagle ... this vine did bend her roots toward him, he watered it in the furrows of her plantation (reform in the church - water - no harvest) ... great waters that might bring forth branches ... bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.
- f. Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it shall, wither (top of Carmel shall wither - Amos 1:2) in the furrows where it grew. (Eze. 17:7-10) pre-judgment of the living.

The symbolism here depicts a church wide, not world-wide movement - it withers where it started -- within the S.D.A. Church.

"And also I have withholden the rain... yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: the place whereupon it rained not withered." Amos 4:7 Top of Carmel - withered in 1955. Davidians admit -Latter Rain stopped -- Symbolic Code 11 #1, p. 14 (November 1955).

- g. "Now when she saw ... her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion." Eze. 19:5-11.

"... learned to catch the prey ... he knew their desolate places (hunting them out of the rocks and mountains - 1 TGr 9-11:0; V.T.H. Jezreel Letter #4:5; Jer. 16:16). "... the nations - set against him ... he was taken in their pit."

"... in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel." Eze. 19:5-9.

This is a figurative prophecy. If it had an application to ancient Israel it has a more direct application to the church at this time. "Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. We are repeating the history of that people." 5T 160:2.

Lioness – Millerite.

1st lion whelp -- S.D.A. -- "Judah is a lion's whelp" - Gen. 49:9.

2nd lion whelp -- Davidian S.D.A.

### 3. BRANCH .....Out of the Rod .....Judgment of the Living.....Revelation 18.

- a. Second Angel (Judgment of the Living) descends - (Rev. 18:1).
- b. Man on red horse holding reins - Zech. 1:8, 11, 12, (see enclosed chart on Zech. 1).
- c. "... another angel (message - Branch) went out to meet him (to meet the angel with shepherd's crook that talked with Zechariah and that went forth).

"And said unto him (said to the angel that talked to Zechariah - Zech. 1:9 - the angel with the shepherd's crook) run speak to this young man (Zech. 2:1,2 - S.D.A. Brethren) saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein." Zech. 2:3,4.

The Davidians (symbolized by the angel holding the shepherd's rod - follow enclosed chart on Zech. 1: read Tract #6:61) have been telling the church about the sealing of the 144,000 for over 25 years, and now, that it is about time to start sealing the great multitude they are to run, tell the S.D.A. about the marking by the Branch and the time of the slaughter by Ezekiel 9.

TIME IS SHORT: "WHAT IS DONE MUST BE DONE QUICKLY." E.W. 118.

There may be some who have not studied "Why Perish" -- Tract #6.

All should weigh the evidence herein presented. There are a number who can see at a glance that it is not the Shepherd's Rod movement that sets up the kingdom. Anyone can readily see that the reins (to set up the kingdom) are not in the hands of that movement (angel with rod, Zech. 7:9) and never have been. Brother Houteff told us that the Lord did not have the reins to set up the kingdom in his day - Code Oct.- Dec. 1938. This simply means that the Lord would call someone after Brother V.T. Houteff to rule for Him. (Tract #8:71).

THERE ARE OTHER REASONS:

1. The man on the red horse has the reins.
2. This symbolism depicts another message -- movement after the Rod. Tract 6:61.
3. That the man on the red horse is an Angel (Zech. 1:11), which signifies a message.
4. There are two angels in the entire symbolism Tract //6:61. The Second Angel is on the red horse - (The Branch).
5. It is the second angel (Rev. 18:1) -that joins the 3rd angel by-which the Lord takes the reins in His own hands. T.M. 59:1; 2 S.R. 231:0.
6. The Symbolism of the Man on the red horse depicts the Branch message movement.

THERE ARE FOUR POINTS TO WHICH ALL SHOULD TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE:

1. That angels represent messages.
2. The Lord uses one messenger through whom he unfolds the 3rd Angel's message. Judgment of the Living - G.C.S. 41:1, also pages 34 and 35.
3. Anyone who attempts to give an explanation of the symbolism of the plan on the red horse, other than the interpretations the Branch gives, is claiming Inspiration and is therefore a false prophet.
4. The Branch has a chain of prophecy to prove authority to interpret this symbolism.

LORD TAKES THE REINS See Tract #6:61.

Second angel (Zech. 1:11; Zech 2:3) joins 3rd angel in message to be given to the world. (T.M. 300).

"Christ shall inform His 'citizens' that He is taking 'the reins in His own hands' to set up His kingdom . . . they upon hearing the announcement shall refuse to submit themselves the one through whom He is to rule." Tract #8:71:1 - "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." Luke 14:18.

Note: reins not in hand of angel with the shepherd's rod in his hand. Are in the hands of man (the Lord - the BRANCH) on red horse.

This represents a great challenge to S.D.A's and Davidians, ("... both houses of Israel.... Isa. 8:14).

Three-Fold Seal:

- (1) Sabbath seal by S.D.A.
- (2) Kingdom seal by Davidian S.D.A.
- (3) New Name seal by the Branch (E.W. 15; Rev. 3:12).

EZEKIEL 17:22-24:

Represents 2nd harvest -- Judgment of the Living. "... the Lord God ... take of the highest branch of the high cedar (the cedar that came up as a result of the water of the second eagle verse 7). I will "crop" (harvest) off from the top of his young twigs a tender one.

"In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it and it shall bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing;" (Gentiles grafted into Branch).

"And all the trees of the field, (Isa. 2:3; D.A.583:1) shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree (the tree that came up as a result of the labors of the 2nd eagle) have exalted the low tree (low willow tree verse 5 - 3rd angel's message) have dried up the green tree, (Amos 1:2; 4:? - Davidian movement to the church only) and have made the dry tree to flourish." (Loud Cry of the 3<sup>rd</sup> angel's message by the 144,000 guileless servants).

A DESCENDENT OF ISRAEL: "THY MOTHER LIKE A VINE IN THY BLOOD." Ezekiel 19:10.

John baptized Christ. The Rod says the "BRANCH" brings the great change. "And according to Isa. 11:1-5, the Branch is the Lord, the Son of David." 1TGr. 5-24:3. The rod represents David the son of Jesse in the first place- and God's word in the second - the Davidian message - a message of David's Kingdom. Therefore, Jesse the stem would represent the father of David and also a message or parent movement - S.D.A. .

Likewise, the "BRANCH" would represent Christ, the Son of David. Since Jesse and the rod have double applications, then it is obvious that the Branch means a message that reveals Christ and His truth - the Word of God. (1TGr. 16-29:1).

"And she, had strong rods (strong Scriptures, and princes of the house of David) ...that bare rule, .... the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them ... And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground." (Latter Rain Stopped) Eze. 19:11,12,13.

"And fire (symbol of the Holy Spirit) is gone out of a rod (a spirit filled message, out of one of the members of the house of David - out of Davidian S.D.A.) ... which has devoured her fruit, ... she hath no strong rod (Scripture or prince) to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation...." (Eze. 19:10-14, (no strong leader now).

The symbolism under observation here depicts in each instance the three great divisions of the genuine S.D.A. movement, all climaxing in the Third, by the revelation of Christ's new name "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh". This movement is to climax in the revelation to the world that Christ, the hope of glory, has come in the flesh. (Saviours - Obadiah 1:21).

**ONE TREE TWO PHASES THREE FOUR MOVEMENTS**

**FIVE ANGEL'S MESSAGES**

|        |                    |                  |                        |                |
|--------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Roots  | 1.Judg. of Dead.   | <b>Steps</b>     | 1. First-day Adventist | 1. Rev.14:6,7. |
| Rod    |                    | <b>Divisions</b> | 2. Seventh-Day Adv.    | 2. Rev. 14:8.  |
| Branch | 2. Judg. of Living | <b>Periods</b>   | 3. Davidian S.D.A.     | 3. Rev. 14:9.  |
|        |                    | .....            | 4. Branch D.S.D.A.     | 4. Rev. 7:2.   |
|        |                    | 1. Rev. 14:6-11  |                        | 5. Rev. 18:1.  |
|        |                    | 2. Rev. 7:1-8    |                        |                |
|        |                    | 3. Rev. 18:1     |                        |                |
| (1)    | (2)                | (3)              | (4)                    | (5) or -       |

FIVE – Christ in word – produces the White house - 144,000 guileless servants. Yes, God's servants in three steps. WHITE HOUSE RECRUITER!

Yours to let the Lord have control  
of the reins,

Ben L. Roden

Note: All emphasis in quotations ours.

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"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have . . . For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."  
Luke 12:32-34. Read also, Luke 12:29-36; C.O.L. 115:1, New Edition.