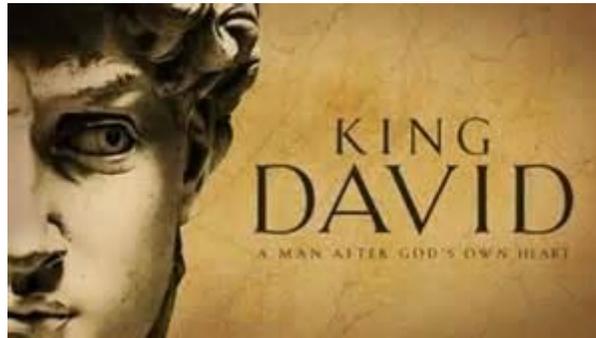


## WHO TAKES CHARGE OF THE FLOCK? Who is the Antitypical David?



### **Matthew 22 & Mark 12**

*While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, [The son] of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? **If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?** And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any [man] from that day forth ask him any more [questions].*

### **Mark 11:10**

*Blessed [be] the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

### **2 Timothy 2:8**

*Remember that Jesus Christ **of the seed of David** was raised from the dead according to my gospel:*

### **Hosea 3**

*For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and [without] teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, **and David their king;** and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.*

We need to remember, in all of the prophecies concerning King David, both in the type and the antitype, a man's Hebrew name of that day 2000 years ago was often times as much of a last name as it was a first name, such as the name of King David himself, and it is in this context, in the prophetic application, the Book of Hosea (ch. 3) presents an antitypical David. It was the city of origin or the father's name that was the full identification of a man since last names were not used as we have them today. David of old was a prototype of Christ, and by Christ having the lineage of David, He fulfilled the TYPE of David when He walked on earth 2000 years ago. The Son of the Most High, Messiah Yahshua, took on **the family name of David certainly**, as Romans 1:3 confirms, and several other verses in the Gospel accounts.

However, Christ the Son, Yahshua, does not touch the earth until after the thousand years. He Himself does not set up the Kingdom, at least in the direct sense. So, therefore, we must ask the question of "WHO is this

antitypical David" that we are told is coming as the King of the Kingdom? Is he HERE today? Is there someone who can fulfill this prophecy, someone by extension of Yahshua Himself? Could this kingship in the Kingdom of the latter days be a fellow servant in the church today, as some believe? In the opening verses of Matthew 22 and Mark 12, Yahshua Himself seems to challenge the Pharisees in their addressing Him with the title of "son of David". Apparently, it was a question of who was the "son of David" when Christ was the Holy One who raised up David in the first place, as Yahshua was the Father of Creation.

Could there be here, in the Hosea 3 prophecy, someone that Yahshua raises up with same Divine credentials as Yahshua Himself? We need to know this truth, how it is fulfilled, since no individual of Israelite descent today could possibly prove that they are the King David in prophecy for our day. How many in Davidian and Branch ranks have claimed this end time prophetic title, without the slightest proof of lineage or the rightful authority to make such a claim? Why have so many ignored CHRIST, the Branch Himself (GC415), the builder of the spiritual Temple (Zechariah 6:12), disregarding Him as the fulfillment of this prophecy for our time? This topic is of vital importance today since so many have, and are, claiming this end time prophetic title, which we intend to show can only apply to Deity in the final application, the true Head of the church for the last 2000 years, since the day of Pentecost.

One thing is for certain, the several verses in the New Testament about Christ being of the lineage of David, does prove that He was of the Davidic lineage, as a recorded fact in the New Testament. Here are the key statements from Inspiration to clear our understanding on this latter-day "David."

From the Shepherd's Rod and the Pen of Inspiration:

"God clothes Himself with His own attributes, and advances to set things right. Had there been a man, **God would have let the man do the work, but as there was none, He does it Himself.** This reveals one of God's working principles. He will use one man, or a nation, to help correct or punish another. When that cannot be done, God steps in. While God will come with vengeance to some, He comes with salvation to others. Isa. 59:20: "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion." This is not referring to the second coming of Christ in the clouds, for it takes place before probation closes. He is not coming with vengeance to the ungodly in the world, but coming to the church. And when He comes, He will do the work mentioned in Mal. 3:1-3.

Isa. 59:19: "So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun." **God will make this coming as an example to the nations**, just as He did with Sodom and Gomorrah. Isa. 59:19, last part: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." John in Rev. 12:15, refers to this incident. "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood." The woman here mentioned is God's church (Seventh-day Adventist) "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." The "flood" is not the blue Sunday law, or any persecution in the past. The blue law has a different setting, and is described in Revelation 13, as a persecuting power to enforce the mark of the beast.

"Flood" is the same as "water", which means people (in the church) unconverted, whom Satan is using to cause the church to be carried away in a very quiet manner, so that no one would be suspicious of the great deception. In this way he attempts to deceive the very elect (144,000) if it were possible. Being impossible, Christ Himself interposes and delivers His people (those who sigh and cry for all the abominations in the church) and then makes an example of the others." (1 SR 151)

Isa. 66:15-17: "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: And the slain of the Lord shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst,

eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord." **The coming of the Lord "with fire....to render His anger with fury," is not the coming of Christ in the clouds to receive His people. It is before the close of probation, and in the time of the purification of the church.**" See Mal. 3:1-3. 1 SR 170

"He comes with vengeance to those who claim His name, BUT FOLLOW MAN INSTEAD OF CHRIST, and the result is that THEY DO NOT KEEP HIS TRUTH. (The class who do not investigate for themselves but ACCEPT THE DECISION OF OTHERS who are **FOLLOWING AFTER A MAN**, and are in the clutches of the devil.)

"Behind one tree": Margin reads, "one after another." The Shepherd's Rod book, Vol. 1 170 reading here justifies the translation: **"FOLLOWING THE LEADER." That is, PEOPLE ARE INCLINED TO FOLLOW A MAN IN A HIGH POSITION instead of searching in the Word for themselves and demand a "thus saith the Lord."** 1 SR 171 **Christ Himself takes charge of the flock once and forever. "God has promised that where the shepherds are not true he will take charge of the flock himself."** Volume 5, page 80.

How does Christ accomplish this work of taking charge of the flock? He reveals the Head of the Church, the ONE Who Ellen White counseled the leaders of her day to recognize and accept, "the Holy Spirit as King" (GCB, April 1, 1901), the very ONE Who has been in charge of the Flock for the last 2000 years.

Micah 4:8, "And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." This verse is familiar to all. A prophecy of Christ, --"O tower of the flock....unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion." "The first dominion" is the dominion Adam lost. The promise is that Christ will restore it all, and in turn, by inheritance, it shall come to the church (His people). **"The kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."**

Micah 4:9, "Now why dost thou cry out aloud? IS THERE NO KING IN THEE? IS THY COUNSELOR PERISHED? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail." This time of crying and pain could be no other but the time just before us, the time of purification. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: And the Lord, whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: Behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope." Mal. 3:1, 2. 8 1 SR 178

**THERE WAS "NO MAN" SO GOD HAS TO DO ALL THE WORK HIMSELF** To the prophet Isaiah, this great apostasy, fostered by blind spiritual guides, was revealed, which he describes in the following scriptures: "And he saw that there was NO MAN, and wondered that there was no intercessor: Therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him." Isa. 59:16. "And I looked, and THERE WAS NONE TO HELP; and I wondered that there was NONE to uphold: Therefore, MINE OWN ARM BROUGHT SALVATION unto me, and my fury, it upheld me." Isa. 63:5. Micah, looking forward to this wholesale deception, says: "Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide." Micah 7:5. 1 SR 219, 220

"WITHOUT A SHEPHERD". " Though such great apostasy and blasphemy has gripped the world, God's church 144,000 in number, scattered throughout the length and breadth of the earth without a shepherd, have not bowed a knee to Baal. While Laodiceans are shaken out (spued) by destruction **God takes charge of the flock Himself** Thus, the church and the message will triumph to the victory. See Volume 6, page 427, Testimonies to Ministers, page 300. 1 SR 222 "Old Testament (Section One) Melchizedek, King Of Salem.

The first main section in the chart entitled "Melchizedek" we have reserved for explanation until now. Note the following two main sections entitled "Hagar" and "Sarah" are the sections of church history with earthly parentage, the first being "after the flesh," and the second "after the Spirit," therefore, Hagar and Sarah

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are fitting symbols for these two main sections, with Abraham as the father. These two sections ("Hagar" and "Sarah") are unlike the first ("Melchizedek, King of Salem") which has none of these symbolical terms. It is a section of church history without earthly symbolical parentage.

In order to meet the divine standard of perfection, both in symbols as well as in figures, for the entire history of God's church, He must provide a fitting symbol for this particular section as He has provided for the two succeeding sections. Whatever that symbol is, it must be the kind to indicate church history without earthly parentage.

Paul gives us the information of the fitting symbol for this section in Heb. 7:1-3,--"For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but MADE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF GOD; abideth a priest continually." Though we mortals can not comprehend the existence of this MAN "Melchizedek, King of Salem," it must be true that he is "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor ending of life," thus making a perfect-fitting symbol of that section of God's church. Again we see God's perfection in perfect symbols for the entire history of His church.

As soon as sin entered in the beginning with the parents of the human family, and before they were driven out from their Eden home, the plans already devised for the return to their original home of eternal abode were made known to them as well as to the serpent. These pre-ordained plans of God are better understood by studying His wonderful divine dealings with the human family onward through the ages as pictured in this chart.

Our God has carried out His predestined plans without variation even to the minutest of details. Said Jesus, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning Me." Luke 24:44. The Spirit of God led the Psalmist to inscribe the words, "**The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies....**The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." Psalm 110:2, 4. Shepherd's Rod book, Vol. 1 230. End quote.

Following a "man" is Victor Houteff's definition of Baal Worship:

"When the slaughter happens GOD TAKES CHARGE OF THE FLOCK HIMSELF BECAUSE THERE IS NO SHEPHERD LEADING the scattered 144000:

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demand a "thus saith the Lord." "In the gardens behind one tree": This phrase also suggests the "tree of knowledge of good and evil." The partaking of the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden brought sin into existence. The charge here is similar, only worse. Men have chosen for their food the things God has forbidden, and "spend money for that which is not bread." "By His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh." This has no reference to those outside the church, for we read in Isa. 66:19, "And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations." Last part: "And they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles." It is plain here that those who shall escape the ruin, God shall send to all the nations, and declare His glory to the Gentiles. Therefore, it must be in the church only, and some length of time before the close of probation. The "nations" mentioned in the 19th verse is simply to show the large territory covered by His servants (in all nations).

The destruction mentioned in Isa. 66:15-17, and Isaiah 63, is the same. Thus, God makes them an example, or sign to all nations, for we read in the last part of the eighteenth verse, and the first part of the nineteenth: "It shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them." 1 SR 169, 170

#### WHO IS JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST ACCORDING TO BR HOUTEFF AND SISTER WHITE?

Joshua the High Priest of Zechariah 3 is a "parabolic" prophecy, NOT literal. This prominent prophecy for our day further shows that there has ALWAYS been in the church (through the ages) a "Joshua of today", always in the present tense, today, because only the Holy Spirit has been EVER PRESENT in the church for the last 2000 years.

This reality of this continual "today" in prophecy is reflected in the Hebrews 4:7 prophecy:

*"Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, **To day** if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts"*

In Luke 1:69 we read about the "horn" or power of our salvation, from the House of David:

*"And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;"*

"In the beautiful parabolic prophecy of Zechariah, the high priest Joshua, standing clothed in filthy garments before the angel of the Lord, represents the sinner." COL page 206

#### The Remnant Church

"Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects, he has gained control of the apostate churches; but here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. Those who will be true to God and to duty will be menaced, denounced, and proscribed. They will "be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends." {CCh 352.2}

Their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defense will be prayer. As Joshua was pleading before the Angel, so the remnant church, with brokenness of heart and earnest faith, will plead for pardon and deliverance through Jesus (Joshua) their Advocate. They are fully conscious of the sinfulness of their lives, they see their weakness and unworthiness, and as they look upon themselves they are ready to despair. The tempter stands by to accuse them, as he stood by to resist Joshua. He points to their filthy garments, their defective characters. He presents their weakness and folly, their sins of ingratitude, their unlikeness to Christ, which has dishonored their Redeemer. He endeavors to affright the soul with the thought that their case is hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes to so destroy

their faith that they will yield to his temptations, **turn from their allegiance to God, and receive the mark of the beast.** Satan urges before God his accusations against them, declaring that they have by their sins forfeited the divine protection, and claiming the right to destroy them as transgressors. He pronounces them just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favor of God. "Are these," he says, "the people who are to take my place in heaven and the place of the angels who united with me? While they profess to obey the law of God, have they kept its precepts? Have they not been lovers of self more than of God? Have they not placed their own interests above His service? Have they not loved the things of the world? Look at the sins which have marked their lives. Behold their selfishness, their malice, their hatred toward one another." {CCh 352.3}

The people of God have been in many respects very faulty. Satan has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these in the most exaggerated light, declaring: "Will God banish me and my angels from His presence, and yet reward those who have been guilty of the same sins? Thou canst not do this, O Lord, in justice. Thy throne will not stand in righteousness and judgment. Justice demands that sentence be pronounced against them." {CCh 353.1}

But while the followers of Christ have sinned, they have not given themselves to the control of evil. They have put away their sins, and have sought the Lord in humility and contrition, and the divine Advocate pleads in their behalf. He who has been most abused by their ingratitude, who knows their sin, and also their repentance, declares: "'The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan.' I gave My life for these souls. They are graven upon the palms of My hands." {CCh 353.2}

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"Moreover, through the prophet Zechariah the Lord makes another remarkable illustration which points out that the saints themselves also are to be cleansed:

Zech. 3:1-5 -- "And He shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And He answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by."

While we have already seen that the house of God is to be cleansed from error and from Hypocrites, here in Zechariah's prophecy we see that the saints themselves are cleansed from their sins -- their filthy garments are taken away, and clean and beautiful garments are given in their place. This phase of the cleansing is again illustrated by the wedding garment. (Matt. 22:11).

And now let me remind you that after the tares are taken away, "the wheat" is not left on the field where it grew (that is, the saints are not left where they were), but it is put into "the barn."

Furthermore, after the "bad fish" (hypocrites) are cast out, the "good fish" (the saints) are then put "into vessels," are not left in the "net" (not left in the place

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where the cleansing occurred). Consequently when the church is thus cleansed, the saints are removed from their former place and put in a safe place -- away from all worldly influences and environments. Having been cleansed, they are necessarily thus kept clean. And where is that place? The Revelator has the answer:

Rev. 14:1, 4, 5 -- "And I looked, and, lo, **a Lamb** stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads.... These are they which were not defiled with women; for

they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to **the Lamb**. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

The cleansed ones you see, are the 144,000, and they are taken to Mount Zion."

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"When the saints get to the Promised Land, then the sin-indulgent heart, the stony heart, is taken away and a heart of righteous desires, a fleshy heart, is given. No longer will God's people fight temptations from within in order to do righteousness. To them, in the period of the fleshy heart, it will be natural to do righteousness whereas now during the period of the stony heart it is natural to do unrighteousness.

Ezek. 36:27 -- "And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them."

The Spirit of God, moreover, will be freely given to the saints, and thus will they become perfect eternal beings, perfectly capable of walking in God's statutes and His judgments.

Ezek. 36:28 -- "And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God."

They are to dwell, not in some other land, says the Lord, but in their own land, in the land He had anciently given to their fathers. They are to dwell in Palestine.

Now you plainly see that the unconverted Jews who are endeavoring to take the land of Palestine are not the people of whom these passages of Scripture speak. Now you see that Arab, Jew, or Gentile, all will eventually have to move away and give room to God's clean and purified people.

Joel 3:1, 2 -- "For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for My people and for My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land."

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"As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, "Take away the filthy garments," and the encouraging words are spoken, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." Zechariah 3:4. The spotless robe of Christ's righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, faithful children of God. **The despised remnant** are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world. Their names are retained in the Lamb's book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. They have resisted the wiles of the deceiver; they have not been turned from their loyalty by the dragon's roar. Now they are eternally secure from the tempter's devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin. **A "fair miter" is set upon their heads.** {PK 591.1}

While Satan has been urging his accusations, holy angels, unseen, have been passing to and fro, placing upon the faithful ones the seal of the living God. These are they that stand upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having the Father's name written in their foreheads. They sing the new song before the throne, that song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Revelation 14:4, 5. {PK 591.2}

Now is reached **the complete fulfillment** of the words of the Angel: "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth My Servant the Branch."

Zechariah 3:8. Christ is revealed as the Redeemer and Deliverer of His people. Now indeed are the remnant "men wondered at," as the tears and humiliation of their pilgrimage give place to joy and honor in the presence of God and the Lamb. "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone that is written among the living in Jerusalem." Isaiah 4:2, 3. {PK 592.1}

This is taken solely from the writings of Br Victor T Houteff. He quotes Sr White.

**"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 for 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 those who obey the beast's decree rather than God's message receive the beast's mark.** These two different marks, you see, separate the worshipers of God from the worshipers of men. And since Jesus declares that the separation takes place during harvest, 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 worshipers 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 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.

Sincerely yours for gathering the first fruits first,  
V.H. Jezreel, H.B." Jezreel Letter, No. 2:11

Who is the David in prophecy in the last days (from the lineage of David)?

This is a NEW concept, a new principle, whose time is come.

*"Advance new principles, and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways. {VSS 334.2} But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, **uplift Jesus as the center of all hope**, "the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star."--TM 118. {VSS 334.3}*

Ellen White makes the answer clear:

**"From the light that I have, that was shown to me in figure: There is a narrow circle here; inside of this narrow circle is even a King, a royal reigning power. God means what He says: "I desire a change here." The LORD wants His Spirit to enter. He wants the Holy Spirit to be King." General Conference Bulletin, April 1, 1901. (Ellen G White)**

David was also a TYPE of Christ. David means "beloved". Christ "takes charge of the flock Himself", through His "Beloved" (David), the One He appoints, His Bride, the Woman of Revelation 12.

It is this Divine Mother figure Who REPRESENTS the church through the ages (Gal. 4:26).

This is the HEART and the heartbeat of the Seventh Angel message (Rev. 18:1) today, to choose whom we will serve and WHO will lead the Body of Christ as the KING of the Kingdom.

Will it be a man (or woman) to lead the flock or will it be Christ Himself -- through His anointed and appointed Beloved – Christ the Holy Ghost, the Other Comforter Who is HERE today (Jer. 33: 14-26).

She has been here for 2000 years, guiding and instructing the seven churches through the ages, walking among the candlesticks (Rev. 1:13), on earth.

### **Jeremiah 33:14-26**

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this [is the name] wherewith SHE shall be called. The LORD (YHVH) our righteousness. For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; [Then] may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.*

*As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant [be] not with day and night, [and if] I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, [so] that I will not take [any] of his seed [to be] rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.*

*"Uplift Jesus as the center of all hope, "the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star"*

### **Do not follow any fellow servant, man or woman;**

Follow Christ the Holy Spirit, the Omega, the Other Christ (John 14:16-26), for there is only ONE Mediator between God and Man (1Tim. 2:5; Rom. 8:26). Rev. 22:13 – "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." *IN HEAVEN AND ON THE EARTH.*



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