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ZECHARIAH 5

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"Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?"- John
7:51. Count the evidences on both sides before firing for or against.

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Information contained in a portion from the minutes of the Executive Council meetings, sent out by the Court Reporting Committee, explains simply enough, what Mrs. Houteff and her Executive Council were doing after Brother Houteff's death in 1955. For instance, in their minutes you will notice J. O. Conrad made a motion to dissolve the Davidian Association.

"Before the discussion was opened, J.O. Conrad read his suggestion for a wage adjustment and asked the Council to consider his proposals. In his proposed adjustment he mentioned that the Association be dissolved... The wage adjustment that the office had prepared was now under discussion." - Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists, November 19, 1961.

In a letter from their Executive Council to the field, dated Dec. 12, 1961, they took the stand that the Shepherd's Rod was wrong in its interpretation of the prophecy of Eze. 9, stating that the Bible does not sustain either V. T. Houteff or E. G. White in their latter-day application of Eze. 9.

Just nineteen days later, Dec. 31, 1961, they voted in Council Meeting to divide among themselves and others (a minority group of 72 Davidians - antitypical Achan's house), according to the canceled check record, the sum of \$172,551. 25. These precious dollars from the second tithe fund for the care of the aged, the poor, and needy were brought into the true D. S. D. A. Association by Victor T. Houteff's interpretations of Eze. 9 and other kindred doctrines. To soothe their conscience they called him a false prophet,

Regarding such astounding thievery among so-called Christians these Bible prophets Isaiah and Zechariah have this to say:

The show of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom (See Rev. 11:8), they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for Sodom have rewarded evil unto themselves.

Say to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

"The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

"The Lord will enter into judgment (Eze. 9) with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses." - Isa. 3:9-11, 13, 14.

"Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll,

"Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall he cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

"I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by My Name: and, it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof." - Zech. 5:1, 3, 4.

We have the report from a real estate agent that Florence Houteff (Eakin) paid \$43,000 for a lot in California. This seems quite a sum of money for one who all supposed to be dedicated to the self sacrifice required of all Davidians who worked for the Davidian Association.

She swore under oath on the witness stand, in Waco, that she received \$20,000 in wage adjustment (taken from the second tithe). Yet, she wants as much more now from the sale of New Mt. Carmel as she can get while our elderly Davidians, who so faithfully paid their second tithe to the Davidian treasury, are dying in worldly rest homes, eating swine's flesh, and without Sabbath privilege. They anticipated care by the Association in fulfillment of its promises to them in their last days. If this isn't enough to arouse one's indignation against this wickedness of robbing the poor asking for a refund of the second tithe, then we must be a hopeless, cold, and naked Super-Laodicean as can be found. Yes, robbing the poor of their promised second tithe benefits is what God is angry about and He will surely punish all the offenders unless they repent. There is no place in the Bible which states that tithe, once paid, is refundable or is to be paid off in a wage adjustment. Victor T. Houteff never interpreted the Scripture to mean that a man's rich widow could receive a wage adjustment from the poor fund for him after he had been seven years in the grave. This is what her council did in 1961.

He was declared a false prophet by those who robbed the treasury of the second tithe which he so zealously labored to accumulate for the care of the poor. This treason was committed by the Davidian leadership after 1955. Not even a false prophet would be so bold as to claim the Bible teaches a provision be made for thousands of dollars from the poor fund to be given his wife to spend having a good time in the world while his message goes unpublished; neither would a true one, while the aged, needy, and poor go without care.

By all means, they should put this ill-gotten gain back into the treasury of the Lord to meet the needs of the elderly. You say the Davidian Association was dissolved in 1962.

This is untrue for the Court ruled this dissolution was illegal since they did not have proper representation from the membership. Furthermore, there is no provision made in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Leviticus of D. S. D. A. for dissolving the Davidian Association. Therefore, according to the Courts, the Constitution of the United States, of the State of Texas, and the Courts of Heaven, the original D. S. D. A. Association at Mt. Carmel Center is not dissolved. In accordance with Heaven's Laws it is not, cannot, and will not be dissolved. Not one of these little splinter groups of D. S. D. A. s with their majority elected and self-appointed vice-presidents are the original true D. S. D. A. Association.

In the first place, Florence Houteff and her Executive Council were operating illegally and contrary to the Leviticus of D. S. D. A. from the time Brother Houteff passed away Feb. 5, 1955. They forcibly took charge of the Association without asking God or the people about it until 1962. After depleting the minister's fund (1 T. G. r. 5:21:3) they quit and ran off with the old people's second tithe money. The only Association they could have possibly dissolved in '62 was their own illegal Executive Council which operated illegally for seven years.

You say, how is one to know that Florence and her Council were not operating in harmony with God or the State of Texas? To begin, Florence knew she was not the rightful leader at Mt. Carmel after Brother Houteff died. God appoints a president as head of the Davidian Association not a vice-president. The president is chairman of the Executive Council and appoints all other officers (The Leviticus of D. S. D. A., page 6, par. 1-3). The chairman calls all Council meetings or appoints someone to do so (Id., page 9, Sec: 3 a).

After Brother Houteff's' death they could have no legal meeting until God called another President. Brother Wolfe and the Council admitted this in their meetings as is shown in the minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council Held May 7, 1955.

"The chairman is the one who knows what should be presented to the Council, and he is the one and the only one who can call the Council together according to the Constitution, Art. IV Sec. 2&3 and the By-laws Art. 1 Sec. 3(a)."

In order to understand this statement regarding the chairman of the Council we must first find out how he is selected. "The president shall, ...act as chairman of the Executive Council, as chief administrator of the affairs of the Association..." - The Leviticus of D. S. D. A. Article IV, Sec. 2, p. 6.

The president is the chairman. This is very important to know, never forget. "The president" is the "chairman" and "chief administrator" of the Association and a vice-president or anyone else can not hold that office without the gift of Inspiration.

Therefore, to find out how the chairman is selected, we must first find out how the president of the D. S. D. A. Association is selected. To do this, go to The Leviticus.

"The president shall be called and chosen in accordance with the procedure set forth in Exodus, chapter three, verses ten, fifteen, and sixteen; chapter four, verse seventeen. . ." - The Leviticus of D. S. D. A. , Art. IV, Sec. 1 (b), page 6.

The president - chairman of D. S. D. A. Association was called after the manner of Moses. God said to Moses, "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. . . And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel.... Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them... I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt. .. And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs." - Ex. 3:10,15,16; 4:17.

What Moses, in the type, was commanded to do, Moses - V. T. Houteff, the President-chairman of the Executive Council did, in antitype, with his rod (the Shepherd's Rod). He went to the men who were acting like Pharaoh (Series B, No. 7, pages 19, 20) and to Israel, the church, which had "turned back from following Christ her Leader and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. " - 5 Test. 217:2. He went to the children of Israel (the S. D. A. Church) and gathered the elders (in California - 7 Tr., pages 14-16) and told them that God had visited them and had seen how Israel was treated in Egypt.

With all this information in hand plus the fact Moses died on the border of the Kingdom as did Brother Houteff, we can plainly see that Brother Houteff with the Shepherd's Rod (over 3,000 years after Moses), makes an exceedingly accurate antitype of the Shepherd of Midian.

Going back to the minutes of their Executive Council meeting of May 7, 1955, we see some controversy over Florence Houteff's contention for the position of vice-president.

"Bro. Wolfe: 'How can you prove that the president appointed you to be Vice - president?'
"Florence's Answer:" I cannot prove it. I have nothing in writing. But since Brother Houteff did not appoint anyone else you are going to have to believe me when I tell you that he appointed me. Now I (Florence Houteff) would like to ask you (Bro. Wolfe), a question? How can you prove that you are a member of the Executive Council?

"It developed that some of the members had received written notice that they were to serve as members of the Council for a limited time only (one year), and that time limit had expired years ago." - Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council, May 7, 1955.

Evidently Brother Wolfe and the rest believed that Sister Houteff was asked by Brother Houteff to be vice-president, or they made themselves believe it and went on pretending it was so, for a position. All who did not believe or pretend to believe she was the vice-president were cast out if they contested her authority. Furthermore, if Brother Houteff (being the antitype of Moses) had asked Florence to be vice-president to succeed him as leader of the Davidians he would have made it public, according to the type. (See Deut, 34:9,10). If this had been the case, she would not have been vice-president, but the president. Therefore, there is no way Florence could have been vice-president. Acting as such she was illegal.

Florence and all her illegal Executive Council finally realized this; so, she decided to make herself president. In order to be a legal president, she must have the gift of Inspiration, as in the type, Moses passed that gift on to Joshua, "And Joshua... was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him. . ." - Deut. 34:9.

Satan made her believe she could interpret the 42 month prophecy of Revelation 11 and this caused her downfall in 1959, at Passover time, on New Mt. Carmel and consequently brought the resulting disrepute upon the Davidian movement.

The prophecies show there was to be a disappointment in the Davidian movement. The Shepherd's Rod message (the 4th angel – Rev. 14:15) was only the announcement (of the 5th

Angel - Rev. 14:16-18; 18:1) of the Investigative Judgment of the Living as Brother Houteff states:

"The Shepherd's Rod' has arrived (in 1930) just before the Judgment of the Living (Rev. 18:1) commences."- Jezreel Letter, No. 4, page 1:4.

"... the investigative judgment of the living (Rev. 18:1) is obviously, then, (in 1942) YET FUTURE." - Tract No, 3, page 43:3, 1942 Edition.

". . . we have come (1953) ALMOST to the time of the harvest (Rev. 18:1)... these are the closing hours of (Rev. 14:15) the pre-harvest period, . . . the harvest (Rev. 14:16-18; 18:1) will soon begin." - 1 T. G. r. 21:19:2.

". . . the Judgment for the Living (Rev. 14:16) is ABOUT TO BEGIN. . ." - Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No, 27 Revised, page 8:2.

"What indeed, if she (S. D. A.) does not now (1951) accept and practice the message of _very present truth (1 S.R. 32 - Rev. 7:1-8), the FINAL PHASE OF THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE (Rev. 14:6,7), which is presently announcing the stealthy approach of (Rev. 18:1) Judgment upon the Living . . ." - White House Recruiter, page 37:1.

". . . the Judgment of the Living begins after this announcement of it has sounded throughout Laodicea." - Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 5 Revised, page 21:3.

It is true Davidians thought Brother Houteff was the last messenger before the Kingdom. Indeed, we thought he was the Elijah who would restore the Kingdom. "Do you see that the prophet (Elijah) appears in a day he can restore all things, . . . even the Kingdom?" - Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 7, page 11:3.

However, after he passed away, we saw quickly, if we were alert Davidians, that God would call someone else to restore the Kingdom. There was no type for Brother Houteff, antitypical Elijah - John the Baptist, to be raised (1 T. G. r. 36:4) and lead Israel; or for antitypical Moses to be resurrected and lead Israel into the Kingdom. In fact, neither Moses who died on the borders of the Kingdom nor John who was beheaded (Matthew 14:10) was called to restore the Kingdom. But, God called Joshua to lead Israel into the land He promised our father Abraham. Since the plan for Israel failed in the promised land, because of their sins, He sent His Son, Jesus, to establish the Kingdom that is to be like Eden. (See Eze. 36:35).

It is plain to see as we study the Rod message that Brother Houteff was not the antitype of Jesus ("Christ Himself is also a type." - 12 S. C., No. 1, page 4:0). "The old cry is repeated; 'We know that God spoke unto Moses; as for this fellow (Christ in the messenger whom He sends), we know not from whence he is.' John 9:29." - Christ's Object Lessons, page 79:1.

-- Antitypical Moses (1 S. R. 6:2; 71:1; The Lev, of DSDA Sec. 2, P. 4:2; 1 S. R., 244:0; 1 T. G. revised, 9:11:1)

Victor T. Houteff -- [simple diagram showing two typologies;
Moses and John the Baptist as applied to V.T. Houteff]

-- Antitypical John the Baptist (1 T. G. r. 36:4:1; 2 Ans. 73:0;
1T.G. u. 42:19:2)

After studying this article surely you do not still contend that Brother Houteff was the antitype of Joshua who with the ark led Israel into the promised land? Aside from the evidence given here let us remember that Joshua, in the type, spied out the promised land before Israel entered. This Brother Houteff did not do but he had a vision like Moses of that glorious land "like Eden". Another thing, there was no antitypical Achan in Brother Houteff's day as there is today. If there had been an Achan, the people would have had only a Rod to beat him, for there were no (lively) stones (Zech. 3:9) with which to stone him and his house to death. Let's be reasonable and logical thinkers, friends, Do not throw away your opportunity to arrive safely in God's everlasting Kingdom because of prejudice or dislike of the one whom God might use to bring about the eradication of sinners and cleansing of the camp from evil doers in the time of the restoration of all things. To be sure, the one God chooses to lead out in this work is certainly not the choice of the Davidian or Laodicean leaders.

Nevertheless, here is what is happening in our day. Yes, to get the picture of what is taking place now, at this very present time, we must consider the types. Moses of old, with his shepherd's rod, led ancient Israel out of Egypt and died on the border of Canaan. Joshua, with the ark and the sacrificial Judgment of the Living (judging Achan and his house), led Israel into the Kingdom. Consequently, since there is to be a Spiritual Kingdom like Eden (Eze. 36:35) with the heathen left round about (Eze. 36:36) in our day, and since, in fulfilment of the type, antitypical Moses (V.T. Houteff with the Shepherd's Rod) died on the borders of the Kingdom today; therefore, logically speaking, there is to be an antitypical Joshua with the message of the Judgment of the Living - judging antitypical Achan and house, on earth, with the Sanctuary Service in the Heavenly Ark. With this message, God's true people Israel, are guided into God's everlasting Kingdom.

Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord."- Isa. 1:18. There was, in a type, in Joshua's day in ancient Israel, Achan who stole the tithe, (that which belonged to God). He and his house were sought out by Joshua of old and punished by the Israelites stoning them to death with stones. Logically enough, since type meets antitype in our day, modern day Joshua will seek out the antitypical Achan and house in present Spiritual Israel, and the people will stone the whole house of Achan in our day with the Spiritual "Stone" of "seven eyes" (Zech. 3:9). Let us remember that Achan was of the house of Judah, DSDA in our day.

To put it another way, Zechariah says: "Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll." - Zech. 5:1.

Jeremiah was commanded by the Lord to take "a roll of a book" (Jer. 36:2), and write therein all the words that He had spoken to him for Israel, Judah, and all nations. The words Jeremiah was

to write in the roll were God's words to His people, Israel and Judah, and all people of the nations. This roll of a book Jeremiah wrote was the Lord's Words to us - the Bible.

"And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying, roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits." - Zech. 5:

Ten is a number figurative of universality. Twice ten is twenty or twice universal. This could mean the word of God to ancient Israel and the world, (universal in her day) and again in the New Testament period, our day - both B. C. and A. D.. In other words, ten by ten is the Bible and twenty by ten is representative of both Bibles - the Old and the New. Just as in Zechariah 4:11-14, the two olive trees, one on each side of the "golden candlestick", are figurative of the Word of God to Zerubbabel, or Israel, in both the Old and the New dispensations. The Word of God, ten by ten, is depicted as a closed book. On the other hand, the Bible represented as twenty by ten symbolizes the Bible as an "open Book" with the active Spirit of Prophecy at work (Rev. 12:17; 19:10).

For instance, there is shown in Zech. 3:9, the stone with "seven eyes" ("The number seven indicates completeness." – A.A. 585:3) representing the stone church with a complete vision of the plan of salvation.

In the Revelation, John tells us that he saw the "mighty angel" come down from Heaven. "And (He) cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders (seven - complete thunders) uttered their voices.

"And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not." - Rev. 10:3, 4.

William Miller gave his first lecture on the message of the angel of Revelation 10 in 1831 (G. C. 331:0), "the little hook" was in his "mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter." - Rev. 10:9, 10.

William Miller taught that Jesus was to come in the autumn of 1844. The second coming of Jesus truly is the sweetest story ever told since His ascension, and when He did not appear as anticipated the experience was a bitter one to take.

After this experience, those who were zealous for truth and understanding and who would know no defeat continued to study. They took their problem to the One Who knows all things. A new message, the third angel (Rev. 14:6-13), proclaimed by a new messenger, Ellen G. Harmon White, revealed the truth that "this coming" of Jesus was His coming before the Father, in the Most Holy, to begin the investigative Judgment of the Dead (G. C. 490).

The disappointment under the first angel's message was a result of the mistaken belief that Christ was literally coming, in the clouds of Heaven, to the earth in judgment on sinners. Instead, He entered the Most Holy Place in 1844 for the investigative Judgment of the Dead. Davidians (who had the final phase of the first angel's message – W. H. R. 37), likewise, experienced a

similar disappointment because they chose to believe Sister Houteff's false 42 month prophecy that Christ was coming to the church to execute judgment (slaughter of Eze. 9:5, 6), in 1959 before the investigative Judgment of the Living (Eze. 9:3, 4) was completed to the church. As a result of rejecting the new message (the second angel - Rev. 18:1, 2) and messenger who could have explained their dilemma, we now have this present embarrassing situation of Achan and the misappropriation of the second tithe funds.

COVETOUSNESS - Achan's Sin

It was the tithe, that which belonged to God, which Achan stole and hid in his tent as explained in the Spirit of Prophecy.

"Achan understood well the reserve made, and that the treasures of gold and silver which he coveted were the Lord's. He stole from God's treasury for his own benefit." - Testimonies, Vol. 3, page 269.

"Achan's taking the Lord's money represents that class of church members who covet the 'silver' and the 'gold' which He has set apart for Himself, and who thereby rob Him of that which is His Own - tithes and offerings." - 4 Tr. 43.

"Achan's covetousness was excited by the sight of that costly robe of Shinar; even when it had brought him face to face with death he called it 'a goodly Babylonish garment.' One sin had led to another, and he appropriated the gold and silver devoted to the treasury of the Lord -- robbed God of the first-fruits (tithe) of the land of Canaan.

"The deadly sin that led to Achan's ruin had its root in covetousness, of all sins one of the most common and the most lightly regarded.... The enormity of this sin, and its terrible results, are the lessons of Achan's history.

"Covetousness is an evil of gradual development. Achan had cherished greed of gain until it became a habit, binding him in fetters well-nigh impossible to break. While fostering this evil, he would have been filled with horror at the thought of bringing disaster upon Israel; but his perceptions were deadened by sin, and when temptation came, he fell an easy prey.

"Are not similar sins still committed, in the face of warnings as solemn and explicit? We are as directly forbidden to indulge covetousness as was Achan to appropriate the spoils of Jericho. God has declared it to be idolatry. We are warned, 'Ye cannot serve God and mammon, ' . . . And yet, notwithstanding all these warnings, covetousness abounds.

"Everywhere its slimy track is seen... And this evil exists... in the church. How common even here to find... robbery of God 'in tithes and offerings. ' Among church-members... there are, alas! many achans... For a goodly Babylonish garment, multitudes sacrifice the approval of conscience and their hope of heaven. Multitudes barter their integrity, and their capabilities for usefulness, for a bag of silver shekels. The cries of the SUFFERING POOR are unheeded; the gospel light is hindered on its course..."Achan's sin brought disaster upon the whole nation. For one

man's sin, the displeasure of God will rest upon his church till the transgression is searched out and put away...

"When the church is in difficulty, when coldness and spiritual declension exist, giving occasion for the enemies of God to triumph, then, instead of folding their hands and lamenting their unhappy state, let its members inquire if there is not an Achan in the camp." - Patriarchs and Prophets, pages 496, 497.

According to what the Spirit of Prophecy is saying here, one can readily see what is causing the spiritual weakness of Davidians in our day. In case you do not know, it is Florence and her Council who committed the crime of Achan by stealing the second tithe. Likewise, all who sign the Claim Form sent out by Mr. Kultgen, the Catholic lawyer for Florence and Street, or those who sign NO FORM at all wishing to be neutral, are guilty of the sin of Achan. They are taking the side of the State which is attempting to take control of the Church. All know what this means. Also, they are siding with Florence Eakin and her defunct Council who are using the State to cover up their embezzlement of Davidian property and funds. Furthermore, when you sign the Claim Form you are taking sides with Florence and her Executive Council in declaring Brother Victor T. Houteff and Sister Ellen G. White false. (See S. C. Feb. 1962, page 7) The seventy-two Davidians who got a portion of the second tithe agreed with this position. All who now get a portion of second tithe and those who stand by as neutral, refusing to take the Lord's side by signing the Retainer Form, are aiding Florence and her crime syndicate to rob the poor, elderly, and needy.

What stupidity!!! These so-called vice-presidents of the small Davidian groups who pretend to be 100% Davidians and claim to know it all but are so blind as to side with Florence in her crime and command all to sign a Claim Form, are thinking they will get a bigger amount of second tithe since the people might turn their share to them. These are the ones who are fighting against the truth. Yes, these jackals, little leaders of the Davidian groups ought to have, at least, enough wits in this time of the investigative Judgment of the Living to know they cannot keep the honest in darkness. One would credit them with enough intelligence to know that if a religious organization could be required by the State to refund money donated, that they themselves could be sued by their constituency and be forced to pay back this ill-gotten gain - something to think about, fellow Davidians! **HERE IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST WHICH IS IN THE CHURCH FIRST AND WHICH COMES AS A SNARE - A TRAP**, E. G. White, the messenger of the third angel of Rev. 14:6-13, and V. T. Houteff, the messenger of the fourth angel of Rev. 14:15, teaches in types and symbols how to understand whether a new message is true or false. There are many voices crying that they have the "only way".

The Fifth Angel's message and messenger of Rev. 14:16, 17 (See "A Word to the Little Flock", pages 10, 11) are to restore all things, even the Kingdom. The types and symbols are worked out to prove the Truth. So then, the message must meet the requirements of its particular type, to be true.

If you sign the Claim you are saying in essence, that neither Florence or Street should have to give an accounting and that the State should have the right to handle church affairs, and dictate what she must do. Close down if the State says so!

TYPES AND SYMBOLS

Voice of Inspiration: "The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed... if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse... a work would be accomplished ... that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error." - Great Controversy, page 599:0.

"The true Interpreter must come. The One whom all these types prefigured must explain their significance.

"Through nature, through types and symbols, through patriarchs and prophets, God had spoken to the world. Lessons must be given... The messenger of the covenant must speak."- Desire of Ages, pages 33, 34.

"The whole system of types and symbols was a compacted prophecy of the gospel, a presentation in which were bound up the promises of redemption." - Acts of the Apostles, page 14.

"The types of the Jewish economy are made plain by the gospel. Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing." - Education 124.

"In types and symbols the great truths of redemption were veiled." - COL 105:0.

"While the enemy has succeeded in confusing the written Word, God lightens the earth with His Glory by these symbolic revelations ('prophetic symbols of beasts, wings, horns, heads, crowns, etc.' - 2 S. R. 10:0); and by which He discloses the entire truth and uncovers the traps of the devil! Thus through types and symbols He makes wise the simple and confounds the prudent by showing that where there is no type there is no truth." - The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2, page 10:2.

These convincing statements pertaining to the types, show how to detect the traps of the devil and show that every principle and every fact of the Gospel has a bearing in God's Word. To enlighten the mind in regard to that which is true, the Word teaches that where there is no type there is no truth. Likewise, where there is a solid type, a message of truth discloses to view the work of the enemy, unmasking error. Consequently, since a fact and a principle are involved in Achan's sin anciently (stealing the tithe at Jericho), just before the Kingdom was set up in Joshua's day, and Florence Houteff appropriated the tithe just before the Kingdom is fully established in our day; she became antitypical Achan (Eakin). Type meets antitype; hence, all who want to be in God's everlasting Kingdom will certainly not want to be on her side (signing the Claim Form), but, rather, be on the side of antitypical Joshua (signing the Retainer Form).

Now that God has disclosed to view the trap of the devil by revealing the antitypical Achan, the intelligent thing to do is not to rest until we find the antitypical Joshua and accept his message. Logically his place would be opposite that of antitypical Achan.

There can be no position of neutrality now, for the mark of the beast, in the church is involved.

Davidians will automatically be on one side or the other, on Joshua's side to receive the mark of God by the man in linen (Eze. 9:3, 4) and possess the Kingdom or on Eakin's side to miss God's Kingdom by receiving the mark of the beast, in the church first, and be slaughtered by the five men with slaughter weapons of Eze. 9:5, 6. On which side will you be? There is a very short time to make up your mind.

Therefore, "We must stand - stand against the most ingenious special trap ever set by the Evil One! But how shall we do this (stand against this special trap) if we know not what it is or where it is?" - Symbolic Code, Vol. 8, Nos. 1-12, Jan. - Dec. 1942.

MONEY

"Our money has not been given us that we might honor and glorify ourselves. As faithful stewards we are to use it for the honor and glory of God. Some think that only a portion of their means is the Lord's. When they have set apart a portion for religious and charitable purposes, they regard the remainder as their own, to be used as they see fit.

But in this they mistake. All we possess is the Lord's, and we are accountable to Him for the use we make of it. In the use of every penny, it will be seen whether we love God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves.

"Money has great value, because it can do great good. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, and clothing for the naked. It is a defense for the oppressed, and a means of help to the sick." - Christ's Object Lessons, page 351.

This sin, taking the second tithe, was done openly, one that they were proud of because they gave others (their special friends) a portion. This they felt was a good deed and one in which they were delighted to have a part. The sinfulness of this act was like Achan's, when he stole the silver, the gold, etc. (the tithe) at Jericho. A sin of the nature Florence and her Council committed, of those who agree with them and of those who attempt to take a neutral position as Sodom according to Isaiah. It is "Woe unto the soul" of the wicked. They have brought "evil" upon themselves and it shall be "ill" with these "wicked": for the Lord standeth up to "plead" and to judge the people (Eze. 9:3, 4).

He will enter in to judgment (Eze. 9:5, 6) because they have the "spoil of the poor" (second tithe) in their houses: unless they repent. The prophecy of Isaiah 3:9-16 pronounces judgment upon those who have participated in the crime of spoiling the poor (taking the second tithe to themselves). God will surely punish. However, there is indication of a ray of hope for those whom you felt were near to you because of the Davidian message and to whom all looked -- the leaders at Mt. Carmel. That one last ray of hope, that one fleeting opportunity of repentance for their crime is offered because of the tender mercies of the Lord. That is, "the Lord standeth up to plead", in the investigative Judgment of the Living (Eze. 9:3,4) before He enters into "executive judgment" - the slaughter of Eze. 9: 5, 6. The time is fast approaching.

"The sealing time, (marking of Eze. 9:3, 4) is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure." - Early

Writings, page 58:2. If your probation has not already closed, if you have not realized before now the sinfulness of your crime of having the "spoil of the poor" in your house; make things right with God and all concerned, immediately, without delay, Why hesitate; "To-day if ye will hear his voice. Harden not your heart, as in the provocation." Psa. 95:7, 8. Do not wait until too late as did Achan who stole the tithe (Josh. 7:16-21; P. P. 496-497) and was stoned to death by his people (Josh. 7:24-26). Let not Achan's calamity (the type), befall you (in antitype)!

Brother V. T. Houteff comments on Isaiah 3:13,14: "This scripture emphatically declares that the Lord is pleading while He stands to judge the people, showing that the Judgment of the Living [Rev. 14:16, 17] begins after this announcement [Rev. 14:15] of it has sounded throughout Laodicea. The charge against the ancient and the princes [Davidian] (leaders and ministers) is that they have eaten up the vineyard, that they have consumed the entire income, and that they have robbed His people to enrich themselves. It is a known fact that not only the tithe (the only lawful allowance for the ministry) but also the offerings (the portion for the poor) and all else, [the second tithe and all they are able to get in their hands] are consumed by the (Executive Council of Florence Eakin) ministry.

"Seeing that nearly all are overcome by the Enemy of souls, we should, therefore, so much the more fear God and walk closer with Him, else we, too, fall into the Devil's kidnapping bag. We should be careful and considerate shepherd's, not cruel grafters.

"You will find that the Devil will fight for life and violently contest this Judgment message, [using unscrupulous attorneys in a prejudiced court to cover up for this thievery, if possible] and will try to convince all that these prophecies will not be fulfilled. God's true people, though, will see the importance of their fulfillment at this special time, and will gladly take what God's Word says." - Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 5 Revised, pages 21, 22. (parentheses belong to V. T. Houteff).

They will sign the Waiver-Retainer and thereby vote against State handling of Church affairs and dictating what is to be done with the second tithe which God provides for those in need. Not only this, but God requires that we do all in our power to see that those who have robbed the poor of their means in the wage adjustment, be required to return it with interest.

"Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten... Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering." - Lev. 6:4, 5;

"And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing." - Lev. 22:14.

"And if a man will at all redeem aught of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof." - Lev. 27:31.

"And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and (Christ) the priest shall make an atonement for him and it shall be forgiven him." - Lev. 5:16.

"We are called to be reformers, not deformers, gatherers with God, not scatterers with Satan. Let's be what we profess to be, and thus stand before the Throne of God, without guile in our mouths, and eventually, without sinners in our midst." - Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 5 Revised, page 22.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Brother V. T. Houteff states emphatically that the mark of the beast is, first in the church and then in the world. How can we escape the "mark of the beast" if we do not know what it is? Do you know what the mark of the beast is in the church? If not, it would be well to consider the weight of evidence presented in this article; for, to be sure, it is something that will take us by surprise because it is right among us, in the midst of our Davidian Brethren in the church. It is indeed a trap to catch all who are asleep and not alert to the Devil's tricks.

"The beast we are told is a man (Rev. 13:18). The demand to worship, obey the beast's command, therefore, is a demand to worship (obey) man in place of God. Both marks are for no other purpose but to define who is who – who is for God and who is for the beast. Those who obey God's Judgment message rather than the beast's decree receive God's mark. And these who obey the beast's decree rather than God's message receive the beast's mark. These two different marks, you see separate the worshippers of God from the worshippers of men. And since Jesus declares that the separation takes place during the harvest [not before or after], and as you now see that the 'harvest' and the 'Judgment' for the living are synonymous terms, then the conclusion is that as the mark of God is urged upon the believers of His Judgment message in the church, and as the mark of the beast is urged upon the worshippers of the beast during the Judgment in the world, the subject becomes clear: The enemies of the judgment message in the church, and the enemies of the Judgment message in the world are both imbued with the spirit of the beast - both doing the same kind of work against God's people, first in the church then in the world. The only difference between the two is that in the world the mark of the beast is enforced by civil law, whereas in the church it is not, though the enemies against the Judgment message already have done everything in their power to secure the arm of the law against us. It is now left up to every individual member of the church to either take heed to God's Judgment message and receive His mark of deliverance, or to give heed to men's vain talk and die under the slaughter weapons of the angels." - Jezreel Letter, No, 2, page 5:5 (paren. VTH)

Here Inspiration says the mark of the beast is first in the church before it is in the world.

Ellen G. White states: "The 'mark of the beast' still remains to be defined." - Great Controversy, page 445.

"The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll." - Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 17:1.

Inspiration says that in E. G. White's day not all was understood regarding the mark of the beast and would not be understood until the scroll unrolled. V. T. Houteff shows he did not know all about the mark of the beast but states it is in the church first before it is in the world. Do you have minds that can think or has the Enemy benumbed your senses with lies, false theories, and prejudice so that you are unable to see? If this is so, then you had better take time out and do a lot of praying, for your soul's salvation is at stake. You are sure to get hooked by that something you "just know" is not true; yet, is surely the truth.

The Constitution of the U.S.A states that the civil courts of the land have no right to make laws regarding religion, "Such action would be directly contrary to the principles of this government, to the genius of its free institutions, to the direct and solemn avowal of the Declaration of Independence, and to the Constitution. The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result intolerance and persecution." - Great Controversy, page 442:2.

Consequently, the church should make its own laws and decide questions pertaining to its business operations. Therefore, any Court that interferes with church affairs is in defiance of the Constitution and is infringing upon our religious liberty. We state again; the Court has no legal right to interfere with church business.

This is why Protestantism was born in America. Davidians and SDAs are well instructed by the Davidian Message and the Spirit of Prophecy that the Two-Horned Beast will make "an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live." - Rev. 13:14.

It was unthinkable a few years ago that the Two-Horned Beast would attempt to use New Mt. Carmel and the Davidian Association for a proving ground and as a tool for his "image" beast - for setting a precedent in Texas, Davidians of today would perhaps call fanatic and out of his mind anyone who would make such a statement even when the evidence is plain. Call it what you may. When the government attempts to take charge of church money and orders what must be done with it there is a violation of the Constitution, E. G. White, V. T. Houteff, and the Bible show there is to be a "mark" of the Two Horned Beast who "went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12:17.

Nevertheless, the decision is yours and the question you must answer for yourself is: On which side will I be? Will I sign a Claim Form for a few paltry dollars (blood money) and provide for the State to handle church matters, according to the image beast; or will I sign a Retainer Form and put church affairs under its own authority and oppose State rule.

It is not too late to do your part, even if you have already signed the Claim Form, and have boldly advocated that others sign it, and have fought against those who have signed the Waiver-Retainer Form which provides for the separation of Church and State, The Court has granted a little more time for you to change to the Retainer Form. You may not have known that the case at New Mt. Carmel was such a vital issue and of such grave importance in showing who is who - who is for the beast and who is for God." Now that God has furnished you with this information and made known the seriousness of the question concerning the second tithe at New Mt. Carmel

and you do not wish to sell your soul for a pittance, change your Claim to a Waiver-Retainer before it is too late. You gave the second tithes to God for those who are at this very time being cared for by the Gentiles in worldly rest homes or who are with unbelieving relatives where they are eating swine's flesh and the abomination. Is this really what you want for them?

October 9 is the Court deadline for Retainer Forms, However, we are asking for an extension of time.

THE TRAP

Isaiah 8 "Verse 10 -- 'Take counsel together, and it shall come to naught; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.'

"God's people take a strong and independent attitude because they believe that God is with them. Most human beings are somewhat like Peter. We have a great faith until we meet face to face a trial. When the trial here prophesied comes, though, God's people must know that God is with them, and they must firmly stand on His side. Through this verse we are made to understand the real reason for the certain failure of the nations in their attempt to obviate the fulfillment of their fears; God is not with them. It becomes distinctly apparent, therefore, that it is the pressing duty of every God-fearing country and individual sincerely to seek God's will and be with Him, if we are to survive and prosper.

"Verses 11,12 -- 'For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not a confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy: neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.'

"God's people are not only commanded not to participate in the confederacy, but they are to oppose it 'to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy:'

"Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.' It is upon the root of some fear that the confederacy is formed. But that which constitutes their fear is not to constitute the fear of God's people.

"Verse 13 -- 'Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.'

"God alone is to be revered; God alone is to be feared and dreaded. If there were no possibility for fear at the fulfillment of this chapter, there would, be no need for this reassurance and instruction. It is indicative of the fact that God's people will see themselves absolutely helpless, and they will appear helpless to all others. Then they will receive deliverance from God, and all will behold it.

"If God's people are approaching the time when they must either confederate or sacrifice their lives, they must be developing that faith which will cause them to believe that 'in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.' Rev. 9:6.

"Verse 14 -- 'And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.'

A sanctuary is a place of refuge. Besides being a place of refuge to God's faithful ones, He is also to be a rock of offense to both the house of Israel -Judah and Israel -- and a gin and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the ruling city of Judah. From this it is plain that through this confederacy God is to be a gin and snare to antitypical Judah (D. S. D. A).

"Verse 15 -- 'And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken,'

"This prophecy declares that the confederacy will be a snare -- a trap -- and that many will fall and be taken in it. It will be a fearful trap and will separate God's people. Thus is the Lord going to test all His people and let them reveal just how much faith each of them has. In the face of this warning, we must make the necessary preparation so that we will not fall into the snare. God has clearly forewarned His people so that they will not be taken by surprise.

"In Isaiah 24 (verse 13) we are told that there would be a shaking as of an olive tree and but few men would be left.

"The confederacy... commences before the Loud Cry and before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. It is not the Image of the Beast (the Woman on the Scarlet Beast of Rev. 17), for this association precedes the Image of the Beast, and the confederacy is formed when the nations are girding themselves for war. Put another way, the confederacy will commence after the sealing and perhaps just before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. Moreover, it is in the time when the Christian nations are united that the woman "Babylon" will sit on the seven "heads" (Rev, 17:9), depicting also the union of the churches under Babylon." – V.

T. Houteff September 30, 1939 and June 22, 1940, quoted in The Symbolic Code, Vol. 13, Nos. 3 & 4, pages 9, 10.

The confederacy among the nations is formed after the sealing of the 144,000, who are sealed in the time of the sixth seal, but who are judged (counted) in the time of the seventh seal (See .2 S: R: 220). Let us remember though, that probation for all SDAs, DSDAs, and BDSAs as individuals, closes at the opening of the seventh seal which is at Atonement time, a short while before the slaughter of Eze, 9 - at the half an hour silence, at the Passover (See 2 S. R. 216).

After the seventh seal opens and before they go down in the slaughter of Eze. 9, the tares will realize the harvest (investigative judgment of the living – See 1 T. G. r. 11:6:2, 11:2; 2 T. G. 42:31:3; 44:33:1) is past and they are not saved (See Jer. 8:20). The tares in the world will realize this after the Loud Cry (Rev. 14:18; 18:1-4) for the world is finished and probation closed just before Jesus comes in the clouds of Heaven and destroys the wicked with the brightness of His coming (See 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 2:8).

All those who are not expecting the confederacy... are going to fall into this snare, for it will appear to them harmless and perhaps even a good thing. But it will be their trap." - Symbolic Code, Vol. 13, Nos. 3 & 4, page 10:3.

Just give this experience at New Mt. Carmel an opportunity to develop if you will. Organized Religion, with the Court's Protestant judge and Catholic lawyer, is attempting to set a precedent. If they can close the Davidian Church down by closing its doors, seizing its property, and deciding what is to be done with its finances, they have made a big step in the direction of the Rev. 13:11-18 organization. At present, it looks like the only way the Davidian groups can defeat this SNARE-TRAP is to forget their dislikes for each other, unite and go to work for the Lord, if only in a business way, forgetting self, and appoint a board of directors to handle God's money and property and defeat the enemy. Yes, this makes your faces red with embarrassment at the suggestion of such a thing. This would be better than having your faces pale with fear and eventually black with mortification if you fail to act in the proper way at this time. What is your decision Brother, Sister? The hour is late - later than you think. Make your decision now to save your souls, Davidians!!! Perhaps it is not even too late for Florence, if she can get on the opposite side from the "image beast".

"We are to enter into no confederacy (agreement or compromise) with the world." - Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 17:2. It may look to some that the Court ruling to turn the second tithe back to all who have paid a second tithe into the Davidian Association is "harmless and perhaps even a good thing." But all who feel thus haven't stopped to think that they are playing into the hands of the Two-Horned Beast - into his plan to take over the churches and eventually, "saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live." - Rev. 13:14.

Perhaps you have not thought this through, much less understood about the second tithe situation in this light; or you have not previously been rightly informed about this matter in its true light. The whole thing has been unfair to all concerned, it is true.

Now that the case is being opened and Light shed upon matters and thrown open to your inspection, you will have an opportunity to act with some intelligence. Doubtless, all Davidians and Davidian groups who are second-tithers to the original Davidian Association will want to forget their prejudices and doctrinal differences and join together in the cause of a right principle and defeat the enemy in his efforts to close the trap on us and to get all under his control, including, the SDAs and all other churches. The issue is a matter between Second - tithers and the Two-Horned Beast - keeping Church and State separate or joining Church and State. You are to make your own choice.

There are several aspects to this situation. One that especially needs your attention is, that if you sign the Claim Form, Tom Street will not have to furnish an accounting of the sum of \$80,000 or more that he handled. Who knows how much he has received while an illegal trustee and Receiver of the Mt. Carmel property and other properties outside of Mt. Carmel. When you study the situation you will find there is much more involved than anyone has ever imagined. Why settle for 1/7th of the second tithe you have paid into the Davidian Association, which is to

come out of the \$70,000 appraised value of New Mt. Carmel property when all that is involved is many times more.

There is the Executive Council and Florence (Houteff) Eakin's side. Sign the Claim and in so doing you agree that her illegal Association was legally formed and dissolved. The Leviticus shows it was illegally formed in the first place. A Council elected by the people could not have dissolved the original Association which was God appointed, it could never be dissolved. In the first place Florence was not a legal Vice-President because the Constitution and By-laws say the Vice-President is appointed by the President of the Association, who is God appointed. Florence was elected by an illegal Council, Feb. 6, 1955. (The Council voted Florence Vice-President. See the Minutes of the Executive Council Meetings from the Court Reporting Committee.)

Florence and her Council met in her office at 7:45 P. M., May 7, 1955. Notice the conversation between Brother Wolfe and Florence quoted on page 9 of this study.

THE LIVING SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Since this Executive Council that Florence formed was contrary to the Constitution of the Davidian Association - not God appointed, we call it her Executive Council. The works they performed were illegal since an illegal Council was at the head of the work.

"The Council members expressed themselves as believing that with Brother Houteff's death a decided change in the status of the Executive Council had taken place and that the Council should decide all issues and that the voice of the people should be followed." - Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council, May 4, 1955.

"God's church has never prospered when it was ruled by the voice of the people or by the majority vote." - Id., May 7, 1955.

"It was reported that Elder Wilson received a letter from M. W. Wolfe and he wants to give a study to show publicly that we (Davidians) do not have the living Spirit of Prophecy." - Id. , Sept. ,15, 1955.

"In a conversation with Fred Campbell, Brother Custer reported that Fred said that the Council members were puppets and also liars; that since we no longer have the living Spirit of Prophecy in our midst everything we do and even our best intentions will be wrong." - Id., Aug. 29, 1955.

Without the living Spirit of Prophecy in their midst they had a false Davidian Council, following the voice of the people - not guided by the Voice of God after Brother Houteff's death. Florence's false prophecy of the 42 months of Rev. 11, which fooled the people with other things, is what caused her Council and Association to fold up after 1959. But, by far the greatest blunder and the greatest sin she committed was stealing the tithe, disclosing herself to view as antitypical Achan: hence, changing her name from Houteff to Eakin.

THE SEAL OF GOD OR THE MARK OF THE BEAST?

Therefore, if you do not wish to miss the Kingdom, have your memoirs published, all your sins disclosed to view without repentance, be without Christ's Robe of Righteousness for a covering, be on the side of the Two-Horned Beast and go down into the pit with the house of antitypical Achan; THEN, REFUSE TO SIGN THE CLAIM FORM. Now that you have found out the true facts (there are yet more) of the matter, reverse your decision to sign the Claim Form for the beast power, and before it is too late, turn about face and sign the Waiver-Retainer to be on God's side. If you have not signed either, before, preferring to be neutral, you must hurry and send in your signed Retainer, for by your silence you sanction Church-State rule. In a crisis, neutrality is the highest treason.

"If God abhors one sin above another of which his people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime, and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God." - Testimonies, Vol. 3, page 281:0.

"What mean ye that ye beat My people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts." - Isa. 8:15.

Here is Brother Houteff's condemnation of those who do this: "What an awful charge for one to be taking advantage of the poor. It is too bad that our brethren have fallen down so low. And still worse it is that they do not pay any attention to these Heaven-sent messages, rather than to welcome them, they are doing all to dodge them and keep the (Davidian) laity away from coming in contact with them.

"May their mistakes (Achan stealing the silver, the gold, and the goodly garments and hiding them in his tent, in the type of Joshua 7:20, 21, or Florence Eakin and her Council hiding God's second tithe in their fine homes etc. , in the antitype) become our stepping stones to success. That where they (Florence and her false Council) grind the faces of the poor (stealing God's second tithe - signing the Claim Form, thereby aiding the State in an effort to beat God's Sabbath-keeping people to pieces here at Mt. Carmel with their Catholic lawyer and then on to the world with the Image Beast of Rev. 13:11-18, and "Mystery Babylon The Great" of Rev. 17:5), may we make them happy (and insure their future. By signing a Retainer Form we can require Tom Street, Florence Houteff Eakin, and her Executive Council to return to God's treasury, the aforementioned funds, plus other unreported assets and bring about an accounting), and may we realize that to receive one of the least of God's people, is to receive God Himself. How thankful we ought to be for the great privilege (to sign a Waiver-Retainer Form and thus expose the Achans who stole the money that Brother Houteff's message brought into God's storehouse)." - 1 T. G. r. 5:22, 23.

How low in the bog of sin can one get to commit the grievous act - casting lots for the Lord's garment (covering of Christ's righteousness), the means for care of the poor. God's servant spent 25 years of heartrending, nerve-racking physical effort to accumulate these means and publish the truth. Now his works are called a bundle of rubbish by the unfaithful servants. This is beyond comprehension to those who believe and can prove His message of Truth. One does not know whether to weep or explode at this gross insult. On second thought, it makes one more determined to strive with all his might to see justice brought to the evil-doers, because of, not

only the hardship they have brought upon the needy who expected second tithe benefits from the Association they supported, but because of those who have brought the terrible disgrace upon the Lord's Truth and the Davidian name.

It may be you have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this, to do what you can to bring these thieves to justice. Will you? Or will you continue to call their works of iniquity an act of mercy and "perhaps a good thing"? The day of reckoning has come! Will you do your part, the part the Lord expects of you? For those who are aroused from their Spiritual slumber to come to the aid of the needy and the Lord's Truth, we can say with the Psalmist;

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. He healeth the broken in heart; and bindeth up their wounds. The Lord lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Praise the Lord." - Psalms 147:1, 3, 6, 12, 20.

It has been suggested that a committee of seven be appointed to handle the affairs of the Davidian Second-tithers. This would relieve the State of its control, and any Davidian from the responsibility of aiding the Courts of the land to shut the church doors of the Association and to, forever, disband its congregation. If this should be done and you were asked to which church you belonged, you could not say, Davidian. If you did, they would say, "oh, no, the Court has disbanded your church. If you must belong to a church, you will have to join some other to get to heaven."

If you desire to preserve Brother Houteff's integrity and stand for separation of 'Church and State' you cannot be on the side of the Court (State) in its handling of church affairs: Davidian second-tithers should unite to form a committee to handle religious matters and encourage others to do likewise. What is your decision? What will you do Brother, Sister? Will you stand for separation of Church and State or will you stay with your Claim Form for Tom Street, Kultgen, a Catholic lawyer, and the State to handle the Davidian Association (Church) affairs? Send in your Waiver-Retainer Form and preserve your interest in the Mt. Carmel property. This is your God-given duty. Otherwise, you will receive the mark of the beast in the church first by voting for Church and State rule.

Yours for separation of Church and State
Benjamin Roden

A REMINDER

Please send your choice of seven names of Davidian or former Davidians who paid second tithe, prior to 1962. These names will be considered in the selection of a board to direct the affairs of the Second-tithers Association.

In the Judgment of the Living even the most secret things are to be shouted from the housetops; even the "memoirs" of some who are presently "acting" vice-presidents of the "so-called"

Davidian 'Associations and who are advocating that all their members sign a Claim Form. Why? That all may choose the good and refuse the evil.

In closing, we admonish all Davidians and Davidian groups to unite, disregard their differences about the Davidian message, and put forth a tremendous effort to retrieve the Davidian property. We owe it to ourselves, to Brother Houteff, and to the Lord, to do all in our power to get the Davidian property from the control of Florence Eakin, Tom Street, and their Catholic lawyer who represent State Rule. Let none stand back and do nothing at this critical time and, this late hour; lest they be taken in "that great snare."

"While one class, by accepting the sign of submission of earthly Powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other, choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God." "With the issue thus clearly brought before him whoever shall obey a human enactment receives the mark of the beast; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God." - Great Controversy, pages 605:2, 604:3.

This prophecy (Isa. 8:15) declares that the confederacy will be a snare -- a trap -- and that many will fall and be taken in it. It will be a fearful trap and will separate God's people. The confederacy is not the image of the beast." - Symbolic Code, Vol. 13, Nos. 3 & 4, pages 9, 10. "We must stand -- stand against the most ingenious special trap ever set by the EVIL ONE! But how shall we do this if we know not what it is or where it is?" - Symbolic Code, Vol. 8, Nos. 1-12, page 6. "...the mark of the beast is . . . first in the church then in the world." - Jezreel Letter, No. 2, page 5:5.

How are we ever to know what the mark is and where it is without the Living Spirit of Prophecy (Amos 3:7) to reveal it to us and to uncover the trap of the devil?

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