

# SIGNS AND WONDERS IN MODERN ISRAEL

The Confederacy: part 1.

Subject: Isaiah 7 and 8---The Confederacy---Immanuel--- Mahershalalhashbaz

Purpose: To identify the "children" and the "confederates".

Gem Thought: "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion."

## Introduction:

Isaiah 7 and 8 are very enlightening Scriptures regarding the development of Christianity beginning with Christ our Savior who was born of a virgin in Bethlehem. (See Tract 14:34) Since these Scriptures give information on the general development of Christendom it is possible that they, if properly understood, are capable of giving light to God's children to the supreme development of His church.

The Lord's servant has taken pains to lay out step by step [Isaiah 8:1--man's (VTH) pen (Rod message)] the development and progress of Christendom from the virgin birth of Christ to 1955--read the Rod publications; therefore, we will not go into that portion of these prophecies. Since these chapters of Holy Writ give His people information of the progress of the church of God to its purified state, we shall confine our lesson mainly to the very latest developments of these wonderful Bible truths so that His people may (1) be warned of the traps of the devil and (2) march on with the Truth as it is in Messiah Jesus.

This lesson will deal specifically with detailed events of the development of the church, beginning with the time of the coming of the BRANCH, to the time of the purification of the church, also the confederacy against Judah.

## I. The Confederacy against Judah: Isaiah 7:1; 5-10.

"And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz...king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah...king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it." verse 1.

Here we see:           Ahaz, king of Judah--two tribes  
                          Pekah, king of Israel--ten tribes  
                          Rezin, king of Syria--heathen nation

Making a present-day application of each, we find Pekah, king of Israel (S.D.A.--leadership) confederating with Rezin, king of Syria (U.S. Gov't) to make war (verses 5-10) on two tribe Judah (Davidian S.D.A.).

Note -- JUDAH - The fact that the 144,000 represent all 12 tribes reflects a division in the church from whence they came, namely: Judah--2 tribe and Israel--10 tribe. If S.D.A. were Judah, the other 10 tribes would have to come from the fallen churches: this cannot be. Therefore, our only right conclusion is that Judah is Davidians and Israel S.D.A. As illustrated in 1SR 62:1; 63:1; 5T 160:2.

### Conclusion:

Our only honest one is that of all the offshoot and upshoot bodies of the Advent movement before 1955, there is only one born of inspiration: the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists--created by the unrolling of the scroll or giving of the Law, hence, Judah, the Lawgiver.

ISRAEL -- Pekah, king of S.D.A. boast of his confederacy with the U.S. Gov't--the Selective Service, Civil Air Patrol, etc., as well with the A.M.A. and the N.R.A..

II. Immanuel: Isaiah 7:10-14.

"Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord my God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but ye weary my God also!" verses 10-13.

Here we see 1-Ahaz, king of Judah, house of David--ians  
2-Ahaz, super-Laodicean: "I will not ask"

It is plain that Ahaz will not ask a sign (truth) of the Lord because he thinks:

"I am rich (have all the light) and increased with goods (Spirit of Prophecy and Shepherd's Rod) and have need of nothing..." Truth or prophets. Door closed.

"Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." verse 14.

Here we see:

1- Immanuel -- "...Syria, Judah, Israel, and Assyria are types, so also Immanuel must be." Tract 14, page 34.

"...it must be that not only Israel, Syria, and Assyria are types, but Christ Himself is also a type. We learned that Immanuel (meaning 'God with us') could represent only His true followers, the born-again Christians." Symbolic Code, 12:1:6.

"...virgin-birth prophecy...the birth and development of Christendom." Tract 14, page 34.

Thus it is that Immanuel typifies Christendom and since "...modern Assyria reaches to our day..." 14 Tract 34, likewise Immanuel reaches down to our day and typifies those who are being weaned from Laodiceanism.

## 2- Mary--the Virgin-Mother of Immanuel

Since Immanuel is a type of born-again Christians today, then logically Mary must represent-typify, the movement that gave birth to the "Immanuels".

### A. The Virgin Mary, WHO DOES SHE TYPIFY?

1- S.D.A. could not be the present-day "Virgin" movement for she is represented in Hosea 2:2, as a mother.

2- Hosea 2 shows that the mother's children (laity) stay home and plead with her to return to God their Father.

Yes, the children stay home to plead with mother:

"...the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association exists SOLELY to accomplish a divinely appointed work WITHIN the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, wherein it therefore STRICTLY confines its activities." Leviticus, Preface.

### ANSWER:

The Virgin Mary typifies Davidians (1930-1955) who stay at home to plead with her mother (S.D.A.). So it is clearly seen that it could be said of Davidians only, that she is the one movement this side of the cross that is a perfect antitype of Mary. Davidians remained a virgin to stay at home to help her Mother reform.

### B. The Immanuel, son of the Virgin (Davidian), WHO IS HE TODAY?

1- Just as Christ followed Mary, Joshua followed Moses, just so Immanuel typifies that which follows the virgin Davidians.

"...this same movement (virgin-Mary--Davidians) would merge (give birth) into a greater (Christ-Immanuel-- BRANCH)." 1 SR 234:2.

"Who bring this revival and reformation, this great change? -- The BRANCH." 1TG 8:24.

"...here (The BRANCH) is seen an organization..." ID. page 26.

### ANSWER:

Today's Immanuel is the BRANCH, an organization made up of individuals who have opened the "shut door" to Christ, the BRANCH.

Davidians have given birth to no other child (movement) who can show the date of his birth from the Bible as can THE BRANCH:

1525 Beginning (birth) of Protestant Reformation. Luther by Dallman, page 253.

+430 Eze. 4

1955 Birth of Immanuel's Reformation

October 10, 1955: Eze. 24:1--10th day, 10th month, 9th year.

C. Another type.

"Our own name; Davidian Seventh-day Adventist shows outright that there is another Seventh-day Adventist Church." 1TG 42:12.

1. Seventh-day Adventists.....a church.

2. Davidian S.D.A.....another church.

"Let Leah represent the true church of Christ, Seventh-day Adventists..." 1SR 62:1.  
Leah.....S.D.A.

Thus: Rachel.....Davidian S.D.A.

(Jacob had two wives)

Leah.....S.D.A.....10 tribe Israel

Rachel.....D.S.D.A.....2 tribe Judah

Note: Rachel died at the birth of Benjamin.

"Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day. And utter a parable unto the rebellious house...

"So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died..." Eze. 24:1-3, 18.

Ezekiel delivered his message to Mt. Carmel on October 10, 1955.

That same day, Davidians (Rachel) gave birth to The BRANCH (Benjamin) and "at even" she died.

It is interesting to note that Benjamin means "son of my right hand" which of course Immanuel-The BRANCH is.

Davidian's inspired work was finished, so like Rachel, she died:-----

"Because it is a trial, and what if the sword contemn even the rod---(Rachel-Davidians) it shall be no more (Rachel-Davidians die), saith the Lord God." Eze. 21:13.

"and the top of Carmel--Rachel-Davidians--shall wither (die)..." Amos 1:2.

#### A Family Portrait of Mothers and Sons:

Mary.....Rachel.....Davidians  
Immanuel.....Benjamin.....The BRANCH

#### III. Mahershalalhashbaz Isaiah 8:3-4.

"And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry my father, and my mother..."

Here we see:

- 1- Mahershalalhashbaz, an orphan in his own sight
- 2- The Prophetess, his mother
- 3- Isaiah, his father

#### A. Mahershalalhashbaz, WHO IS HE TODAY?

1. Since "...Immanuel manifestly represents the 'born-again Christians... whereas... Mahershalalhashbaz can only symbolize these not 'born-again'--that part of the church membership which cannot be represented by Immanuel..." Tract 14, page 35.

thus: Immanuel.....'born-again' Christians ..... Mahershalalhashbaz, not 'born-again' Christians

2. "...both were to be born into Judah the Church...living at the same time." Id.

Note: Since the unconverted in S.D.A. know who their mother (church) is, Mahershalalhashbaz could not be applied to them.

Davidians, being "...another S.D.A. church..." (1 TG 42:14), shows that Mahershalalhashbaz could not be applied to them.

ANSWER:

Today's Immanuel's "...must necessarily feed on spiritual food, on such as The BRANCH itself was fed... Butter and Honey..." 2TG 45:3.

Who is eating "BRANCH" food today? - the Branches!

Who is refusing "BRANCH" FOOD TODAY? - Mt. Carmel Davidians!

Clear it is that Mt. Carmel Davidians are Mahershalalhashbaz, those who refuse to be 'born-again' - that is, accept the message of The Branch.

B. The Prophetess, mother of Mahershalalhashbaz, WHO IS SHE TODAY?

Come, and let us reason together, saith the Lord.....Judah, the house of David---the Jews in Christ's day, refused to be 'born-again' - accept new light - because they listened to their leader who opposed Christ-Immanuel- The Branch.

So Today: The house of David-ians--the Judah of today, refuses the 'born-again' --accepting-new-light-experience--because the "prophetess" tells him, Mahershalalhashbaz, that there is "no more light, no more prophets". She does this to counteract the possibility that Mahershalalhashbaz might be influenced to become an Immanuel - a "butter-eating Branch".

IV. Butter and Honey: Isaiah 7:15; 21-22.

"Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good...And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land."

Here we see: 1- Butter, honey and milk. The Word (Tract 6:29)  
2- Man who nourishes.....V.T.H. (Id. p. 44)  
3- Young cow....Spirit of Prophecy (Id. p. 30)  
4- Two sheep....Old and New Test. (Id. p. 30)

It will be noted that "a man", not a woman, nourishes these animals.

thus: The prophetess, not being a man, is not bringing forth the "butter" NECESSARY TO MATURE the Immanuel.

vice-versa The messenger of The Branch being a man, not a woman, could not be the prophetess who feed Mahershalalhashbaz uninspired fleshly doctrines of men.

Come, and let us reason together, saith the Lord----Some may make a shipwreck of their faith by insisting that Bro. V.T. Houteff is the only man this side of the purification who can nourish these symbolic animals. Let the Lord's servant speak for himself: "...this very restricted representation (the Rod) of the 'additional message'..." (W.H.R. 39:1) coupled with the declaration

that Elijah (who never dies) is "imminent", meaning future, (Jezreel Ltr. #9:1:6), shows that the "butter" of the Rod was limited--restricted, and that more "butter" would come with the future appearing of Elijah. Tract #8:1, states that God will "continue to speak (give butter) to her (His church)" until she is purified.

thus: A man, V.T.H., gave us "very restricted" "butter", leaving much "cream" to be yet made into "butter".

Another man, The Branch messenger, shakes-- interprets, the "cream" of the Rod and now we have the "butter" that gives us our spiritual maturity.

"Woe to him who may think all these wonderful designs in the beauty of perfection are just a chance, or an accident." 1 SR 233: bottom.

further: "...**John's work the type, our (Davidians), the antitype.**" 1 TGr 36:4.

"But the work of John was not sufficient to lay the foundation of the Christian church. When he had fulfilled his mission, another work was to be done, which his testimony could not accomplish." D.A. 181-182.

type: John's message....."butter" INSUFFICIENT

anti: V.T.H.'s message..."butter" INSUFFICIENT

## SUMMARY OF LESSON

Mahershalalhashbaz--Mt. Carmel Davidians! Awake! Awake! Arise! Eat of the "butter and honey" that Immanuel The Branch has presented in this timely and revealing lesson.

Awake to the fact that you are Mahershalalhashbaz, the "42 Month Prophecy" child conceived not by the Holy Spirit as you think, but by your uninspired prophetess, Sr. V.T. Houteff. It is a tragedy that you have not realized that your mother is Sr. V.T. Houteff; but God holds mercy a little longer, so that you may yet see you are following flesh, not the Spirit.

Arise! Arise! If you "be left in the land", you must take God's counsel that you "**...MUST NECESSARILY FEED ON SPIRITUAL FOOD, ON SUCH AS THE BRANCH ITSELF WAS FED.... BUTTER AND HONEY...**" (BRANCH FOOD). 2 TG 45:3.

Mahershalalhashbaz---Mt. Carmel Davidians: you will soon need the strength that only **THE BRANCH BUTTER** can give you. **Pekah, king of S.D.A., has formed a confederacy against you, and you shall not stand unless you are "born-again".**

Tract #14:34, commenting on Isa. 7:14, says: "...Wherefore, the virgin-birth prophecy does not refer alone to the birth of Christ, but even more significantly to His followers--the birth and development of Christendom." Also, "...it must be that not only Israel, Syria, and Assyria are types, but Christ Himself is also a type."

We learned that Immanuel (meaning 'God with us') could represent only His true followers, the born-again Christians." 12 Symbolic Code #1:6.

Christ is a TYPE. Immanuel means not only the development of "Christendom" but is easy to see that the above study is designed to point out the development of Present Truth--(Christendom). This unrolling of the scroll comes to God's people to teach all that God is still leading His people the same way He has always led them--by the Spirit of Prophecy (Hosea 12:3), and that He will continue to lead them in this very same manner.

Please let it be understood that this lesson is not meant to slander, speak evil or lightly of, or minimize the efforts of others. Christ died for all. The Sabbath keepers lot is a hard one as he faces the world with this glorious Sabbath Truth, but it is a coveted one. So, rather than attempt to face Laodiceanism divided, let us unite our forces under the banner of the Inspired Revelations of God's word, laying aside our own opinions, whatever they may be. It is our prayer that all, from the highest to the lowest, will catch the vision of this solid and all-important fact.

Yours to follow the LIVING Voice, rather than "private opinions", that ALL may be saved,

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