

“DEFINITE TIME”



THE MIDNIGHT CRY MESSAGE OF 1844 THE FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE AND THE SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE REPEATED

A Brief Review of our History - The Rod and The Branch and A Response to Ariel Dacutanan’s Study

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In Ariel’s recent study “The Exposition of Truth, Part 1”, he makes the following observations:

“1.) The Midnight Cry was first proclaimed prior to 1844, or in other words prior to the commencement of the Judgment of the dead.

“2.) The Midnight Cry must be repeated in the Judgment for the living.

“3.) The Midnight Cry is the First Angel’s Message. The Judgment for the dead and the Judgment for the living are called ‘The Midnight Cry’ according to the reading.

“4.) The Midnight Cry is found in the parable of the 10 virgins in Matthew 25:1-13, in which it was applied in the Judgment for the dead only indirectly, but the direct application is in the Judgment for the living – according to the SROD.

“5.) The application that was made on its primary phase, the Judgment for the dead, is contrary to the proper application of the parable. Obviously therefore, the perfect fulfillment of Matthew 25:1-13 must be in the period of the Judgment for the living in which such parable is directly applied and by which such proper application according

to the parable will be realized.” End quote.

The above general observations by Ariel Ducatanan are only partially true, truth mixed with error, however, his application to his own message of today, particularly the locus-genesis (origin) of his message, disqualifies his claim as the Elijah message of Malachi 4, thinking to reapply the repeat of the 1st Angel’s message in our day. This is with all due respect to our well established history in the Davidian Movement and The Branch Movement, just after Victor Houteff died in 1955. The aspect of geographical origin of the message was covered in my recent posted study on the Root, the Rod, the Branch forum, dealing with the location of the Four Angels “bound up in the River Euphrates” Rev. 9:14. All four of those Messages in prophecy were to RISE from a particular nation that represented modern spiritual Babylon, as taught by the early pioneers of the Advent Movement as well as also by Victor Houteff and Ben Roden.

So WHAT happened in our history in the latter half of the 1950s that is particularly relevant in light of the present claim of Ariel Ducatanan of The Laymen’s Movement (Philippines), and why is this important for Davidians today? First, all Davidians know that the Message that Victor Houteff brought in 1930 was the Repeat of the First Angel’s Message (WHR 37). **The TYPE of Bro. Houteff’s Message (and William Miller’s Message/1st Angel) indicates that there was no temporal delay in the rise and development of the Second Angel’s Message in 1844 and leading up to the Third Angel’s Message thereafter.** In the Repeat Phase of the Three Angels beginning in 1930, there were many years between the First and Second Angel, from 1930 to 1955, as demonstrated by the fact that there was only one messenger at a time for each of the Three Sealing Messages. Once Victor Houteff’s life and work passed off the scene of this world’s history, THEN it was time for the NEXT messenger to come on the scene, by Divine Providence. Hence, there was NO DELAY in the rise and development between the MESSAGES themselves, the Repeat of the 1st and 2nd Angels messages. The Spirit of Prophecy predicted the coming of a sequential and significant Repeat of the Three Angels and of additional new light, future from 1844. The development of the Rod and Branch messages are based upon this Truth.

Ellen White wrote :

“55: A Firm Platform

“I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps-- the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.'” {SR 385.1}

“I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid immovable platform.” {SR 385.2}

The issue at hand is this: Ariel Dacutanan teaches that the Midnight Cry of today is a very recent development, YET this event is occurring almost 60 years after the end of the 1st Angel's Message REPEAT by Victor Houteff. This is what I have termed – the Davidian Gap Theory. Most, if not all, Davidian associations today are just continuations of Florence Houteff's failed movement of the late 1950s and teach a similar idea, namely, that the Rod Message and Rod organizations ... just sort-of continue on until the special resurrection of Daniel 12. Such a claim is baseless without any TYPE or Authority. What the Advent Type shows us is that just as the First Angel's Message of 1843 was followed by the Second Angel's Message of 1844 and that both contained the Midnight Cry Message; so too, in our day, the Repeat of the Second Angel's Message followed PROMPTLY after the passing of Victor Houteff and his Repeat of the First Angel's Message.

THE KEY POINT TO UNDERSTAND HERE IS THAT THE "MIDNIGHT CRY" MESSAGE WAS MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE THAN WITH THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE IN 1844.

Ariel's claim of having the "Midnight Cry" message for today as a purported continuation of the 1st Angel's Message Repeat is in direct conflict with the claim made by Ben Roden, according to Time and Type almost 60 years ago. Most logically and appropriately, according to the Type of 1844, Ben Roden professed that the BRANCH Message he brought was in fact the REPEAT of the 2nd Angel's Message.

With this summary baseline established, let us review the historical record which shows that the Second Angel's Message was indeed associated more fully with "the Midnight Cry" Message of 1844. An examination of the historical record will refute the claim by Ariel Dacutanan that the Antitype/Repeat of the Midnight Cry Message today is a recent development in Davidian history, a continuing saga of the perpetual Repeat of the First Angel according to all Davidians today.

Furthermore, I will show that for the Midnight Cry Message to be proclaimed today, the messenger(s) must know and proclaim the IDENTITY OF THE BRIDE for Whom the Bridegroom is coming! Ariel Dacutanan has not addressed this all important issue.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY OF 1844

A review of the First and Second Angels' Messages from Ellen White:

"Our hopes now centered on the coming of the Lord in 1844. This was also the time for the message of the second angel, who, flying through the midst of heaven, cried, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city!' Many left the churches in obedience to the message of the second angel. Near its close the Midnight Cry was given: 'Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him!' Light was being given concerning this message, in every part of the land, and the cry aroused thousands. It went from city to city, from village to village, and into the remote country regions. It reached the learned and talented, as well as the obscure and humble." {LS80 187.1}

"Chapter XXIV. - The Second Angel's Message.

“The churches would not receive the light of the first angel's message, and as they rejected the light from heaven they fell from the favor of God. They trusted in their own strength, and placed themselves by their opposition to the first message where they could not see the light of the second angel's message. But the beloved of God, who were oppressed, answered to the message, Babylon is fallen, and left the fallen churches.” {1SG 140.1}

“Near the close of the second angel's message, I saw a great light from heaven shining upon the people of God. The rays of this light seemed bright as the sun. And I heard the voices of angels crying, Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him!” {1SG 140.2}

“The midnight cry was given to give power to the second angel's message. Angels were sent from heaven to wake up the discouraged saints, and prepare them for the great work before them. The most talented men were not the first to receive this message. Angels were sent to the humble, devoted ones, and constrained them to raise the cry, Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Those entrusted with the cry made haste, and in the power of the Holy Spirit spread the cry, and aroused their discouraged brethren. This cry did not stand in the wisdom and learning of men, but in the power of God, and his saints who heard the cry could not resist it. The most spiritual received this message first, and those who had formerly led in the work were the last to receive and help swell the cry, Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.” {1SG 140.3}

“In every part of the land, light was given upon the second angel's message, and the cry was melting down thousands. It went from city to city, and from village to village, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. Many would not permit this message to enter the churches, and a large company who had the living testimony within them left the fallen churches. A mighty work was accomplished by the midnight cry. The message was heart-searching, and led the believers to seek a living experience for themselves. They knew that they could not lean upon one another.” {1SG 141.1}

“HOPE RENEWED

“Our hopes now centered on the coming of the Lord in 1844. This was also the time for the message of the second angel, who, flying through the midst of heaven, cried, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city.’ Revelation 14:8. That message was first proclaimed by the servants of God in the summer of 1844. As a result, many left the fallen churches. In connection with this message the ‘midnight cry’ [See Matthew 25:1-13.] was given: ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.’” {CET 50.4}

“MR No. 1223 - The Parable of the Ten Virgins

“[Matthew 25:1-13, quoted.]

“A special message has come to our world in the messages of the first and second angels. [Revelation 14:6-8, quoted.]” {16MR 267.1}

“Under the proclamation of these messages, the midnight cry was made, and the believers in the messages were compelled to go out from the churches because they preached the second appearing of

Christ in the clouds of heaven. The whole world was to hear that message, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.' Here is the parable of the ten virgins." {16MR 267.2}

"When the ten virgins went forth to meet the bridegroom, their lamps were trimmed and burning. Five of these virgins were wise. They anticipated delay, and filled their flagons with oil, prepared for any emergency. From those flagons their lamps were supplied, and not left to go out. But five of their number had not this foresight. They made no provision for disappointment or delay." {16MR 267.3}

"The second call is made, and the ten virgins are still watching for the bridegroom. Hour after hour passes. Their eyes are anxiously looking for the appearance of the bridegroom. But there is a delay, and the weary, watching ones fall asleep. But at midnight, at the very darkest hour, when their lamps are most needed, the cry is heard, 'Behold the bridegroom cometh.' The sleeping eyes are opened. Everyone is astir. They see the procession they are to join moving on, bright with torches and with music." {16MR}

There is a greater and fuller application to the Midnight Cry Message in the Advent Antitype to the Second Angel in relation to the First Angel's Message. However, Ariel Dacutanan is attempting to place the whole secondary application on the supposed continuation of the REPEAT of the First Angel's Message by Victor Houteff, under his direction (Ariel's) today, of course. The Branch Message of 1955 fulfills this Midnight Cry Message TO THE CHURCH, since, among other Truths, The Branch has been proclaiming the Truth of The Bride of Christ since 1981. Ben Roden made a valid claim to this Message in 1958, based on DEFINITE TIME (430 year prophecy), without any confusing and extensive math as Ariel presents.

In the following summary, the Midnight Cry Message under the Repeat of the 2nd Angel is clearly brought to view, and, it is important to note, without any prophetic GAP in Time.

Throughout Ben Roden's publications, he stated that his Message represented the Second Angel of Revelation 14 in its Repeat Phase based on DEFINITE TIME. Here is the true application of the Midnight Cry Message, as first taught by Benjamin Roden, from Lesson # 7, May 25, 1958, page 7 onward:

"THE BRANCH – LESSON #7

"IV. Rev. 18:1 same as 18:2 and antitypical Second Angel of Rev. 14:8

"A. Rev. 13:1 same as 18:2

"...I saw another angel come down from heaven...' verse 1

"... he cried with a loud voice, Babylon is fallen...' verse 2

"He of verse 2 refers to the angel in verse 1.

"B. Rev. 18:1-2 antitypical Second Angel of Rev. 14:8

"1. 'The Second Angels message was to go to Babylon . . . This same message **is to be proclaimed the second time**. And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven... And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen . . .' TM 59:1

"Inspiration tells us here that **Rev. 18:1-2** repeats Rev. 14:8 the second time:

"2.'...the **final** phase of the **First** Angel's message...' WHR 37 is the Shepherd's Rod.

"First phase of First Angel, Rev. 14:6, 7 (J of D) First Day Adventist

"Final phase of First Angel, Rev. 7; Rev. 14:6, 7; Rev. 7:1-8, D.S.D.A.

"'...the final phase... announcing stealthy approach of Judgment of the Living..' WHR 37

"Lesson #7 – Page 7

"Just as 2 follows 1, then the next message after the Rod would be the final phase of the Second Angel.

"What is the next message after the Rod? Answer: Judgment of the Living: Rev. 18:1, follows Rod.

"C. Judgment of Dead and Living in Type and Anti-Type:

"TYPE

"Two 'Midnight Cries' for Judgment of Dead:

"First 'Midnight Cry'

"(a) First Angel's message: 'Behold the Bridegroom (Christ) Cometh'. 1831 (GC333:1) to 1843 (E.W. 232:2)

"(b) A lot of enthusiasm. G.C. 368:1.

"(c) INCORRECT DATE for the Judgment of the Dead.

"Second 'Midnight Cry'

"(a) Second Angel's message, Rev. 14:8: 'Behold the Bridegroom (Christ) cometh'.

Summer 1844. G. C. 389:2

"(b) Not so much enthusiasm; many went back into the churches. G.C. 394, last paragraph

"(c) CORRECT DATE, October 22, 1844.

"ANTITYPE

"Two 'Midnight Cries' for Judgment of Living:

"First 'Midnight Cry' - 2SR.182.1

"a)First Angel's Message **repeated**, Rev. 7:1-8; 14:6,7, **announcing** that the Bridegroom is to have a new name.

1SR.233:3; u.T.G.42:14, 15; 1TGr.8-24:3; W.H.R. 53:2.

"b)'Provisional in setup, as well as in name, the Davidian Seventh Adventist Association exists'...See preface of the Leviticus of D. S. D. A.:

"(c) **Name - D. S. D. A. - provisional until new name comes.**

“(d) Name, D.S.D.A., comes repeating **First Angel's** message - 1930 to 1955.
(e) DATE INDEFINITE (of Eze. 9) Read: 2SR.275; 1SR.116 ; see charts pages 133, 221 .

“Second ‘Midnight Cry’

“(a) Second Angel's Message - Rev. 18:1; Eze. 9. ‘Behold the Bridegroom (Christ – new name, BRANCH) cometh’

“(b) Not so much enthusiasm in 1955. Many went back into the S.D.A. and other churches.

“(c) **CORRECT DATE** - of Eze. 9.

“CONCLUSION: Rev. 18:1 (Judgment of Living) comes before Slaughter of Eze. 9.

“Lesson #7 – Page 8

“The five foolish virgins are they who had been confiding in men... They saw no necessity for more light - prophets, truth or message...

“The knowledge of present truth, which the five foolish virgins possessed in 1844 is the judgment of the dead, and was the only oil in their lamps. **When the Judgment of the Living, commenced** and the ‘cry was made’, they were found without this extra oil in their vessels Thus, when five wise ones started out to meet the Bridegroom the lamps of the foolish went out for the **Judgment of the Dead had passed**. Therefore, it was present truth no more, and thus they were left in darkness.’ 2SR185:3

“Judgments of God start before Eze. 9 Slaughter.

“...At the beginning of the judgments of God they saw their mistake and rushed for the ark of safety (Kingdom), but it was beyond their reach for they knew nothing of the message.’ Id

“...As the message of the Judgment for the Dead was the present truth since 1844, at the beginning; of the Judgment for the Living (when the cry was made), it became present truth no longer. Consequently, their lamps went out.’ 2SR183:0.

“Typical: Second Angel's message in summer of 1844 **prepared** saints to be ‘taken’-- Judgment.

“Second Angel's message came before Judgment "convened" for dead.

“Antitypical:

“Second Angels message, Rev. 18:1-2 (TM59) prepares saints so they won't be ‘taken’--Slaughter-Judgment.

“Second Angel's message comes before Judgment for living ‘re-convenes’.

“The work of this angel comes in at the right time... and the people of God are thus **prepared** to **stand** in the hour of temptation...’ E.W. 277

“- Yes, Rev. 15:1-2, antitypical Second Angel, **prepares**.

“V. Rev. 18:1-2 is the antitypical Third Angel of Rev. 14:9.

“A. ‘The eleventh-hour message is none other than Rev. 18--the loud cry of the Third Angel. Quoting ‘Testimonies to Ministers,’ p. 59: ‘this same message (the Third Angel’s) is to be proclaimed the second time. ‘And after these things I saw another angel come down...’ 2SR231

“1. 11th Hour Call
“Rev. 18:1 is: 2. Loud Cry
“3. Third Angel’s message repeated, under direction of Second Angel. Rev. 18:1,2.

“The eleventh hour call ...is similar to that of the ninth ...the **ninth** hour call is repeated ...’ 2SR231:2.

“B. ‘The Third Angel’s message’ in its **former** phase, the Judgment of the Dead...

“Lesson #7 – Page 9

“...in its latter **phase**, the Judgment of the Living...’ GCS 41:1.

“The Third Angel’s Message:

“(former phase) 1. Type: Judgment of Dead
“(latter phase) 2. Anti: Judgment of Living”

End quote – Lesson 7

THE ALL IMPORTANT TIME FACTOR OF THE JUDGMENT FOR THE LIVING

This is the historical and recorded position of The Branch Message, the Repeat of the 2nd Angel of Revelation 14. YET--nearly 60 years later after Victor Houteff’s Message concluded in 1955--Ariel Dacutanan claims that the continuation of the Rod Message alone is the Midnight Cry Message. Does Bro. Dacutanan not know that ALL THREE Angels of Revelation 14 are to be repeated, not just the 1st Angel? Does Ariel Dacutanan not know that the 2nd Angel’s message was also in fulfillment of the Midnight Cry message of 1844, in fact, the Midnight Cry message was more applicable to the 2nd Angel.

The DEFINITE TIME aspect of this Truth is that the Midnight Cry Message of 1955 came according to prophetic TIME, based on Victor Houteff’s method of determination of the 430-year prophecy, where he indicated that there would be further applications of the 430-year prophecy after his initial application in 1930-31. He stated that this date (for his Message) was “not exact” and “not definite”, on the Ezekiel 4 grain chart on page 133 of 1SR. He further showed future applications of the 430-year prophecy on pages 155 and 233 of 1SR, indicating that the NEW NAME of Christ would come at the end of 430 years. He also stated that the 430 year prophecy would be based on “Luther and OTHERS” (1 SR 127:2), thus EXTENDING the applications of the 430 year prophecy! Davidians have failed to understanding this key TRUTH of the Rod Message.

The numerous **general quotes** from the Rod Message and the SOP do not prove any of the applications that Ariel makes in his study on the Midnight Cry. His application of the two delay periods, from 2002 through 2008, are, like his entire theory of the Midnight Cry message, about 60 years late in coming on the scene after the end of Victor Houteff’s Message and Movement!

As I have pointed out, there had to be an application of the Repeat of the Second Angel's Message based on DEFINITE TIME (430-year prophecy), according to the method that Victor Houteff used--a day-for-a-year application. Ariel presents an extensive conversion of the 430 years, to a total day-count span of time. Victor Houteff never used such a method, and neither did Ben Roden.

Simply applied: $1525 + 430 = 1955$ - The year The Branch Message came – to Davidians.

No conversion of time, no fanciful arithmetic. The straight day-for-a-year principle. This is ALL we were given by Victor Houteff and Ben Roden.

What happened in 1525?

Answer: Martin Luther made a dramatic break from the church of Rome by marrying a Catholic nun. This was the first significant event of the actual Protestant Reformation by Luther, and Victor Houteff made it clear that there were other applications to the 430-year prophecy in relation to the Protestant Reformation that were to come future from his time, future from the first application in 1930. Ben Roden taught extensively on this topic in his early published studies.

In his study on the Midnight Cry as applied today, Ariel applies the message in the Advent type as only the continuation of the First Angel's Message. The statements from the Pen of Inspiration at the beginning of this response show that the application of the Midnight Cry applied more fully and directly to the 2nd Angel's Message. Therefore, a whole new Message must be accounted for in the REPEAT of the THREE Angels and onward to Revelation 18:1. This reality, according to Time and Type, is not addressed in Ariel's study. Below is what Ariel states in regards to his interpretation of the Midnight Cry Message today juxtaposed to Bro. Houteff's statement below.

“Now, let us read...”

“2 SR 181 – ‘The ‘Midnight Cry’ was first proclaimed prior to 1844, and the coming of the ‘Bridegroom’ was Christ’s coming to the Most Holy place in the heavenly sanctuary for the investigative judgment of the saints. The **investigation being in **two** sections; first, the judgment for the **dead**, and the second for the **living**, the “**cry**” must be repeated, otherwise we would have no present truth for the time of the judgment of the **living**. The ‘**cry**’ for the **living** being of a greater importance to the world than the one for the dead, and as the ‘virgins’ are a figure of the living church, the parable must have a direct application to the church at this present time,--the coming of the bridegroom for the judgment of the living. But indirectly it points back to the commencement of the ‘Midnight Cry’ (the first angel’s message--the judgment for the dead). The messages being of the same event, judgment, both (for the living and for the dead) are called the ‘**midnight cry**.’ The same is proven by the parable itself.’ (2 SR 181)**

“Let us enumerate all important points.

“1. The Midnight Cry must be repeated in the Judgment for the living.

“2. The Midnight Cry was first proclaimed prior to 1844. Or in other words ‘The Midnight Cry’ was first proclaimed prior to the commencement of the Judgment of the dead. Inescapably therefore such repetition must ultimately be the same, prior to the commencement of the Judgment for the living.

“3. What is the Midnight Cry? It is the first angel’s message preached by William Miller.”

End quote.

Notice in the above statement that Ariel uses the Rod statement to show that the Midnight Cry Message applied only to the 1st Angel’s Message; however, the statement by Bro. Houteff was written in relation to his Message ONLY BECAUSE his Message was the first application (Repeat of the 1st Angel) to the Midnight Cry in the REPEAT Phase of the Three Angels. His Message was NOT the ONLY application of the Midnight Cry, as per the statements from The Great Controversy by EGW that the 2nd Angel had a FULLER role in the Midnight Cry Message of 1844.

Ariel bases his conclusions in his three-point enumeration above upon his presumption that the Judgment for the living has NOT YET begun. Ben Roden’s Message came to announce the commencement of the Judgment for the living in 1955 and 1960, BASED UPON DEFINITE TIME – the 430-year prophecy, just as Victor Houteff clearly states in 1SR116, along with various other statements. In the Advent Type, in our history since 1844, we see that once William Miller’s work was done, there was no delay, NO TIME GAP, in the beginning of the Judgment for the Dead. Miller’s work transitioned immediately to the Message of the Third Angel via Ellen White.

The two key points to consider here are:

1. William Miller’s work ended at the Great Disappointment of 1844. Ellen White’s work began in short order, as she participated in the study group of individuals who were searching for Divine guidance in their disappointment. Within days, Hiram Edson was given a vision of the Heavenly Sanctuary. The vision was reported to the faithful little company who were still meeting in Bible study for clearer light. Shortly thereafter the Gift of Prophecy was given to Ellen White to confirm the Truth.

2. The events surrounding the opening of the Judgment of the dead and the Judgment of the living were based on DEFINITE TIME. The Judgment of the dead, the beginning of the Sanctuary work in the Most Holy Place, was a TEST of Time. The Judgment of the living was NOT a TEST of Time, because the 430-year prophecy is a Mark of Confirmation of the Truth and of the True Movement, NOT a Test.

So, considering these facts, we see there is no Type or Prophecy for a 60-year GAP in time between one messenger and the next messenger, such as from 1955 to the present day, as Ariel presumes.

1955 & 1960 - THE REAL WARNING OF THE JUDGMENT FOR THE LIVING -- COMMENCED

THE BRANCH MESSAGE GAVE THE ACTUAL WARNING THAT THE INVESTIGATIVE PHASE OF THE JUDGMENT FOR THE LIVING HAD BEGUN IN 1960 – NOT NEARLY 60 YEARS LATER AS ARIEL TEACHES, AS IF THE JUDGMENT HAD TO WAIT FOR THE BIRTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ARIEL DUCATANAN, WHO WAS BORN IN 1966. WHERE WAS ARIEL DUCATANAN WHEN THE LORD NEEDED A MESSENGER TO WARN THE DAVIDIANS UNDER FLORENCE HOUTEFF THAT THE JUDGMENT THAT V.T. HOUTEFF ANNOUNCED WAS TO COMMENCE FROM 1955 TO 1960? WHERE WAS THE VOICE OF INSPIRATION TO THE DAVIDIANS WHEN THEY NEEDED IT MOST, AFTER BRO. V.T. HOUTEFF DIED UNEXPECTEDLY, PARTICULARLY WHEN

ARIEL WAS NOT EVEN BORN YET? THE EVIDENCE OF THE DIRECT WARNING OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUDGMENT FOR THE LIVING WAS GIVEN BY BEN RODEN IN HIS INITIAL PUBLICATIONS OF THE BRANCH, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIRST SEVEN LESSONS OF THE BRANCH MESSAGE AND THE SEVEN LETTERS WRITTEN TO FLORENCE HOUTEFF AND HER EXECUTIVE COUNSEL, AND TO ALL DAVIDIANS.

Where was Ariel Dacutan during this critically important time in the Davidian movement?

Below, Ariel quotes the very statements of Inspiration from the Rod as if they had never been presented before, to Davidians, from 1955 to 1960. Ben Roden used these very statements in The Branch letters to warn Davidians WHEN they needed to be warned. He counseled the Davidians and taught the very Message that Bro. Houteff announced (1TG8:24).

“2 SR 220 – ‘Is there any way whereby we can determine the time of the opening of the seal, and the commencement of the judgment for the living? If God so faithfully revealed to the living the commencement of the judgment for the dead, it cannot be possible that He would keep secret the time of the judgment for the living. If He did, we would have no present truth in the time of the last seal; neither could there be justice in such secrecy, nor could such judgment be legal. Therefore, a revelation of the judgment for the living, is of as great importance as the revelation of the gospel itself. For the judgment (blotting out the sins) is the crowning act in the gospel of Christ. Thus we conclude that when the seal is opened, and the judgment for the living begins, we must know it. The day of atonement in its type proves the same, for the Israelites were well informed of the event, their duty, and the consequence.’ **(2 SR 220)**

“The only knowledge that was revealed to God’s people pertaining to the judgment is the commencement of the judgment of the dead. But concerning when the judgment of the dead will closed, and the judgment for the living begins, it was not yet revealed to them.

“Let us read...

“2 SR 164 – ‘When the judgment opened in 1844, as previously explained, the investigation began with the dead, and when that part of the work is finished, then commences the judgment of the living. While the investigation for the congregation of the dead is in progress, there can be no separation among the congregation of the living. But when our High Priest shall begin the atonement for the living, there must be a message of present truth--sounding of the trumpet--urging every one to lay hold on the Lamb of God (Christ) by which only, can he in figure, come to the sanctuary, confess his sin and secure his life. Unless the close of the judgment for the dead and the commencement for the living be made known to us, we would have no present truth while the judgment for the living is in session. Neither would such judgment be legal or just. He who fails to respond to the heavenly summons, will be left without the seal or covering of God, and therefore must be cut off from among His people, as prefigured by the services in the typical day of atonement.’ **(2 SR 164)**”

Based upon the above Shepherd’s Rod quotes used by Ariel, and from my perspective as a long time Davidian-Branch, I see that either Ariel is totally ignorant of what The Branch Message taught in the ACTUAL commencement of the Judgment for the living in 1955/1960, OR he IS attempting a wholesale co-opt and commandeering of The Branch Message, without giving credit where credit is due.

Would Ariel be so blatant and bold enough to make the people today think that the LORD sent no warning, correction and counsel to His beloved Davidian people after 1955? That He allowed them to blindly follow Florence Houteff and her Executive Counsel into an embarrassing disappointment in 1959, when her uninspired 42 month prophecy failed? Apparently Ariel is either ignorant of our common history of that time, OR he is just callous about the outcome of the Davidian dilemma from 1955 to 1962.

Ariel makes the following summary of VTH's SR quote on page 6 of his study:

“6. The statement ‘...Unless the close of the judgment for the dead and the commencement for the living be made known to us, we would have no present truth while the judgment for the living is in session,’ goes to show that the knowledge concerning when the judgment for the dead will close, and the judgment for the living begins, constitute ‘the present Truth’ at the time when our High Priest, – Jesus Christ begins the Atonement for the living saints.”

This statement near the end of his study is so very true simply because it was quoted from the Inspiration given to Bro. Houteff in the Rod message; however, there is just one problem with Ariel's statement of warning of the Midnight Cry.....

Ariel is almost 60 years TOO LATE in giving the warning for the beginning of the Investigative Phase of the Judgment for the living! The great blunder, the great misapprehension, the great error, that Ariel Ducatanan has found himself in, is that there is NO EVIDENCE that the First Angel's Message finishes the work of the Midnight Cry, either in the Advent Type, or in Prophecy!

Furthermore --

**THE 'DEFINITE TIME' OF THE JUDGMENT FOR THE LIVING
HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE BRANCH UNDER BEN RODEN, AND TODAY.**

**THE JUDGMENT FOR THE LIVING HAS BEEN IN SESSION SINCE 1960,
BEGINNING WITH AN INVESTIGATIVE PHASE, NOT AN EXECUTIVE ACT OF DIVINE JUDGMENT,
AS ALL DAVIDIANS TODAY OTHERWISE MISTAKENLY BELIEVE.**

**THE JUDGMENT MUST BE IN THREE SECTIONS, THREE PHASES,
ACCORDING TO THE BRANCH MESSAGE:
1) INVESTIGATIVE – 2) JUDICIAL – 3) EXECUTIVE.**

**THIS IS TRUE DIVINE JURISPRUDENCE – FAIR AND JUST.
THIS IS THE WORK OF THE SECOND ANGEL OF REVELATION 14,
THE MIDNIGHT CRY MESSAGE FOR TODAY – THE BRANCH – REVELATION 18:1.**

THERE IS TIME NO LONGER – REVELATION 10:6,7



THIS IS THE WORK OF THE SECOND ANGEL, THE MESSAGE OF THE MIDNIGHT CRY, BECAUSE THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE IS THE ANGEL THAT FINISHES THE WORK, NOT THE FIRST ANGEL. READ IT FOR YOURSELF – REVELATION 18:1-2, THE SEVENTH ANGEL'S MESSAGE, IS THE REPEAT OF THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE! THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF THE HOUR – THE LAST MESSAGE OF MERCY!

**DEAR FELLOW DAVIDIANS -- KNOW YOUR ANGELS!
IF YOU STOP TRUTH AT THE FOURTH ANGEL (REPEAT OF THE 1ST ANGEL)
YOU CANNOT RECEIVE THE TRIPLE SEAL OF REVELATION 3:12 (EARLY WRITINGS 15)**

Final Thought:

PONDER THIS STATEMENT PRAYERFULLY AND CAREFULLY

2 SR 220 – “Is there any way whereby we can determine the time of the opening of the seal, and the commencement of the judgment for the living? If God so faithfully revealed to the living the commencement of the judgment for the dead, it cannot be possible that He would keep secret the time of the judgment for the living. If He did, we would have no present truth in the time of the last seal; neither could there be justice in such secrecy, nor could such judgment be legal. Therefore, a revelation of the judgment for the living, is of as great importance as the revelation of the gospel itself. For the judgment (blotting out the sins) is the crowning act in the gospel of Christ. Thus we conclude that when the seal is opened, and the judgment for the living begins, we must know it. The day of atonement in its type proves the same, for the Israelites were well informed of the event, their duty, and the consequence.”

Did God faithfully REVEAL the Time of the opening of the Judgment for the living in 1960 to Benjamin Roden, based on the 430-year time prophecy (using the actual beginning dates of Luther's reformation —1525 and 1530)?

Who was present with the Davidians from 1955 to 1960 in the USA, giving warning and counsel to the Davidians over six years before the birth of Ariel Ducatanan? ----

OR --- Did God reveal the Judgment for the living to Ariel Ducatanan in the Philippines sometime after the year 2000, NEARLY 60 YEARS after Bro. Houteff's death?

YOU DECIDE.

According to Victor Houteff, the DEFINITE TIME of the Judgment for the living is known by the events of the Protestant Reformation "by Luther AND others"(1SR 127, 128), IN THREE PHASES --

Investigative – Judicial -- Executive.

It is too LATE of an hour in this earth's history and in the history of the Advent Movement for the Judgment for the Living to commence, based on Ariel's prediction of the Midnight Cry message!

Read the Branch Letters to the Davidians by Ben Roden at:

http://www.branch-davidianhistory.net/originalpublications-q10159-c10158-Seven_Letters_to_DSDA_EC.aspx

Follow the nav title column at the left for each of the Seven Letters in their order. This link is for Letter #1.

Victor Houteff's Message was the announcement of the impending Judgment for the Living NOT THE MESSAGE ITSELF. The Judgment for the living did not begin in Bro. Houteff's day.

The "seal" that is spoken of in the above statement from 2SR220 is the Seventh Seal of Revelation 8.

There is a thirty year overlap between the opening of the Seventh Seal and the closing of the Sixth Seal. The Seventh Seal began to open in 1960, when the Investigative Judgment CONVENED for the living.

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