

**GENERAL ASSOCIATION  
OF  
BRANCH DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**

**LIVING WATERS**

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Dear Kingdom-Bound Saint:

"When the voice of the mighty angel was heard at Christ's tomb, saying, Thy Father calls Thee, the Savior came forth from the grave by the life that was in Himself. Now was proved the truth of His words, 'I lay down My life, that I might take it again . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.' Now was fulfilled the prophecy He had spoken to the priests and rulers, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' John 10:17,18; 2:19."

"Affirmatively stated, all Scripture [and subsequent writings of the prophets from John the Revelator up to and including the message of the Holy Spirit], not merely a part of It, is inspired. Negatively stated, none of It is privately interpreted, for the reason that It did not come of men but of God; that is, as the Spirit of God dictated to men the Scriptures [and the writings of the prophets from John the Revelator up to and including the message of the Holy Spirit], so the Spirit of God must interpret the Scriptures [and the writings of the prophets since John up to and including the present messenger] to men, that no man privately, (without Inspiration) is capable of disclosing the sealed prophecies or interpreting any part of them or even capable of understanding their importance AFTER they are interpreted EXCEPT IT BE BY THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH."-T.G. Rev. Vol. 1:14:16.

With the foregoing counsel from Inspiration in mind, it is clear that the only way to understand the statement from the Desire of Ages as quoted above is through the Spirit of Prophecy's living voice resident in The Branch church today, The Branch She.

Speaking of the temptation of Christ in the wilderness after His baptism, Sister White says that Satan, "The arch deceiver hoped that, under the force of despondency and extreme hunger, Christ would lose faith in His Father, work a miracle in His own behalf, and TAKE HIMSELF OUT OF His Father's hands. Had He done this, THE PLAN OF SALVATION WOULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN; FOR IT WAS CONTRARY TO ITS TERMS THAT CHRIST SHOULD WORK A MIRACLE IN HIS OWN BEHALF."-Bible Students' Library, "Christ Tempted As We Are," p. 6, by E.G. White.

Jesus "was fitted for the conflict by the INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."--D.A. p. 123. "So Christ in His humanity was dependent upon divine power. 'I can of Mine own self do nothing,' He declared. John 5:30."-Desire of Ages, pp. 674,675. "For Christ...being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit; which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;...when once ...the long-suffering of God waited in the Days of Noah" 1 Pet. 3:18,19,20.

"As God had made both spoken and written covenants with His ancient people that He would send them Moses, John, and Christ .... EACH IN HIS OWN TIME WAS THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT .... Nevertheless ...the Messenger of the Covenant is, in the strictest sense, Elijah the prophet .... IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, however, THE TITLE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT BELONGS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. For example, 1 Peter 3:18-20 states that Christ preached to the antediluvians by the SAME SPIRIT WHO 'QUICKENED' HIM. But as He preached BY THE SPIRIT [HOLY SPIRIT] in the person of Noah, NOT OF HIMSELF, He thereby unfolded the truth that the HOLY SPIRIT is in all His messengers alike ....the term

Messenger of the Covenant (THE INVISIBLE CHRIST) in Heaven's visible representative-be it Moses, John, Christ, Elijah, or some other."---Answerer Book No. 1, pp. 78,79.

"But if the Spirit [Holy Spirit-Third Person of the Godhead] of him that 'raised' up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." Rom. 8.11.

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'...that like as Christ was raised up from the dead BY THE GLORY of the Father..." Rom. 6:4. Since "the woman is the glory of the man" (1 Cor. 11:7), the glory of the Father is the Holy Spirit.

"Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou WILT ASK OF GOD, God will give it thee .... And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me ...And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth..." John 11:21,22,41,43,44.

"SO CHRIST IN HIS HUMANITY WAS DEPENDENT UPON DIVINE POWER. 'I CAN OF MINE OWN SELF DO NOTHING,' He declared. John 5:30."-Desire of Ages, pp. 674,675.

Jesus was "DEPENDENT UPON DIVINE POWER" because He made an agreement with God that He would not work miracles in His Own behalf, that He would live the life of a man and give us an example of how it would be possible for us to live, overcoming in the strength of the Holy Spirit just as He did. As we have seen from the story of Lazarus, He did not use His Divinity to raise Lazarus, but asked of God that it be done.

"In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to impress them with the joy and hope [indwelling Holy Spirit] that inspired His own heart."-Ibid., p. 671.

We see that it was the Holy Spirit, Jesus' Heavenly Mother, the Third Person of the Godhead, that is, third in revelation, Who gave Him joy and comfort during His ministry, Who worked with Him in performing the miracles since not only was it "contrary to its terms [the plan of salvation] that Christ should work a miracle in His own behalf" (The Bible Students' Library, "Christ Tempted As We Are," p. 6, by E.G. White), that is, use His Divinity; but also in His humanity He could "do nothing" John 5:30.

"But the Son of God was surrendered to the Father's will, and DEPENDENT upon His power. Jesus revealed NO qualities, and exercised NO powers, that men may not have through faith in Him. 'And greater works that these shall he do', He did not refer merely to miracle working, but to all that would take place UNDER THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT .... Neither here NOR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT TIME in His earthly ministry did He work a miracle in His own behalf."-DA 208,664,119.

"He was able to resist the temptation of Satan through HIS DEPENDENCE UPON THE DIVINE POWER OF HIS HEAVENLY FATHER [not His Own divinity]..."-Sons & Daughters, p. 128.

"Christ's overcoming and obedience is THAT OF A TRUE HUMAN BEING. In our conclusions, we make many mistakes because of our erroneous views [popular prevailing opinion in 1892 and today] of the human nature of our Lord. WHEN WE GIVE TO HIS HUMAN NATURE A POWER THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR MAN TO HAVE in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity ....obedience of Christ to His Father was the SAME OBEDIENCE that is required of man. Man cannot overcome Satan's temptations WITHOUT DIVINE POWER TO COMBINE WITH HIS INSTRUMENTALITY. SO WITH JESUS CHRIST .... He came not to our world to give the obedience of a lesser God to a greater, but AS A MAN to obey God's holy law, and in this way HE IS OUR EXAMPLE. The Lord Jesus came to our world, NOT TO REVEAL WHAT A GOD COULD DO, but what a MAN COULD DO, THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S POWER to help in every emergency .... Christ was put to the CLOSEST TEST ...,to resist the inclination ...to USE HIS POWER TO DELIVER HIMSELF from peril, and triumph over the power of the prince of darkness .... IF CHRIST HAD A SPECIAL POWER WHICH IT IS NOT THE PRIVILEGE OF MAN TO HAVE, SATAN WOULD HAVE MADE CAPITAL OF THIS MATTER."-SDA Bible Commentary Vol. 7-A, pp. 373,374, EGW.

"This is just what the religious world generally does deny. For while admitting in words that Christ took upon Himself our flesh, they assert that he had a sinless nature-WITHOUT sinful desires and infirmities ...Thus they deny the explicit statements of the apostolic writers that he really and truly took our flesh upon him .... SO ALSO THEY DENY THAT WHEN CHRIST BECAME INCARNATE HE LAID ASIDE HIS POWER, and they consequently assert that it was NOT THE FATHER WHO PERFORMED THE MIRACLES [through the Holy Spirit], but HE HIMSELF by His OWN POWER ....It is to make His prayers to His Father for help, His 'prayers and supplication, with strong crying and tears,' A PRETENCE AND HYPOCRISY, and to hold up this pretence and hypocrisy as an example to those who are to follow in His steps."-The True Christ & The False Christ, pp. 126,127

Sincerely yours for unity upon the Truth,

Correspondence Secretary pdj

[Brackets ours]

February 2, 1979

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Thank you for writing your questions after studying the "Two Turtle Doves, Part I." You have done that which is commendable in the sight of God by investigating a message that comes in the name of the Lord, and by going to the messenger with your questions! May the Lord bless you for doing this!

Even though you may not understand all of the tract, do not be dismayed if you do not understand, for it is a new revelation and it takes the Holy Spirit to help you understand what She has revealed to the messenger, for spiritual things are spiritually discerned, as you probably know. In Jesus' day He taught that which was strange and new, that God had a Son, and this caused the Jews to cry "blasphemy!" "But we see that the God of heaven sometimes commissions men to teach that which is regarded as contrary to the established doctrines.... But let us follow the history of the men whom the Jewish priests and rulers thought so dangerous, because they were bringing in new and strange teaching on almost every theological subject."-Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 69,71.

Today the Holy Spirit is teaching that the Third Person of the Godhead is feminine; in other words, we have a Heavenly Mother, a Heavenly Father, and a Heavenly Son, if you please. The key verse in the entire Bible tells us how to understand the Trinity. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are CLEARLY SEEN, being understood by the things THAT ARE MADE, EVEN HIS ETERNAL GODHEAD; so that they are without excuse." Rom. 1:20.

We understand the Godhead by the things that are made! Since, as you say, God said, "Let us make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness," then, we understand this in the light of the things that are made here on the earth. Husband and wife bring forth children. It is not the children and the father, but the mother and father who bring forth the children. God, the Father, and Jesus did not make man, male and FEMALE, in THEIR image. Neither God nor Jesus look like a woman, do They? But Eve was a woman, and, therefore, since she did not look like God, the Father, or Jesus, she did look like someone, since God said "in OUR image;" then, she must have looked like the feminine part of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, since that part is the only One left. The Father and Son are not feminine. "In the beginning, man (and woman) was created

in the likeness of God, not only in character, but IN FORM AND FEATURE."—Great Controversy, pp. 644,645.

The FORM of Eve was certainly not the FORM of a MAN, certainly not the FORM of God, the Father, or Christ, the Son! This is easy to see when one has all the evidence; but since it is new, it is always harder to see because new revelations always come CONTRARY to our ideas... "But we see that the God of heaven sometimes commissions men (and women!) to teach that which is regarded as CONTRARY to the established doctrines."—Testimonies to Ministers, p. 69.

In Genesis 1:26, God said "Let us make man in OUR image." Since there are THREE members of the Godhead, certainly One was not left out of creation?! No, of course not; but we have not thought to include the Holy Spirit in the "Us" or "Our" because God had never revealed it. We cannot by searching find out the hidden things! But now God has revealed that the Holy Spirit, the Mother image, is a part of the "Us" and this makes real good sense (simple), since we understand the Godhead by the things that are created. Who were created in the image of God? Man and woman, of course!

We have been told by those in a position to know that it is not uncommon at evangelistic meetings for children to ask, during the question and answer period, who Jesus' Heavenly Mother is!

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Since in the Heavenly Family God is the Father, and Jesus is the Son, wouldn't it be natural for a little child to ask Who the Heavenly Mother is? Yes, as Jesus said, we must become like little children! Aren't there really three Persons with gender in the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

Didn't God make Eve from Adam's rib, and call her a FE-male? Genesis 5:2 says God called THEIR name ADAM—Mr. and Mrs. Adam. Today, a man's wife is called Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Smith, that is, by the MAN'S name; the children, whether male or female, bear the father's name. We may begin to understand how God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are One. To begin with, Adam was one and "the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a WOman (Gen. 2:22). Adam became two. Then from Adam and Eve came the children: three parts of a family. They were originally all represented in Adam, a masculine person. Can you understand this? Then God separated the rib, made Eve, then came the children afterward, all with the same name (masculine) Adam. They were, then, all of one (flesh). So, the Godhead is explained. The things that are made explain the things that are unseen, even the Godhead (Romans 1:20). Ephesians 3:15 tells us that there is a FAMILY (a Father-Mother-Son image) in heaven. "Of whom the whole FAMILY in heaven and earth is named."

"Created to be 'the image and GLORY of God,' Adam and Eve..."—Education, p. 20. "...the woman is the glory of man." 1 Cor. 11:7. Therefore, God's glory is the Holy Spirit (feminine)!

Satan knows the truth of the Trinity, having been in Heaven! Since he was created to reflect the glory of God he, as a created being, could only REFLECT the glory but could not create it. Therefore, on this earth he has DEFLECTED the truth and made it off-center, or perverted it. We have a very good example of this in the Catholic doctrine of Mary, their mediatrix, whom they believe to be in heaven mediating for them. This doctrine is based on a TRUTH; Satan cannot originate but only COUNTERFEIT it. What truth is the Mary mediatrix (feminine mediator) teaching a perversion of? The Holy Spirit, the feminine Mediator, of course! Praise the Lord for the understanding She has given us!! This is what the Catholics say: "...THE JEWISH CHURCH...can in fact be the shadow and figure of the Catholic Church ALONE."—Catholic Doctrine as Defined by The Council of Trent, by A. Nampon, p. 62.

Let us reason together, \_\_\_\_\_. Since "The understanding of the Holy Spirit as female is also Jewish or Semitic," (New Testament Apocrypha, p. 160), then Satan has perverted this truth through the Catholic Church by the worship of the PERSON of Mary rather than that of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, our Mediatrix in heaven. Since Romans 8:26 shows the Spirit to be an intercessor or mediator ("but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us"), Satan has used this truth and given to Catholics the Mary mediatrix teaching.

Not until now have we, as Christians, understood this mystery! In Sister White's day she wrote that "The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them (until 1977, and then, by a woman!) ...Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for HUMAN understanding, SILENCE IS GOLDEN."—Acts of the Apostles, p. 52. The Spirit did not reveal to Sister White the GENDER of the Holy Spirit, but She did reveal to her that silence would be golden until God revealed it, so Sister White did not speculate. She revealed only that the Holy Spirit was a Person. Conclusively, therefore, if the Holy Spirit is a Person, then there is gender to be made known of that Person.

Concerning the personality of the Holy Spirit, here is some history that will help you to understand the background of man's thinking regarding the Holy Spirit's being male, female, or neuter. "In the third century, that time of developing apostacies, Paul of Samosatar advanced a theory DENYING THE PERSONALITY of the Holy Spirit, regarding the Holy Spirit as an INFLUENCE, an exertion of divine ENERGY and POWER, an INFLUENCE moving out from God and exerted on men. Then about the time of the Protestant Reformation two men, Laeetus Socinus and his nephew, Faustus Socinus, revived the theory, and many accepted it.

"The chilling influence of this concept has told on all the Protestant churches. In our Authorised Version of 1611 the PERSONAL PRONOUN APPLIED BY CHRIST TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TRANSLATED BY THE NEUTER IT, or ITSELF (not male or female), in Romans 8:16,26. THIS IS AN INDEX OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE TIME, for Christian people then spoke of the Spirit as 'IT.'

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"It is significant that the utterances of the Spirit of Prophecy (E.G. White) were squarely AGAINST prevailing sentiment on the part of some of the pioneers of the Adventist Movement, who were inclined to this IMPERSONAL idea of an INFLUENCE, and discounted the doctrine of the Trinity....

"Not only was the PERSONALITY of the Holy Spirit attacked in those early centuries, but His deity was challenged in the fourth century by Arius. According to Arius, the Holy Spirit is a created person."—The Coming of the Comforter, pp. 56,57.

"It was after the Minneapolis Conference, and especially as Mrs. White was preparing the chapters for The Desire of Ages (1898) concerning the promise of the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, that MESSAGES came to this people with increasing frequency, fullness, and clarity on the PERSONALITY OF THE SPIRIT. In earlier statements the neuter form IT was more often used when referring to the Holy Spirit. The HOUR HAD COME FOR CLARIFICATION AND EMPHASIS UPON THIS SUPREME PROVISION IN THE SALVATION AND ENABLING OF MAN."—Ibid., p. 63.

In 1911, Sister White wrote (as we have already quoted) in Acts of the Apostles, p. 52 that the nature of the Holy Spirit was still a mystery and could not be understood UNTIL REVEALED BY INSPIRATION. However, Sister White did recognize the HOLY SPIRIT AS A PERSON. IN 1905 when she wrote that "There are three LIVING PERSONS of the heavenly trio...the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit..."—Evangelism, p. 615. That is, she was saying the Spirit is a Person of the Godhead, but she did not know the gender of the Person. It was not given to Sister White to further identify the Holy Spirit as definitely He or She. Sister White stated in 1911 it was still a mystery, meaning the definite GENDER of the Holy Spirit was a mystery, not the personality (person) was still a mystery, for she had revealed that the Holy Spirit was a Person. In Genesis 5:2 God called Eve "Adam." Sister White, knowing that the Holy Spirit is a Person, was safe in calling the Person He, for had not God called Eve "Adam," and do we not call men and women MANKIND, etc., using the masculine gender, it being understood the feminine gender is included?

How thankful we should be that the Heavenly Family have revealed Themselves to us!! The Jews had to accept the revelation of the Son to be saved, but they rejected and crucified Him. Shall we, like the Jews, crucify the personal representative of the Holy Spirit also, for which there will be no forgiveness? Now we must accept the revelation of the Mother to reach final perfection and the Kingdom!

The Bible is really about the Father, and the Son; the Old Testament being about the Father, and the New Testament about the Son, since the Spirit came not to speak of Himself but of Her Son, Christ.

John was told not to write the seven thunders (Rev. 10:4), but they are now being revealed. They are a revelation of the Holy Spirit and Her work from creation to the restoration of the land "like the garden of Eden." Ezek. 36:35. We believe the Bible more than ever before, since we are now becoming acquainted with the Author of the Bible, the Holy Spirit, Who, up until now, has been telling us about the personality and gender (masculine) of the Father and the Son!

If you will read Romans 1:20 through verse 32, you will see WHO SAYS THE GODHEAD IS EITHER ALL MALE OR ALL FEMALE. Notice especially verses 26 and 27. When we look even to the animal world, the created things, we see the Heavenly Trinity portrayed in the father, mother, and child. What a revelation of the Trinity! Now we can see more clearly the value of studying the book of nature!

Regarding the conversation with your Mother, she was told that there is a Mother Figure in the Trinity. Since there is a Father Figure and a Son Figure, there surely must be a Mother Figure for a father could not be, or a son exist without a mother. Tract No. 14, p. 35, seems to bear out the same thought. "Having been pre-existent with His (spiritual) Father (and spiritual Mother)...and then having been RE-BORN in Bethlehem (of a fleshly mother)..." Jesus was FIRST BORN, (spiritually manifested, NOT CREATED), by His Heavenly Father and His Heavenly Mother, the Holy Spirit. He could not be "RE-born" if He had not been first BORN, made manifest! "...Jesus was FIRST BORN (brought forth) a spiritual, a Divine being, and SECOND a human being..."—Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, Rev. No. 49, pp. 6,7. That is, He was made manifest as creation shows in the bringing forth of Adam (God) first, Eve (Holy Spirit) second, and the son (Gen. 3:15) third.

Remember, at creation, Adam and Eve were not born. They were adult, fully mature, not babes.

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Likewise, the Trinity was manifest in the same order as Adam and Eve were created. First, the Father, One (3 in 1), second, the Holy Spirit (2 in 1, Mother and Son) and third, the Son (One) Who should bruise Satan's head. On the cross Jesus was fully mature, physically and spiritually.

That Jesus was "first BORN a spiritual, Divine being," or brought forth, manifested, is clearly shown in Sister White's earliest writings. Jesus was one with the Father BEFORE the angels were created. Satan was envious of Christ, and gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone.

"The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL THE ANGELS confer SPECIAL HONOR upon his Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels gathered around them. The Father THEN MADE KNOWN that it was ordained by himself that Christ, his Son, should be EQUAL WITH HIMSELF; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence....

"Satan was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ (at the time Christ was BROUGHT FORTH, revealed, or spiritually BORN)... But Christ was acknowledged sovereign of Heaven, his power and authority TO BE (from the time He was brought forth, revealed) the same as that of God himself...a ruler (had) been appointed over them... They rebelled against the AUTHORITY of the Son (when He was spiritually manifested at THIS PARTICULAR TIME)."—Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, pp. 2,18,19.

We must be in an attitude of prayer at all times! Daniel prayed three times a day at least (Dan. 6:10). The 9 and 3 hours are for all the congregation to come before God at the same time; but, individually, each may pray wherever he or she wishes at any time. Acts 3:1 gives the hour of prayer in the time of the apostles. It was at the time of the evening sacrifice God appeared to Elijah on Mt. Carmel and to Daniel in vision (1 Ki. 18:36; Dan. 9:21).

You have, no doubt, received Turtle Dove, Part 2, which gives additional evidence of the personality and work of the Holy Spirit. At present Sister Roden is working on Turtle Dove, Part 3, which she hopes to finish soon.

May the Heavenly Family bless and help you to understand Them!

Please forgive the delay in answering your letter; Sister Roden is in and out of the Office and we are behind in our correspondence because of the heavy traveling and publishing schedule.

As you continue to study the beautiful message about the Holy Spirit, please do not hesitate to write your questions or comments and suggestions which may be of help to make the subject clear!

Sincerely yours to follow the Holy Spirit into all Truth,

Correspondence Secretary

February 8, 1979

Dear Kingdom-bound Saint:

Praise the Heavenly Family for Their long-suffering and mercy toward us as a people in our undone condition, for we are truly afflicted with the leprosy of sin and in need of healing by the Holy Spirit!

We are beginning to see our great need of the spiritual re-birth that will make our bodies temples of the Spirit instead of whitened sepulchers of those spiritually dead. The daily hours of worship give us strength to continue on refreshed and encouraged to claim the Lord's promise of His perfect covering as we put away sin and render obedience in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Turtle Dove Part 3 is being written. Please pray for this undertaking! Copies of a letter received from a 12 year old and the answer are enclosed for your edification and knowledge.

May the Holy Spirit comfort you as you continue to prepare for the place the Lord has for you in His great plan!

Sincerely yours to overcome in the Spirit,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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Purim, March 14, 1979

NUMBERING OF THE PEOPLE  
(Counting)

"And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was (re-)born there. Selah." Ps. 87:5,6.

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"AS the Lord commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai." Num. 1:19,  
"And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people ('. . .144,000 in number (all 12 tribes). . .') - Early Writings, p. 15), which shall be left from Assyria; LIKE AS IT WAS TO ISRAEL in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt." Isa. 11:16.

THE WOMAN OF REVELATION 12:17

"Therefore, behold, I will allure HER, and bring HER into the wilderness, and speak (through a Comforter) comfortably unto Her. And I will give her HER vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and SHE (Israel) shall sing there, as in the days of HER youth (under Moses), and as in the day when SHE came up out of the land of Egypt." Hos. 2:14,15.

"Having brought HER into as strait and embarrassing circumstances as one can be in [loss of her husband and children]. God promises to allure her, and to bring her into the wilderness, there to speak comfortably to her. Specifically speaking, having emerged from the 'great tribulation [538 + 1260 years = 1798 2 S.R. 261,262], such as was not since the beginning of the world' (Matt. 24:21), God brings her, NOT into her vineyard, NOT into the Promised Land, but into the 'wilderness' (into the lands of the Gentiles [Mt. Carmel Center]), there to speak comfortably to her, and to help her reform. After this comforting meeting takes place she is to have her vineyards from thence [from that place], and the Valley of Achor (Rev. 12:16) for a door of hope; there she is to sing [the law (song) of Moses and the Lamb] and rejoice as in the days of her youth, and as in the day she came out of Egypt.

'The Valley of Achor, you note, is HER door of hope - it is the only way out of her predicament. The valley has but ONE significance: it stands for a thorough purging, for destroying the sinners that are in her midst BEFORE POSSESSING THE LAND - her only hope of becoming a decent, respectable wife of God. "It was in the Valley of Achor that Joshua stoned the last of the sinners in Israel - Achan and his household. THEN IT WAS that the Israelite nation was permitted to take the promised land, the vineyard. Just such a purging as this is the church's only 'door of hope,' says Inspiration, HER ONLY escape from her present plight. THEN she is to RETURN to her former position and grace. THEN she is to receive the promised blessing as verily as ancient Israel received hers. That remarkable incident in the Valley of Achor is now seen to typify the purging for the REPOSSESSION of the promised land - typifying the Judgment for the Living, the gathering

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of the saints, and the destruction of the sinners - the separation of the wheat from the tares, the goats from the sheep, the good fish from the bad fish. The 'barn' (Math 13:30), connotes the Kingdom here projected as does the Lord's right, and as do the vessels.' - Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No.21, pp. 12,13.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias (the Messenger of the Covenant, the Holy Spirit-The Answerer, Book No. 1, p. 79) truly shall first come, and restore all things." Matt. 17:11.

"Observe that in the message which they 'sent after Him,' his servants did NOT say, 'We will not have You [Christ the Branch], to reign over us,' but rather, 'we will not have this man [or rather, a woman with her husband's masculine name, [Branch - the Holy Spirit] to reign over us.' What they objected to was Christ's

reigning over them through someone else [The Branch She, The Lord Our Righteousness]. Clearly, then, before He is coronated, and prior to His return to reckon with His servants, He appoints a 'man' (a wo-man with the masculine family name) to reign over them in His stead. Whereupon they say to Him (Her), by their attitude and stand toward His [Her] message, 'We will not have this [wo] man to reign over us,' although 'this [wo]man,' as we now see, is the antitypical David (the 'simple means'), the visible king." Mount Sion At "The Eleventh Hour," Tract No. 8, p. 71.

"God means what He says; 'I desire a change here.' The Lord wants His Spirit to enter. He wants His Holy Spirit to be king." - General Conference Bulletin, April 1, 1901.

PROPHECY OF THE BRANCH HE, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS -JER. 23:5,6

Type: Isa. 11:1---3 masculine figures in the Old Testament.

"Since therefore from the 'stem' of Jesse came the 'rod' (David), and from the rod sprang the Branch (Christ), David the visible king and Christ the invisible King of kings shall 'in that day' - in our time - constitute the 'ensign,' and 'to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest (or His resting place, - the location where the 'rod' or ensign stands - the kingdom) shall be glorious.' Yea 'I will make the place of My feet glorious' (Isa. 60:13), saith the Lord. . ." -Mount Sion At "The Eleventh Hour," Tract No. 8, p. 47.

PROPHECY OF THE BRANCH SHE, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS -JER. 33:15,16 Type: Matt. 1:23.

'Behold, a virgin (message of the Branch She) shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son (Branch), and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matt. 1:23. "Thus His church (The Branch She, the Lord our Righteousness), or kingdom, is again reflected without 'spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing (Eph. 5:27), a theocracy of peace, safety, and invincibility, under the rule of ONE shepherd and a king - David, His servant (The Holy Spirit). But the fact that many kings reigned over Israel, may in the minds of some give rise to the question:

"WHY DAVID A TYPE?

"Inevitably because he is the only one who perfectly fits the antitype - the leadership in the time of the Loud Cry of the THIRD Angel's Message [brought in both cases -the Judgment of the Dead and the Judgment of the Living - by a wo-man). " - Mount Sion At "The Eleventh Hour," Tract No. 8, pp. 47,48.

"ARTICLE III -MEMBERSHIP

"SECTION 1. All members show evidence, by having in their possession an up-to-date membership card issued by The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association [She] and signed

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by its president, and attest thereby that they appoint... [Lois I. Roden] president of said Association, and henceforth, signify that. . .[she] has met the requirements of and is vested with the Gift of the Spirit of Prophecy -'The Testimony of Jesus.' - Rev. 19:10.

"Exactly as the Constitution and By-Laws point out...[Lois I. Roden] was appointed to the Presidency in. . .(1977) as in the case of Joshua and David (Joshua 1:1; 1 Samuel 16:1,12,13); this appointment by the Lord Himself gave birth to the Association here mentioned, and is, therefore, so known and accepted by every member of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association [She]. 'Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.' - Hosea 1:11.

"Therefore, as members of The Branch Davidian-Seventh-day Adventist Association [She], the membership appoints (Hosea 1:11) the president. ...[Lois I. Roden] as holding in. . .[her] sole possession all legal, moral, and Scriptural ownership and rights of the Association, all its assets and holdings, and to operate the same

for the furtherance of the Association's work at home and abroad: to execute and administer the entire business of the Association, to judge and make final judgment in all matters concerning the Association's works, assets, and holdings, and to be its chief and sole administrator.

"Only those paying second tithing in addition to the first tithing and offerings shall hold a valid certificate issued by the Association and signed by the president. . . [Lois I. Roden]. This entitles them to membership in the Association and eligible for second tithing benefits in case of need, in accordance with the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, and regulations. They may be sealed with the new name of Jesus (The Branch [He and The Branch She, the Lord Our Righteousness, to]), enter into the Kingdom (Jeremiah 30:18-24), and stand with the Lamb of God on Mt. Zion and, therefore, be one of or one with the 144,000 who never see death. Read Rev. 14:14; Early Writings, p. 15.

"Members of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association [She] do hereby forever bind themselves, their heirs, and administrators, to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said ownership, rights and authority of the president... [Lois I. Roden].

#### "ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

"SECTION 2. The president shall be sole and chief executor and administrator of the affairs holding for said ASSOCIATION all its legal, moral, and Scriptural ownership, rights, and titles to its assets, holdings, properties, copyrights, monies, and legal, moral and Scriptural inheritances.

"The president alone shall have sole authority to choose. . . [Her] co-laborers, counselors, and officers (Testimonies to Ministers, p. 342, para.2). Their responsibility shall be solely to [Her].

"The president (Lois I. Roden) alone shall have ownership, rights and authority to sell, convey, transfer, assign, lease, exchange, purchase, and trade equipment, assets, stocks and bonds, produce, properties, minerals on or under the lands [of the Association], and like items, upon such terms, and conditions as.. .[She] may deem just, and proper, to execute, and deliver good, and sufficient instruments or titles for the accomplishments thereof, concerning all monies, assets, properties, and holdings of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association [She]." - The Leviticus of The Davidian Seventh-day Adventist, The Branch Supplement, pp. 8-11. [Brackets added]

"Verse 14 (of Zechariah 6) reveals that Joshua is to pass the crowns on to his [or her] helpers

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whom the Lord Himself [Herself] names. This is to be a memorial, an everlasting reminder in the temple of the Lord.

"What can all this mean? -Just this: Joshua is Heaven's appointed judge, ruler. He himself [she herself] is crowned as such. And in response to the Lord's Own command, Joshua crowns (authorizes). . . [her] helpers whom the Lord Himself names. In other words, as members of 'the house of David,' Joshua authorizes them to engage in the work. So, Joshua is responsible to the Lord, but. . . [her] helpers are responsible to Joshua. Here is seen an organization having an under leader - the Lord and Joshua. Thus it is that whatever is to be bound on earth, is also to be bound in Heaven (Matt. 16:19)." -Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 8 Revised, p. 26. [Brackets added]

"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." - Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 472.

All who desire a membership card in The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association [She] and to be numbered with the saints in Israel, please sign and return to:

## LIVING WATERS

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby attest to the foregoing, the whole agenda, and the entire credenda of The Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association [She].

Signed this day \_\_\_\_\_

Date Baptized \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

April 2, 1979

We are encouraged by a hearty response to the "Numbering Letter" which was recently mailed to the field, and praise the Lord for the working of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the Branch believers as each come up to the help of the Lord at this crucial hour in the history of the eleventh-hour call!

Since the "Numbering Letter" is your affirmation of confidence in God's appointed president at this time, it will not be necessary for you to come to New Mt. Carmel Center for the first Passover. However, should it become necessary for you to come for the second Passover you will be notified in time.

The "Numbering Letter" is very important as it shows that Branch believers stand firmly together for the very present Truth message of The Branch She (the Holy Spirit), the Lord our Righteousness. The enemy is not standing idly by, but is standing at the right hand of Joshua to resist at each unfolding of daily truths. With your prayers and declaration of faith and confidence we here at Headquarters are encouraged to stand firm in this travelling time.

That you may understand what is transpiring today, read Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 8, "Jonah and the People of God." :

"When Jonah was cast into the sea and swallowed by the fish God had prepared for him it APPEARED TO JONAH TO BE HIS END. Likewise in the case of Jesus those last three days and three nights before He was resurrected gave the outward appearance of defeat for His righteous ministry. Nevertheless, Jonah's experience brought salvation to Nineveh, and Christ's experience brought salvation to the world.

"So much for the sign of Jonah to the Jews in Christ's time. Let us now consider for the remainder of our time the POSSIBILITY that the REST OF JONAH'S EXPERIENCE is a TYPE ALSO. If so, what do Jonah, Nineveh, the sea, the fish, and the fish's expelling Jonah after he had PARTLY learned his lesson typify?....

"The purpose of this study is to help us all to see that Jonah's experience IS A SIGN not only to the Jews in Christ's time but ALSO TO YOU AND TO ME. Whom does Jonah represent by his running away?--Not the 144,000, for they do not run away."-Ibid., pp. 6,7.

"But Jonah rose up to FLEE unto Tarshish from the PRESENCE (Holy Spirit) of the Lord and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the PRESENCE (Holy Spirit) of the Lord." Jonah 1:3.

Sad to say, the Jonah of today, the one pointed out on some of the charts you have received, is running away from his task of calling Nineveh to repent and is "more PROUD and more concerned with bringing his prophecy (probation has closed for the church and the slaughter is coming) to pass, than he was with the salvation of the city ....

"This should be a great object lesson to us. In carrying our message of Elijah we should not be anxious for the execution of Ezekiel 9 in the church, but rather we should be anxious for the souls of the people. Likewise in bearing our message of Jonah we should not be anxious for Assyria's fall (10 tribes-S.D.A.), but rather for her repentance and salvation."-SC, Vol. 11, No. 8, pp. 11,12.

Sincerely yours to pray for "Jonah," "Nineveh," and "Assyria,"

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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## LIVING WATERS

May 1, 1979

Dear Kingdom-bound Saint:

We have enjoyed another Passover Season-The Feast of Unleavened Bread, and are rejoicing in the revelation of new truths and new duties necessary to prepare us to receive the power of the Holy Spirit to finish the work. We are learning more about the sanctuary service today by studying the shadow, the "types and symbols" shown to Moses as set forth in the ceremonial law.

Brother Roden taught us that as the typical sacrificial offerings were made daily at 9 and 3, typifying the Lamb of God to come, so today, we set aside the holy hour at 9 and 3 and in faith follow our High Priest as He officiates in the Heavenly Sanctuary in our behalf. As we all know, Jesus instituted unleavened bread and unfermented grape juice as the New Testament symbols of His broken body and shed blood, which replaced the typical sacrificial offerings that were a shadow; and He replaced the washings of the priests (Ex. 30:18-21) by the feet washing. Under The Branch message we learned that the emblems and feet washing in celebration of the Passover, or Lord's Supper, is a yearly affair, at night. We also learned that "Ellen G. White says, in the Spirit of Prophecy: we should partake of the emblems of Christ more often than once a year on the night of the Passover. Then, why not serve the emblems (the bread and wine) at the headquarters of the church, 'Daily,' continually? This is a requirement of God in order that we may meet the conditions to receive the presence of God's Glory made manifest in pre-Pentecostal power."--The Daily, Part 2, p. 4, by Ben L. Roden.

As a sign of what God's people must expect in the very near future the partaking twice daily of the emblems of the Lord's body preceded by the feet washing, were instituted daily for seven days, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at New Mt. Carmel Center Headquarters. Inspiration made very clear that just as the high priest and his sons were not to offer the typical emblems of the Lord's body without first washing (Ex. 30:18-21), so today the emblems must not be taken without the preparatory service of feet washing, "that they die not."

There are a number of Christian denominations today who no longer, observe the feet washing as the preparatory, cleansing service. The pride and variance among the members do not permit them to partake of such an humbling ceremony so it has been eliminated. But according to God's law and the Spirit of Prophecy, this humility service is necessary to do a work of reconciliation. In this time of the end when men's hearts are wicked beyond knowledge after millenniums of sin and iniquity, it is easy to see the necessity of a daily reconciliation with one another that the emblems of the Lord's body might be taken worthily.

This prophecy will soon be fulfilled: "The 144,000 were all sealed, and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name .... Then it was that the

synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who would wash one another's feet and salute the brethren with a holy kiss." – Early Writings, p. 15.

Yes, dear saint, Living Waters today is preparing us for the reinstatement of the daily washing of humble reconciliation that the emblems of our Lord's body might be taken worthily daily! As a people, we are not yet ready, but, praise the Heavenly Trinity, we are being prepared "...according to His mercy ...by the washing of regeneration, and. the renewing of the Holy Ghost' (Titus 3:5).

Sincerely yours to be renewed by the Holy Ghost,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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LIVING WATERS

May 4, 1979

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I am most happy to hear from you and to share your thoughts on various aspects of the Message of the Holy Spirit!

First, may I say that my message deals principally with the wave sheaf which is to be glorified FIRST, with the PRE-pentecostal energy BEFORE the 144,000 are gathered according to the 7 year harvest picture in Christ's time, from 27 A.D. to 34 A.D., at the end of the 69 weeks of Daniel. This 7 year period is the foundation of my message and reveals the FIRST of the first fruits are gathered by the Holy Spirit who in turn gather the 144,000 as the 120 were gathered by a purified ministry (Christ and John the Baptist, the Wave Sheaf, and the 12) AFTER they received the pre-pentecostal power at PASSOVER on the 18th day of the 1st month. Then ON the day of Pentecost the 120 received the outpouring of the FORMER RAIN in power. On the very day of Pentecost at the 3rd hour, Peter stood up, preached, and gathered 3,000 souls that morning. Thereafter, for the remainder of the 3 1/2 years, the second fruits (a great multitude) were gathered from Israel (the CHURCH) only - (they were commanded to go ONLY to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matt. 10:6). After 34 AD the message went to Gentiles, and ANOTHER great multitude were gathered in.

I also teach that the titles of Elijah, Joshua, David, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, etc. are PROGRESSIVE titles and that the LAST Elijah fulfills all these titles in one person. "As God had made both spoken and written covenants with his ancient people that He would send them Moses, John, and Christ, they came in fulfillment of those covenants. And each having brought a message, each in his own time was the Messenger of the Covenant. Nevertheless, the words of Malachi make plain that the Messenger of the

Covenant is, in the strictest sense, Elijah the prophet (Mal. 3:1-5; 4:5), the last messenger who prepares the way of the Lord. (See Testimonies to Ministers, p. 475.) IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, THE TITLE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT BELONGS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. For example, 1 Peter 3:18-20 states that Christ preached to the antediluvians by the SAME 'SPIRIT' WHO 'QUICKENED' HIM. But as He preached by the Spirit in the person of Noah, NOT OF HIMSELF, He thereby unfolded the truth that the Holy Spirit is in all His messengers alike. Thus, 'HOLY MEN of God spake as they were MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST.' 2 Pet. 1:21. Briefly summarized, the term Messenger of the Covenant means the Holy Spirit (THE INVISIBLE CHRIST) in Heaven's visible representative-be it Moses, John, Christ, Elijah, or SOME OTHER." Answerer Book No. 1, pp. 78,79.

In reality, all these titles apply to the prophetic message about the Holy Spirit. In other words, all the titles belonging to Christ ALSO apply to the Holy Spirit. Therefore, all these titles that applied to Sister White, Brother Houteff, and Brother Roden also apply to Sister Roden in the progress of Truth, or to anyone SHE may designate: Thus in type, we have on record only ONE Elijah (messenger of the covenant who did not die, Answerer 1:78), Elijah the Tishbite, the type of the Holy Spirit. But we have on record, Moses, wave sheaf to the 12 tribes, first of the first fruits of the Resurrection, John the Baptist, wave sheaf to the two tribes, first of the first fruits of the Resurrection, and Jesus, wave sheaf to two tribes (all messengers of the covenant, Ibid.), or Elijahs who died BUT who were ALL RESURRECTED and are in Heaven, even now with a multitude of other wave sheaf resurrected with them. Thus, so it should be with the antitypes of each: Sister White, antitypical Moses, Brother Houteff, antitypical John the Baptist, and Brother Roden, antitypical Christ. Then we have the Holy Spirit in the flesh (in a personal representative), an antitype of Elijah the Tishbite. They (Sister White, Brother Houteff, and Brother Roden) are to be resurrected in a SPECIAL RESURRECTION, glorified to help gather the 144,000, who will be glorified on the day of Pentecost. "There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law."-Early Writings, p. 285. Christ and the wave-sheaf went to heaven (after the cross) BEFORE they gathered the 120 and the 3,000, and the multitude to the church (second fruits).

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"Your work, my work, will not cease with this life. FOR A LITTLE WHILE WE MAY REST IN THE GRAVE, but WHEN THE CALL COMES we shall, IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, TAKE UP OUR WORK ONCE MORE" --Testimonies Vol. 7, p 17.

Christ and the wave sheaf died, were resurrected, and became priests AFTER the order of Melchisedek (to live forever) on the day of Pentecost (Christ's Object Lessons, p 120). But we are approaching the inauguration, on the day of Pentecost, of an High Priest OF THE ORDER of Melchisedek, a wave sheaf and those "with", who will never die when the latter rain is poured out. At present this should engross the whole attention! Then, the 144,000 are the NEXT group to be considered. WE (Branches) are candidates for the HIGHEST CALLING, that of the wave sheaf, the Bride, who goes with the Lamb whithersoever He goeth (to Heaven, His home, in the type), BEFORE the 144,000 are glorified. Remember, the 120 were on earth while Jesus and the wave sheaf were being inaugurated into an heavenly priesthood AFTER the order of Melchisedek.

Please advise me of the source for your information that I teach no Blacks in the 144,000. I have shown that the wave sheaf (The Bride) is made up of all races according to the type and that the 144,000 are two tribes and ten tribes. On the day of Pentecost when the 120 were made manifest there were devout Jews from EVERY NATION, and 3,000 second fruits were revealed on that very day from ALL NATIONS, then "such as should be saved" were added "daily" unto the CHURCH up to 34 A.D. AFTERWARD they went to the Gentiles. The chart on page 3 on the typical 7 year harvest period will clarify what I teach, I pray.

Further, the Holy Spirit is no respecter of persons because of race or sex, for men and women and children are in this priesthood (Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, p. 168), not unto the bondage of death but free, to life Eternal. The Holy Spirit is unfriendly only to those who grieve away the day of grace whether they be white, black, yellow or red. The Holy Spirit saves or destroys those who come in contact with the message of the final

sealing Truth. It is very interesting to note that The Branch is largely Black and that they are very faithful in the support of the messages of both The Branch by Brother Roden and The Branch She, the Holy Spirit, by Sister Roden.

By whom were you told that I teach that the Black people are represented by Dan who is not mentioned in the 144,000? Let no one be guilty of engendering racial prejudice or discrimination because of sex or cultural background, to confuse the issue in the final controversy between the WOMAN and her SEED with Satan and his seed.

It is hoped that each one will continue to hold tenaciously to the truth rather than listen to some who have set themselves to fight against the Holy Spirit Who seals us unto the day of redemption. Some who have been nearest the throne and acquainted with the Branch at Headquarters have turned against the message of the Holy Spirit and occupy their time creating racial prejudice to blind eyes to the sealing truth of it.

The Levitical Priesthood under which Jesus (and the antitype, Christ, The Branch) lived was a fleshly priesthood, but Jesus demonstrated a change of the priesthood to one AFTER the order of Melchisedek (AFTER THE SPIRIT). Likewise, today, the Holy Spirit is indicating the change is come: first, AFTER the order of Melchisedek, while Christ STILL mediates for sinners; then, OF the order of Melchisedek, when the church is pure and without sin. The Melchisedek Priesthood has NO TRIBAL LINEAGE; only the Levitical Priesthood had a tribal lineage; then, it was changed to Judah from which Christ came THROUGH HIS MOTHER for He did not have an earthly father (David). He had an earthly mother, a daughter of David (David, the Rod-Holy Spirit, as depicted by Mary). Mary was the David, the Rod (or a daughter of David), from whom Christ came forth; Mary (David, the Rod) gave birth to Christ.

Likewise, in the antitype, the messenger of the Holy Spirit, Sister Roden, the ROD, David, gives birth to the son (antitype of Christ in the FLESH), as the Jonah (a stubborn and rebellious prophet) who tried to get away from God's presence (the Holy Spirit). "Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah ...saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it ...But Jonah rose up to flee ...from the PRESENCE OF THE LORD (the Holy Spirit)." Jonah 1:1-3. Jonah found himself completely surrounded by water (a symbol of the Holy Spirit) in the belly of the whale (a mother whale), three days and three nights, until he repented (which was his "new birth" or change of his human desires to that which God wanted Him to do). In this experience Jonah prefigured Christ Who overcame the flesh in His human body through the power of the Holy Spirit. When the antitypical Jonah of today has his rebirth he will do his appointed work of taking the Message of the Holy Spirit to Nineveh, the ten tribes (S.D.A.).

"Jonah's whole experience could be a type of God's people with a message that they were to proclaim to the world. It could be a type of the duties God gave to His people ...Jonah's experience IS a sign not only to the Jews in Christ's time but ALSO TO YOU AND TO ME. Whom does Jonah represent by his running away? --

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Not the 144,000, for they do not run away (from the Spirit; they run to where the "feet" stand and receive the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost after the wave sheaf receive the Spirit at Passover). On the contrary, they 'follow the Lamb whithersoever He (She) goeth' (Rev. 14:4)."-Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 8, p. 7. Yes, "Jonah's WHOLE experience" IS FOR THE CHURCH (Branch church) TODAY; that is, our experience now in the antitypical seven year harvest period, the Loud Cry, when the Wave Sheaf Church, if you please, gets the new birth so she can gather the 144,000 antitypical Ninevites (Seventh-day Adventists)!

As the whale, a living ship (a water mammal who nourishes-feeds her young), contained Jonah three days and three nights in the depth of the sea (a symbol of death to self, baptism by water), then burped him onto dry land, so he could go to Nineveh as God's presence (The Holy Spirit) had originally commanded him; so today, the living ship Zion (the whale), The Branch She, The Lord Our Righteousness, contains or surrounds modern Jonah three days and three nights disciplining, yet protecting him while he travails (calls upon the Lord for deliverance) for his new birth.

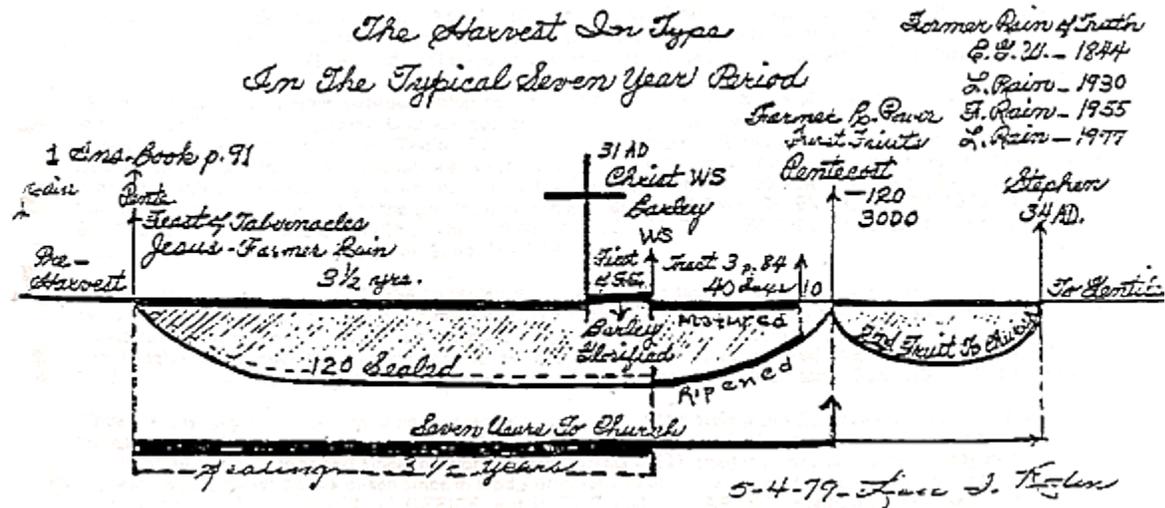
In closing, we would appreciate knowing who told you that Joshua as a "living type" must be put on the shelf? Jesus and "those (the Bride, she, wave sheaf) who arose with Christ ...became a LIVING TYPE" (Tract 3, p. 79). Jesus, or Joshua (in Hebrew) became a LIVING TYPE after being resurrected, so there should be an antitype. Joshua, Jesus, The Branch She, "another comforter" sent in Jesus' name (John 14:26), the mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit, The Branch, is also an antitype of Elijah in the FINALITY of the title. "Our message for the present is in two sections, two divisions: (1) the message to the church and (2) the message to Nineveh. In other words, we have the message of Elijah and also the message of Jonah." - Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 8, p. 11. Therefore, you can see that the titles of Joshua, Elijah, and Jonah, messengers of the covenant (Answerer Book 1, pp. 78,79), are progressive titles of God's Present Truth messengers.

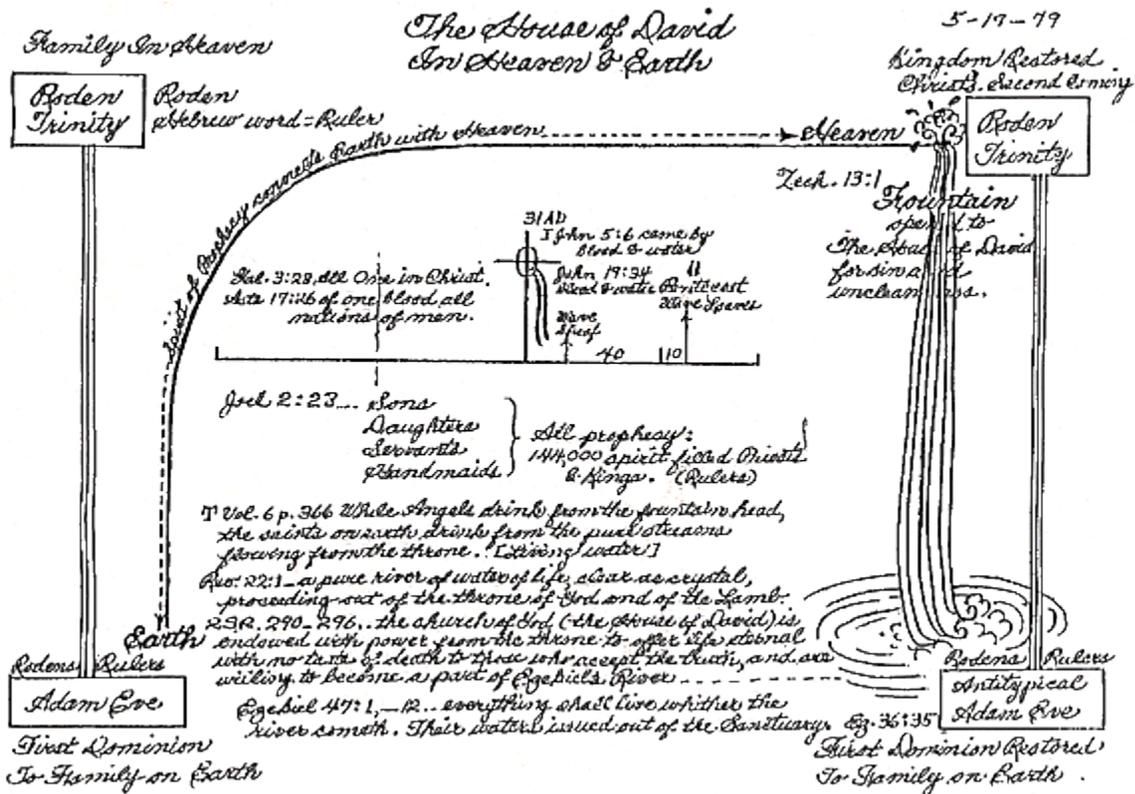
May God's blessings attend your efforts to receive the Spirit of Truth and be comforted!

Sincerely yours in the name of "another" comforter IN HIS NAME, Jesus, The Branch, HE, The Lord Our Righteousness,

(Sr.) Benjamin L Roden, in the message of The Branch, She, The Lord Our Righteousness

BLR:pdj





## LIVING WATERS

May 25, 1979

Dear Kingdom-bound Saint:

We are continually praising the Heavenly Trinity for the knowledge of the Holy Spirit now shining more and more upon our pathway to the Kingdom! "The dispensation in which we are NOW living is to be, to those that ask, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit....It is the time of the latter rain (healing waters of truth), when the Lord will give (is giving) largely of His Spirit (the Holy Spirit She, The Lord Our Righteousness, Jer. 33:15,16)."-T.M. p. 511,512. Praise the Lord that the healing fountain (latter rain of truth) (Zech. 13:1) has been opened to the House of David (The Branch He church) by The Branch She, the Holy Spirit, Whose messenger, Sister Roden, joined Brother Roden (David) in 1977. "In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch (She-LIR) of righteousness to grow up unto David (BLR)...and this is the name (Branch HE) wherewith SHE (the Holy Spirit and Her messenger) shall be called, (THE BRANCH SHE) the Lord our Righteousness." Jer. 33:15,16.

What wonderful revelations we as a people have received! And what great things we are going to do in the power of the Spirit for the Heavenly Trinity! As Jesus was revealed to the Jewish nation, so in our day Jesus revealed Himself to Brother Roden as the Mighty Angel of Revelation 18:1, The Branch, He, The Lord our Righteousness Who was "raise(d) unto David (BLR)." Jer. 23:5,6.

Therefore, with the revelation of The Branch He messenger in 1955, and The Branch She messenger in 1977, there emerged the House of David, with a male David, Brother Roden, and a female David, Sister

Roden, since "Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called THEIR name ADAM (Mr. Adam and Mrs. Adam, if you please) Gen. 5:2. "Who is the antitypical Adam and Eve that Inspiration declares will finish our first parents' work? Sincerely yours to be co-laborers with TODAY'S ADAM AND EVE, (Signed) Ben L. Roden (and) Lois I. Roden." ---Branch Monthly Letter, July, 1978. Just as Eve was called "Adam," so today's Eve is called "David." This is a simple equation, and easy to understand. In common usage, both men and women are referred to in such words as "mankind," and "his." For instance, "let everyone bring HIS book to class," etc.

"It is evident that the noun, men (see Acts 17:30, John 12:32, Ezek. 9:4, John 1:7) is a collective Biblical term of both men and women. The same is true by CREATION, for, God made the woman of the man. Therefore, she is a wo-man. Again in Gal. 3:28 we read: 'There is neither male nor female: for ye are all ONE in Christ Jesus.'

"Since there is no difference between either sex in Christ, then we see that WOMEN as well as men can be KINGS and PRIESTS .... In the beginning God created both the man and the woman equal, as king and queen. 'And God blessed THEM, and God said unto THEM, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have DOMINION .... Note that the dominion was given to THEM BOTH. However, after they sinned, a change was made: 'Unto the woman He said.....thy desire shall be to thy husband, and He shall rule over thee.' (Gen. 3:16). So, after the woman sinned she fell under the government of man. BUT THAT WHICH EVE LOST BY DECEPTION, SHALL BE RESTORED BY REDEMPTION. Thus AGAIN the EQUALITY of BOTH shall be established as KINGS AND QUEENS."-The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2, pp. 168,169.

"It was the duty of Adam AND Eve to replenish the earth with saints and to bare rule (TWO RULERS) over all the earth. Obviously this work (the type) HAS NOT YET BEEN FINISHED antitype), for not all on earth is yet under subjection to man (and 'Eve') as God intended.'-Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, no. 6, pp...11...Adam's crown (showing him King) and his bow (Eve-Queen) 'call to mind the OFFICE' 'tilled' by God at creation, ONE OFFICE, but in TWO EQUAL PARTS. King Adam and Queen Eve. 'And they shall be ONE flesh.' Gen. 2:24." Letter, July, 1978.

Since there is only one latter-day king, or shepherd, promised in the prophecies (i.e. Ezek. 34:23; 37:20-24, Jer. 30:9, Hosea 3:5), and since we have come to the "TIMES of restitution of ALL things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began," (Acts 3:21), then it is inconceivable to imagine that the latter-day king would be without a queen since in God's original creation of King Adam he was just one half of a whole, the other half being Queen Eve, "ONE OFFICE, but in TWO EQUAL PARTS." Again, it is easily seen that just as there

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was King and Queen Adam ("called THEIR name Adam," Gen. 5:2), so today antitypical David ("the visible king and Christ the invisible King...constitute the 'ensign,' and 'to it shall the Gentiles seek..."-Tract 8, p. 47), who is also the antitypical Adam, holds a two-part office, one being the male part, the King, and the other being the female part, the Queen. Thus it is that the latter-day David is the "simple means" (Ibid. p. 71) that "He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness" (Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300). This "work of righteousness" is the same as that of "today's Adam and Eve, Ben L Roden, Lois I. Roden" (Letter, July, 1978). Reread this letter!

"Roden means 'ruler' in Hebrew .... Furthermore, if we consider that 'rod' refers to David and 'en' means 'out of,' we will see that the two, 'Rod' and 'en'-Roden, REFERS TO A RULER 'OUT OF' DAVID. Still further, his name, 'Roden,' discloses that (in antitype) he is of the house of David--the 'ruler,' or Roden, according to the Hebrew definition .... In printing ...en... (is) a space HALF as wide as an em; used as a unit of measurement. An 'em.... used as a unit of measure of printed matter ....(is) commonly used as a standard of measurement.' Webster. Therefore, by adding two 'ens' together we have one 'em,' a standard of measurement. Since the name 'Roden' means ruler, then by taking the 'en' of the name Roden (or ruler), Heaven's representative on earth, and joining it with 'En' of the Great Ruler (or Roden in Hebrew) in Heaven,

the Son of God, we have an 'em' on earth--God's standard of measurement for all printed matter."-The Man on the White Horse, pp. 43, 52, 44, by Ben L. Roden.

There are three Great Rulers in Heaven--the Trinity, if you please! Three Rulers, Three Rodens: a Family of Rodens, or Rulers! Let us think a little bit, and see how simple the whole picture becomes! Adam and Eve were made in "the image of (Christ) and glory (Holy Spirit) of God" (1 Cor. 11:7). Adam (Rod-EN: 1/2 space) and Eve (Rod-EN: ½ space) were the first RODENS in the flesh, and representatives of the Family of Rodens in Heaven! Likewise, "if we consider that 'rod' refers to David and 'en' means "out of," we easily conclude that the Trinity is also not only the House of Roden, the Rulers, but the House of David! Further, Adam and Eve, as the earthly rulers or Rodens, were also the BEGINNING of the House of David, the human family, a BRANCH of the Heavenly House of David! Zechariah was shown this very same truth, when he was inspired to declare that "the house of David shall be as God" (Zech. 12:8). The House of David at creation was "AS GOD" before they fell into sin, and now in these "times of restitution of ALL things" (Acts 3:21), the House of David will once again be "as God"--perfect, sinless!

Webster's Dictionary says that the suffix, "EN," is used to form the plural of some nouns. Therefore, the proper name, Rod-EN (Hebrew for ruler), would indicate the plurality of the Trinity (three Rulers or Rodens), as well as the plurality of the representatives of the Trinity. Webster says also that 'EN' is a FEMININE suffix. Again, this would not only indicate the feminine part of the Trinity or House of David (Rodent in Heaven, but also the feminine part of the House of David (Roden) on earth. No doubt this is what Inspiration meant when It declared that "Each member or the Triune Godhead (Rom. 1:20), having His personal Representative on earth to the church, each having Inspiration ....having the three members of the same family (Father, Mother, Son) as envisioned in Eden (Gen. 2:8,22;3:15) .In 1888 we had a faint shadow or a symbol, of the Three Inspired individuals in the church AT ONE TIME, in the persons of Mrs. Ellen G. White, Elders Wagoner, and Jones ....Since they WERE NOT ALL OF THE SAME FAMILY, the father, the mother, and the son, the work was hindered and the progress of the reformation halted in 1888 .... Nevertheless, 1888 pictures, in a marked manner, that which is to obtain in the FINAL restoration (A FAMILY OF RULERS-RODENS, THE HOUSE OF DAVID) in these last days."-The Daily No. 2, p. 6, by BLR.

Summarily, then, with 'en' forming plural nouns (such as ox-EN: male and female), Rod-EN illustrates the plurality of the Trinity--Father, Mother, and Son; and with the 'en' being a feminine suffix, the name Rod-EN illustrates the femininity of the Trinity--the Mother, the Holy Spirit.

After nearly six thousand years, it is without doubt a Divine Coincidental Providence (in the ultimate!) that a family has arisen by the name of "Roden, (which) refers to a ruler 'out of' David, or in other words, from the house or lineage of David. Still further, his name, 'Roden,' discloses that (in antitype) he (and she) is of the house of David--the 'ruler,' or Roden, according to the Hebrew definition."--The Man on the White Horse, p. 52.

To restate in a simple, yet powerful way the abundance of proof heretofore presented, let us quote the "Sincerely yours" closing parts of the May, 1978, and July, 1978, Monthly Letters. May 1978: "Sincerely yours to 'hear the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride,' (Signed) Ben L. Roden (and) Lois I. Roden." "the voice of the bridegroom" is the voice of Christ, The Branch He, Great Ruler (or Roden) as heard through Ben L. Roden from 1955-1978; the "voice of the bride" is the voice of the Holy Spirit, The Branch She, Great Ruler (or Roden) as heard through Lois I. Roden since 1977. The July, 1978, Monthly Letter expresses the same truth through another symbolism: "Sincerely yours to be co-laborers with TODAY'S ADAM AND EVE, (Signed) Ben L. Roden (and) Lois I. Roden." "Adam" or Ruler-Roden, and "Eve" or Ruler-Roden, "ONE OFFICE, BUT IN TWO EQUAL PARTS."

Now we may understand Jeremiah 33:17 in the light of the foregoing revelations! "For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." The typical David lived, as we know, along with most all of mankind, under the dominion of sin, WHICH BROUGHT A CHANGE TO THE EQUALITY OF ADAM AND EVE, under whose JOINT RULE they originally had dominion over the earth. "...after they sinned a change

was made...He (Adam) shall rule over thee (Eve)." (Gen. 3:15). So, after the woman sinned she fell under the government of man. But that which Eve lost by deception, SHALL BE RESTORED BY REDEMPTION. Thus again the EQUALITY OF BOTH shall be established as kings and queens. Therefore, "There is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus."-The Shepherd's Rod. Vol. 1, p. 169.

The antitypical David reigns in an "era of absolute righteousness, peace, and knowledge of God (in the kingdom)" Tract 9, p. 45. This era of "ABSOLUTE righteousness" is one in which, among other things, the woman "shall be restored .... to equality." Could we imagine a kingdom of "absolute righteousness, peace, and knowledge of God" one in which the woman would be in subjection to man? Of course not! Therefore, since the restoration begins at the head, with the ruler, then, we quickly conclude, the antitypical David is not "half a man," but a whole person because his wife stands by his side as an equal, a ruler, a queen, a female David, his "other half." Even under the dominion of sin the Gentiles call their wives their "other half!"

Since the antitypical David had a wife, Mrs. Benjamin I.... Roden, Brother Roden's death left us with his other half, the female David, the Mrs. David, if you please! The temporary death of Jesus, the Great Ruler, or Roden, Son of the House of David, did not obliterate the House of David, but only brought a temporary void. So today! Brother Roden's death did not bring an end to the House of David because Rod-EN (feminine suffix), Mrs. Roden (Ruler, House of David) is still living and wearing the crown of Inspiration as Eve did in the beginning!

The law of sin and death, the Levitical Law, with its bearded (symbol of sin) priesthood, did not permit women, or non-Levites to be priests. But in the era of the Holy Spirit a new priesthood is instituted, one which permits women to be priests and kings. Paul envisioned this when he declared that "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood (and law), what further need was there that another priest should arise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being CHANGED there is made of necessity A CHANGE ALSO OF THE LAW (Levitical)," Heb. 7:11,12. Notice, Paul says Christ was a priest "AFTER" the order of Melchisedec, not "OF" the order of Melchisedec. He could not be OF the order of Melchisedec, the Holy Spirit, for Melchisedec had no record in the earth. "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life." Heb. 7:3. Christ came in the flesh and His birth was recorded in the earthly sanctuary; His death on the cross in historical record. His earthly lineage was through His mother, not a father, for He had no earthly father. His mother was the Rod (en), David (daughter of David) who brought forth Christ from the tribe of Judah which had no record of attendance (Priesthood) before the altar. Therefore, the Holy Spirit Melchisedec..., Priest of the Most High God, crowned Jesus on the Day of Pentecost INTO an everlasting Priesthood after He died and was resurrected, nevermore to die.

To legalize the priesthood of women "there is made of necessity a change also of the law (Levitical)." Through Christ Who was not a Levite, but of Judah, the priesthood after the order of Melchisedec replaced the Levitical priesthood: "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah, of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that AFTER the SIMILITUDE of Melchisedec there ariseth ANOTHER priest .... called of God an high priest AFTER the order of Melchisedec." Heb. 7:14,15; 5:10. In Christ the transition from the law prohibiting female priests to the law establishing female priests, was made, thus making possible the restoration of the latter-day Eve (Lois I. Roden) to the priesthood and rulership as it was in Eden when Eve and Adam ministered before the Personal Presence of the Trinity. "There is neither male nor female: for ye are all ONE in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:28. "For the law of the Spirit of life (Holy Spirit) in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Levitical Law forbidding female priests)." Rom. 8:2.

To the House of David is opened an healing fountain (the message of the Holy Spirit, The Branch She) (Zech. 13:1), which brings rebirth to the House of David, and turns it into an healing fountain for all peoples: and the stream from the fountain grows into a mighty river which "represents a multitude of saints (men and women) endowed with healing power from the throne of God."-The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2, p. 295. This "healing river" (House of David) "represents the saints (all the saved) from the earth" ([ibid], therefore, ALL the saints, male and female, Jew and Gentile, free and bond, are finally members of the House of David, or Rodens (Rulers) who join with the Great Family of Heaven, the Heavenly House of David, or Roden

(Rulers). "...not only Israel, but the Gentiles also are related to Jesus by birth. Consequently, through Jesus, ALL LIVING SAINTS who receive the seal of Jesus' new name, become the ADOPTED SONS AND DAUGHTERS (of the House of David, or Rodens, Rulers) of God-Branches, Saviours. (Obadiah 21.)"-The Man on the White Horse, p.48. "I will pour out my spirit UPON ALL FLESH; and your sons and your DAUGHTERS (descendants of Jacob liberated by the law of the Spirit from man's rule) shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And ALSO upon the servants and upon the HANDMAIDS (Gentiles) in those days will I pour out my spirit." Joel 2:26-29. In the restitution ALL the saved will be filled with the Spirit---inspired, each with his own gift, as would have been ALL the children of Adam and Eve if sin had not cut off the Spirit's direct communication with them! PRAISE THE LORDS!!! HALLELUJAH !!!

Sincerely yours to become a Roden, a Ruler, a member of the House of David,

Correspondence Secretary

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LIVING WATERS

June 25, 1979

Dear Sister,

How marvelous is the knowledge of the personality of the Holy Spirit! It is so comforting to know that we have an Heavenly Mother! How simple and sensible it is!

Campmeeting time has started, and we are publishing a new tract entitled The Catholic Plan for America. The Catholics have been growing silently in power and are now making a push for the final control of America. Kennedy's health program, the Catholic bishops calling for a Constitutional Convention, at which time our Bill of Rights could be done away with completely, and the majority rule of Catholic congressmen and governors show us where we are in the prophetic picture. But, thank our Heavenly Family, America will not be in the hands of the enemy for very long! Isaiah 19 shows that Assyria (America) will become a part of God's everlasting Kingdom! How great is God's mercy and longsuffering toward the erring!

Our Seventh-day Adventist brethren are hungering for the power of the Holy Spirit to finish the work, and upon this common ground we are able to meet with them as never before, praise the Lords of Heaven!

Last spring when we were in California we had the privilege of speaking to a committee of Adventists representing a large church. Their spokesman said that he could see that the Holy Spirit is feminine, and he published a very positive article in the church paper. Here in Texas the Conference president has appealed to his ministers to have a spirit of investigation toward the Holy Spirit message. Even the S.D.A. sabbath school lessons for next quarter once again stress the Holy Spirit. Yes, the Heavenly Family is working from every angle to save Israel for they are in the "saving business!"

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for the work of very Present Truth! May the Holy Spirit continue to draw you closer to perfection day by day until at last you may be crowned with the gift of perfection that the Gentiles may see your glory and be drawn to the Family above!

Sincerely yours to have a "daily" experience,

(Mrs.) Benjamin L Roden

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## LIVING WATERS

July 20, 1979

Dear Kingdom-Bound Saint:

God the Father, God the Mother-Holy Spirit, and God the Son are so good to their children on this earth, made in Their Image, that we are learning to praise them more and more as each ray of light brightens our upward pathway to the Kingdom with a growing hope of salvation for Their children of all nations!

Campmeeting is in full swing, and we are pleased to share with you the first of three tracts we are publishing for this season. The enclosed tract shows how the Catholics have been growing silently in power and authority waiting for the time "to strike" (G.C. p. 449). However, our wonderful America will not be in the hands of Rome but just a short while until she becomes, as George Washington saw in vision, a part of God's glorious kingdom as shown to Isaiah in Chapter 19:23-25. Isn't this a wonderful promise to share and witness in fulfillment??!!

Some of the workers just returned from the Oklahoma Campmeeting where, although told to leave the campgrounds and stand at the only entrance, a gate, they were able to distribute over 700 pieces of literature and give "standing" studies to those many of varied ages who came to the gate for literature and to find out "what was going on!" As the cars went in and out of the only entrance and exit to the campground, many stopped for a piece of literature. One sister came to the gate looking for her car which was late arriving, being driven by her neighbor, and after hearing a "mini-study" on the gender of the Holy Spirit, said that she understood why her neighbor was late in arriving-so that she could receive the truth of the Holy Spirit! She left with many thanks and a bundle of literature to distribute at her own church. Several teenagers gave their addresses for literature about going to Israel. One bit of humor: the minister in charge of the maintenance of the grounds, and a friend of the Branch minister, came to the gate about 8:30 p.m. when the Sabbath was almost over and requested that no literature be put out on camp, but since the job was finished and the Sabbath over in five minutes it almost appeared that he had waited to tell us until we finished our work! The same minister told the group clustered around the Branch worker that the Sunday law would come in a way quite unexpected by Adventists, and that it would be first a civil law and then a religious law, just as it was in Constantine's time. This truth is exactly what the Branch worker had told the minister the year before at campmeeting!!

Last Spring Sister Roden was invited to speak to a committee representing a large Adventist church in California. After the presentation, the committee spokesman said that he could see the Holy Spirit is feminine, and he published a very favorable article in the church paper. Here in the Texas conference the president allowed the Branch workers to distribute the literature once again this year. If you recall, he gave Sister Roden a hearing last year, and 25 of the ministers attended the hearing at the president's request. The Sabbath School Lessons for the present quarter is about the Former and Latter Rain and the Holy Spirit. A number of books are published by the Adventists about the Holy Spirit, and the main interest at the campmeetings is the Holy Spirit. The Lord is opening up the hearts of the people for the reception of the Holy Spirit message. One Adventist doctor, who has a health retreat in the Ozark mountains, stated that she only recently understood that the Holy Spirit is a Person and not just a power or an influence.

The Branch workers in Australia have been engaged in an extensive literature campaign, traveling far into the heart of Australia to seek out Adventists and leave literature at the churches and obtain names for our mailing ministry. We are now receiving an increase in our mail from Australia as a result. Here are some of

the excerpts from those letters: "Thank you for your courtesy of sending me Sabbath School Lessons. They are a life spring to me in subjects where I am not very clear .... It is very much highly appreciated and I therefore send you a donation." "I have just been reading one of your tracts entitled 'The Urgent Need of the Church' and find it very interesting. On the bottom of the front page are the words 'Special Testimony to the General Conference World Session 1970,' so it would appear that this tract could be anything up to

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eight or nine years old, and it may be that you are no longer in existence as a group or a church or no longer at the address to which this letter is sent. However, if you are still in existence and still hold to the belief that, as Christians, we should be observing the Lord's Supper on the proper Passover day, please get in touch with me and send me any literature you have that you consider could interest me."

From Canada comes this letter: "I wish to learn about your church and your standards and beliefs. Your name was listed in Directory of Sabbath-keeping groups published by The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma. You were listed along with the Seventh-day Adventists, S.D.A. Davidian Congregation, Yahweh, and one or two others listed as teaching the inspiration of Ellen G. White writings. I wish to learn what your church believes, moral standards, and principles."

From Hawaii: "Please send me information on the Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, including a price list of any literature that you sell. How do you people differ from the other Seventh-day Adventist groups?"

From the Philippines: "I am glad you have not dropped my name from your mailing list. Though I have not sent you any help for a long time. Please sister, do not miss our Sabbath School Lessons. Thank you sister and we are looking for our next lessons advance light."

"I need not speak of the joy that filled my heart, nor the ardent longing of soul for a more inspiring message. But to tell you, they became to me as a key for a more thorough knowledge of the Bible and Testimonies. All that was dark, mystical, or obscure to me in the Bible teachings, had been disappeared or dissipated from my mind; and oh how bright and glorious the truth appeared .... With solemn conviction that such events taught in the lessons will be fulfilled in so short a space of time, the thought came home to me with mighty answer regarding my duty to impart my knowledge gained, in view of the evidence that affected my mind I then present my views in private homes. In nearly two years there were tens had been converted as a result of my preaching.

"Therefore, as of now we are forming here a little group bearing the name 'Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventist.'"

It is very interesting to note that when God sends His people a special truth, there is always a corresponding development along the same lines in the secular world. For example, when the truth of the new moon Sabbaths was developing in The Branch movement, the United States was deeply involved in sending men to the moon! Now, with the revelation of the gender and personality of the Holy Spirit, there is a deepening interest and searching for "the feminine side of God" (Newsweek, January 1, 1979). In the campmeeting tract about the Holy Spirit, Sister Roden quotes extensively from this article in Newsweek, entitled "What Mary Means Now." The article is very thought provoking, with such statements as these: "Certainly the times are ripe for an appreciation of the feminine side of all human beings-and of God as well," and "the early Christians had a psychological need to express the feminine side of God, which their Hebrew forefathers suppressed."

According to a recent issue of Spotlight newspaper, President Carter has mobilized 100,000 troops to go into the Middle East to settle the situation. The article states that the American newspapers are keeping this quiet, but that in the Middle East the newspapers are headlining that "Washington wants war." We are reminded of The Branch predictions about the Assyrian overflowing Immanuel's land to take care of his interests, and the Rod predictions that the kingdom will be established in the time of war.

We understand what God is going to do today by the types, do we not? The wave-sheaf in Jesus' day received power, yea, more than power, for they were taken to heaven and returned perfect human beings to reap the 120 first fruit harvest. Do you want to be a wave-sheaf and, if the type is carried out even in the "going to heaven" trip, take a trip to heaven? Wouldn't this be glorious; what more could we ask for for a "vacation!!" Let us fill our vessels everyday with the extra oil of the Holy Spirit that we may be ready to take Heaven's flying saucer should the Heavenly Family design this to be!!

May the glory come to us as it came to ancient Israel as they appeared before the Lord at the hours of prayer (reread Daily No. 2, pp. 1,2).

Sincerely yours to prepare to receive the glory and be presented to the Father as the Wave-sheaf,

Correspondence Secretary

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LIVING WATERS

August 17, 1979

Dear Sister

"When He arose a victor over death and the grave, while the earth was reeling and the glory of heaven shone around the sacred spot, many of the righteous dead, obedient to His call, came forth as witnesses that He had risen. Those favored, risen saints came forth glorified. They were chosen and holy ones of every age, from creation down even to the days of Christ ....Those risen ones differed in stature and form, some being more noble in appearance than others .... Those who came forth after the resurrection of Jesus appeared to many, telling them that the sacrifice for man was completed....." Story of Redemption, pp. 233, 234.

"During His ministry, Jesus had raised the dead to life. He had raised the son of the widow of Nain, and the ruler's daughter and Lazarus. But these were not clothed with immortality. After they were raised, they were still subject to death. But those who came forth from the grave at Christ's resurrection were raised to everlasting life. They ascended with Him as trophies of His victory over death and the grave. These, said Christ, are no longer the captives of Satan; I have redeemed them. I have brought them from the grave as the first fruits of My power, to be with Me where I am, nevermore to see death or experience sorrow." --- Desire of Ages, p. 786.

Since where there is no type there is no truth (Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2, p. 10), here is a beautiful, thrilling type that is soon to be fulfilled (could this be what the "rapture" is a counterfeit of?). Are you getting ready to be among the wave-sheaf soon to be manifested to gather the 144,000?!!

The Pope will be in Washington, D.C. to meet with the President the first of October, and we have a message for the Pope. Please pray for this special occasion!

Recent archaeological discoveries in the Sinai area confirm that the Holy Spirit is the Mother figure of the Trinity. An historical background of the "daily" in the Advent movement has come to light, also confirming Branch teaching. These findings will be shared with you in detail soon. You will be amazed!

We are now able to supply you with as many Shepherd's Rod, Vols. 1 & 2 sets as you wish to order. They are \$14.95 per set, plus postage. Please order them as soon as you can as the supply is limited, but you may order as many sets as you like.

May the Heavenly Family bless and keep you for Their Kingdom! O, Heavenly Ones, may the Kingdom come soon, is our prayer!

Sincerely yours to be one of the Wave-sheaf,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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P.S. Gabriel is the Holy Spirit's representative, and is called by the same name as the Holy Spirit has, just as we are called Christians by Christ's name. Genesis 5 calls Eve "Adam" so Gabriel, a masculine name, is the name of a female (spirit) angel.

LIVING WATERS

August 27, 1979

Dear Sister \_\_\_\_\_:

Thank you for your love of the Holy Spirit message!

We are making definite plans to be in New York for the visit of the Pope! May the Trinity energize all there to be on hand to protest. It is up to the Branch believers to protest as all the other protesters have become quiet.

May the Trinity bless you and yours!

Sincerely yours in the Trinity,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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LIVING WATERS

September 6, 1979

Dear \_\_\_\_\_I:

Praise the Lords of Heaven for the daily impartation of strength to us who are preparing to be one of the wave-sheaf to finish the work in the church and establish the Kingdom of glory and peace.

Recently, a special on television, "No More Vietnams, BUT" outlined the situation in the Middle East, emphasizing the American need of oil, the use of oil by the Arabs to press us into recognition of the PLO, etc. Watching this news documentary reminds us of the truths brought forth by Brother Roden regarding the Assyrian overflowing the land of Israel to take care of his oil interests. The time is near and the situation growing worse, much worse than is reported by the press. According to the Spotlight newspaper, the Arabs

will have the hydrogen bomb by the end of the year, and the strong implication is that it will be used to bring about a Palestinian state.

We continue to prepare for our New York trip to the United Nations where the Pope is to speak October 2. We are revising the Masterplan for America for wide distribution in New York and Washington, D.C., where the Pope will be October 6 to see the President.

May the Heavenly Trinity help us to prepare for the troublous times just ahead!

Sincerely yours to prepare,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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LIVING WATERS

September 18, 1979

Dear Sister

"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the MOTHER of all living." Gen. 3:20. "She (Sarah) shall be a MOTHER of all nations." Gen. 17:16. "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" John 19:26,27.

In a recent daily worship study, these scriptures were discussed, and it was brought out that Sister White was the mother of all the dead; Mary is the mother of the Christian church, and the antitypical Eve (see flood chart) is the mother of all the living. It is easy to understand that Mary was the mother of the Christian church for she was the first one who knew about the coming Messiah since the angel spoke to her and told her!

The Mother of us all is the Holy Spirit, even the "Jerusalem above" of Whom Paul speaks: "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the MOTHER of us all." Gal. 4:26. In Revelation 3:12 we have three names brought to light: "the name of my God," the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem," and "my (Jesus) new name." Simply, God, the Father, God, the Mother, Jerusalem, and God, the Son, Jesus! We know that Jerusalem is the Bride, so Jerusalem is feminine, and Galatians says, "the MOTHER of us all." See how simple truth is WHEN it is revealed! Trying to figure it out without inspiration, however, would be impossible!

With these few thoughts, we send this on to you! We are busily engaged getting ready for New York and Washington, D.C. to protest the Catholic conspiracy. From the news reports, others are protesting along other lines, so the Lord has given us some helpers! Praise the Heavenly Family!

Sincerely yours to protest and not faint,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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## FIELD REPORT, 1979

Atonement Day  
October 1, 1979

At Branch Headquarters, reservations were made weeks ahead for Boston, New York, and Washington, D.C. for a great Literature Evangelism Outreach of Protest against the efforts of the papacy to gain control of America.

Our protest group left September 27 in one car and a truck loaded with literature and arrived in New York on September 29. Sister Roden flew to York on September 29 and joined them at the Pan American Motel, Queens.

We had two exciting days, Sabbath and Sunday, in New York City before going to Boston early Monday morning. On Sabbath we attended the oldest orthodox Jewish synagogue in America, located near Central Park in New York City. After services we distributed literature to the Jewish brethren. The young man in charge at first refused to accept the literature because he said it was the Sabbath, but when we told him it was religious literature he accepted it. After Sabbath we went to the Hassadim (ultra orthodox Jews) section of Brooklyn, where the men wear side curls, fur hats, long black coats, and white stockings. They keep the Sabbath until about an hour after sundown; so since it was still Sabbath to them, they said they could not take the literature because it was a sin to carry anything on Sabbath. Even after sundown some would not accept the literature because they felt we were trying to convert them to Christianity. They could not believe there would be Sunday laws in America, etc. They threatened to slash our tires, kill us, etc., if we did not leave immediately. However, we stayed until literature was put in all the cars up and down the streets, and given to the people directly. The message of The Branch, She, the Lord our Righteousness went officially to the Orthodox Jewish community in New York September 30.

On Sunday the men went to Greenwich Village to distribute literature to the students of the New York University and the many who throng the famous village from all over the country. Many Jews took the literature on their way to the Day of Atonement services. One outstanding experience was when a woman who had been with another couple who took the literature, came back and asked for her own copy. The group stood on the other side of the street and read the literature for quite some time. Later, the same group talked to the men as they spotted them at a stop sign; they were very interested!

We collected newspapers from New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C. and will share with you some of the interesting things from them. In the New York City Daily News for Sunday, the day before the pope arrived, the following item appeared: "WHY THE TRIP? .....Everyone wants to know why Pope John Paul is coming to the United States. What is he up to? What's the MASTER PLAN behind the DRAMATIC PAPAL trip to America? ....THERE IS NO MASTER PLAN." This article by a Catholic priest brought smiles to us as we prepared to distribute The Master Plan for America, or what we call "The Pink Slip for the Pope." We are sending the priest one!

Originally the plans were for the New Bedford believers to cover the Boston visit of the pope, but because literature shipped three weeks before had not arrived it was decided that we would all go to Boston with our literature and give it out all together.

OCTOBER 1, 1979, WAS AN HISTORIC DAY FOR AMERICA. THE DAY THE POPE ARRIVED TO CAPTIVATE THE CONSCIENCE OF PROTESTANTISM, THE VOICE OF FREEDOM from every captive of tyranny and oppression in Catholic dominated countries of the world.

But to those who were honoring the God of heaven and earth it was a HOLY FAST DAY, Yom Kippur, truly a historic day to the people of God, with its foundation rooted and grounded in the Word of God—a day of judgment for the church and the world.

On Monday, October 1, the Day of Atonement, Brethren Houtman, Sylvia, Reedy, Bariteau, and Ormsby from New Bedford, Massachusetts joined with Sisters Roden and Matteson, Perry and Mary Belle Jones, and sons,

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Timothy and Daniel, from New Mt. Carmel Center, and Doug Mitchell from California, to protest the coming of the pope and the ever increasing aims of the papacy to control America, by the distribution of thousands of Branch Leaflets (In the Beginning, The Master Plan for America, The Energy Crisis, and Constantine to Carter) on the Boston Commons (park in central Boston) where 400,000 people gathered for the pope's first official mass in history in America held on public grounds and paid for largely by public monies.

As the "hawkers" sold their souvenir buttons, flags, and pictures of the pope, and thousands of Catholic and other "sight-seers" poured into the Commons, the Branch literature evangelists distributed the literature as fast as their hands could move. With the TV cameras all around, and reporters roving everywhere, we do not know as yet to what extent our efforts were publicized; one brother's literature efforts were well photographed by a cameraman, while some of the sisters were interviewed by reporters. Again, as thousands poured out of the Commons, literature went rapidly despite the downpour of rain, until the allotment of literature for Boston was exhausted and the "crew," drenched to the skin, but praising the Lord for "mission accomplished," left for New York City, the pope's next stop in America.

In New York City on Tuesday, October 2, the pope spoke to the United Nations, and we were busy outside distributing literature all around the United Nations plaza where the crowds were gathered to see the pope when he emerged from the UN. After the pope left and the crowds dispersed, about eight van loads of policemen were parked at the curb resting, and so we gave most of them literature. The NYC policemen were very friendly!

On the sidewalks and in the subways of New York City, in between appearances of the pope, we also distributed literature. On Wednesday afternoon the pope, just before departing for Philadelphia, held another mass in Shea Stadium in Queens section of New York City. The subways brought most of the 80,000 who came from various Catholic parishes in a wide area. Despite the rain, we quickly used up our quota of literature and had some interesting experiences. Coincidentally, because we were dressed in dark colors and conservative, and because the nuns do not wear the traditional habits as they used to, we were often called "sister," and, once, a brother was called "father." Of course, this didn't hinder our work any, and we tried to be broadminded about it! After all, we were wearing a pin that said, "We are praying for you, John Paul" (and we were!). At a stop light in a street passing the stadium, a piece of literature was given to a driver who later returned because he said he wanted to see who it was who had such nerve to pass out such literature right in the lion's territory!

On Thursday, while the pope was in Des Moines (where Brethren Friesen and Doyle spent hours distributing the literature to a crowd of 400,000 gathered for the pope's mass, as well as at the university), we made the day a special project for the United Nations employees. Arriving before 8 a.m. in the morning, we were quickly informed by a policeman that city law forbade our distributing the literature at the gates to the United Nations, but that we would be allowed to do so at either end of the United Nations Plaza (which is about three blocks long). We stationed ourselves at either end of the Plaza and distributed literature to quite a large number of the reportedly 5,000 who work at the UN. It was obvious as we met the people going to work that they were from many different nations; it was very interesting! At one end of the Plaza is what is called the "Isaiah Wall." It is a high wall with scripture from Isaiah 2 about the nations beating their swords into plowshares.

Friday, while the pope was in Chicago, we arrived in Washington, D.C. to prepare for the pope's final visit on Sabbath and Sunday. These were very full days for us, and we praised the Lord that the weather was

nice. Sabbath the pope spoke at the Catholic cathedral in downtown Washington, D.C. and we were there in full force, along with banner-carrying nuns protesting the pope's refusal to allow nuns to participate in the mass (you may have seen this demonstration on TV). They asked Sister Roden to wear one of their arm bands in protest. While we were passing out literature, the nuns were demonstrating, and the TV cameras were turning. One nun said that it was very simple to understand that the Holy Spirit is the Mother figure. Following the pope to the White House in the afternoon where he was received by President Carter, we surrounded the White House, giving out literature.

Many important people from various segments of American life attended the White House reception for the pope, and many of these accepted our literature as they came out of the White House gates after the reception.

The Washington Post stated that "The pope from Rome met the president from the United States .... in a brief ceremony both splendid and simple that marked the END of two centuries of history. Until that moment, Catholic pontiffs never had been received officially by American chief executives .... John Paul II and Jimmy Carter each carefully noted the significance of that moment when they stood side by side at a podium looking out over the crowd of...invited guests. 'It gives me great joy to be the first pope in history to come to the capitol of this nation,' the pope said .... The President hailed the pope as a pilgrim of peace who has won the hearts of Americans ....'This historic day,' he (Carter) said, 'calls forth such a feeling as we mark another milestone in the long intertwined history of our country and its faith in God the president lightly touched on the historic traditions that have kept the spiritual leader of the world's Catholics and the temporal head of the American government officially apart .... The meeting of these two men symbolically joined together two distinct groups ---the world's largest organized religious body, representing some 700 million people, as well as earth's smallest city-state, the Vatican...

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..and the United States .... The president said they had discussed the future in their meeting and that they 'share a belief that the church must in no way be confused with the political community...But he went on, they had also spoken about 'opportunities we might pursue together.'"

The foregoing article shows that PROTESTANT AMERICA IS CLASPING HANDS WITH ROME!

Sunday was the last day for the pope in America, and it was a big day for Branch protesters, too! Sunday morning the pope was at the Catholic Trinity College center, where an ecumenical prayer meeting was held with the heads of the Greek Orthodox, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, and other churches participating personally with the pope. Literature was given personally to several of these leaders, including many nuns and priests. At this time, one of President Carter's personal bodyguards drove up and parked by one of the brethren and asked him what kind of literature he had. Upon receiving the literature, the secret service man sat in his car and read it with seeming interest. The man said that the presidency was just a figurehead. He said that he could not give the president any literature as it was not permitted. While some were distributing literature at -Trinity College, Sisters Roden, Matteson, and Jones went to the First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. to see if they could make contact with President Carter. The security was too rigid, but some of the secret service guards for the president were given literature and all the people standing around as well as the church members received it.

The Washington Mall was the site of the pope's last mass, and we were there with the last of our protest literature. Approximately 175,000 people attended, and the literature went quite rapidly! This means that approximately 150,000 single pieces of literature had been given out in Boston, New York City, Des Moines, and Washington.

With the pope's visit ended, we turned our attention to Seventh-day Adventists. Monday we called the General Conference Office in nearby Takoma Park, Maryland, and learned, providentially, with no doubt, that they were beginning their annual Fall Council the next day, with representatives from all over the Adventist world! Preparatory to the meeting, we paid the General Conference a visit and distributed literature to all coming and going into the various General Conference buildings, as well as the parking lots

and streets. Almost everyone was very cordial, and we had opportunity to speak briefly with several Conference men on the streets as they were holding pre-session meetings that day. We attended the opening meeting on Tuesday evening, and heard the new president, Neal Wilson, appeal to the delegates seated in the Takoma Park church, to finish the work. President Wilson emphasized following "light from heaven" and also how a woman brought victory to ancient Israel in the stories of Deborah and Jael, and, of course, both points hit home to Branches!

On Wednesday we again attended the Sessions and asked President Wilson for a hearing. That afternoon Sister Roden had a private meeting with Elder Wilson in which she was able to speak personally with him about finishing the work of the Third Angel in a Loud Cry to the world and of our part in it. Their meeting was very cordial! Sister Roden told him of our literature ministry and of our protest of the pope and his program for America, and she offered him our services to help distribute Adventist literature designed to warn America. President Wilson set up a hearing on Thursday with a committee of General Conference officials for Sister Roden to speak briefly of the means by which Branches could help the General Conference brethren finish the work.

On Thursday afternoon, after a lovely dinner in the 10th floor dining room of the new General Conference building which we featured on one of our campmeeting tracts, we met with the committee in the main General Conference building at 2:30 p.m. for an hour. The committee consisted of Elder Dower, Secretary of the Ministerial Association, Elder R.R. Bietz, Elder Zurcher, Secretary of the Euro-Africa Division, and Elder Delafield. Associate Secretary, E.G. White Estate. Sister Roden presented a study on the typical seven year harvest period in Christ's time (the "one week of Daniel 9:27"), emphasizing the difference between the power in the THIRD MONTH and the TRUTH IN THE FIRST MONTH as set forth in Joel 2:23 of the former and latter rains, and in the just completed Adventist Sabbath School quarterly. The brethren listened quietly, and some took notes. The study and the brethren's comments and questions were taped by Sister Roden, and we will have copies to send you very soon. The brethren were impressed by Sister White's statement in Great Controversy, pp. 399, 400, that "In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service," along with the rest of the related material on pages 399 and 400. The committee did not controvert Sister Roden's statement that the message of Revelation 18:1 had been rejected in 1888 (she cited the Sabbath School quarterly which brought this out recently). The brethren's main objection was the emphasis on time, and they quoted the usual statements trying to support their position. Sister Roden's answer to this position is found in Revelation 10:4,11. She has prepared a tape showing the great importance of time FUTURE from Sister White and how Sister White herself said that the message of Revelation 18:1 would come at the "right time, and Revelation 14:8 would be repeated future from 1844. Sister Roden, did not, then, however, have time to present an answer regarding time to the brethren as they had to rush to the afternoon general session. They said that they would give a report to Elder Wilson and let him take it from there. We are waiting for his answer. Sister Roden told the brethren that her study before the four did not constitute a hearing before the General Conference, and that what she did present was a very small part of her message. Three of the four brethren gave us their addresses

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for literature to study our position further. Brother Doug Mitchell heard one of the committee remark in the hallway afterward that the study was presented in a sweet spirit.

The following Sabbath was spent in Salem, South Carolina, at the home of Glenn and Rose Green, who are Davidians. We attended the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist church where Sister Mary Belle Jones was invited to play accompaniment for a special and Sister Roden was invited to have closing prayer. Before closing, Sister Roden announced that she would like to share with them the literature that we gave out on the east coast and a tape of the study given to the General Conference brethren. Brother Green invited the Davidians to his home for a 3 p.m. meeting to hear our experiences and the study given to the General Conference committee. A few came and some were impressed with the message of the Holy Spirit and the emergence of the wave-sheaf. We also visited with Don and Marilyn Adair, who are making The Shepherd's Rod, Vols. 1 and 2 available to all. They stated they would study the points with which they were unfamiliar in the message of the Holy Spirit.

We were pleased and surprised to learn that Davidians are presently focusing their attention on Ezekiel's river prophecy (Ezek. 47), and Brother Houteff's code on Nineveh and Jonah (Symbolic Code Vol. 11, No. 8), both of which are now more clearly understood in the message of the Holy Spirit. As we found common ground with the Seventh-day Adventists on the Holy Spirit, so we found common ground with Davidians on Ezekiel's river and Nineveh and Jonah! Then, too, we found common ground with the nuns who want equality!

As Branches we cannot fail to give credit to all the Davidian groups who are publishing the works of Brother Houteff and making them available to the public. In this they are doing a good work!

Since our return from the east coast, we received the following interesting and enlightening letter. "My Dear friends: Read your pamphlets from the Washington, D.C. area and wanted you to know that they were a delight, a real scream. I enjoyed most of all your blurbs about Senator Kennedy and the Catholic plot to dominate America. If you keep such a policy you serve the cause of conservative and traditional Catholics and for that we thank you. I don't know how you keep up with politics, but you, if I may say so, must have your head in the sand. Anti-abortionist and conservative Catholics find Kennedy (as well as Senator Daniel Moynihan) to be troubling political figures. No truly traditional Catholic would ever give their support to these a-la-carte Catholics, even if there was nobody else to vote for. The only Roman Catholics who support such 'safe politicians' are the ultra-liberals and, thank God, their numbers are not that significant. Most of Kennedy's supporters come from the left of center and leftist Protestant population. Moreover, don't you know that Senator 'Ted', while saying that he is personally opposed to abortion, consistently casts anti-abortion votes because of his liberal beliefs? You people surely fail to understand the Catholic faith and the political mentality of such as us. None of us will ever have political power because it is impossible to be a true and orthodox Catholic and exercise political power through any political office. Only those who abdicate or tone down their Catholicity to become 'safe' ever become a power on the political scene. Our power, my friends, is a power that is not physical or material but it is still able to change men's minds and hearts. It is the power of the Holy Spirit and it is being poured out to all religious denominations, not just Catholics. This is the power you must fear for it inspires men to abandon sinful practices and to become sons of God. I pray that you, too, will see the light and reconcile yourselves with the Lord God."

Research in the Baptist Baylor University library produced some interesting comments on the pope's recent trip. 'But this will be the first time for a Roman Catholic pontiff to visit the White House. It is interesting that the visit comes in the presidency of a Southern Baptist. A few years ago such a visit by the Pope of Rome to the White House would have brought forth a deafening cry of protest from Southern Baptists-especially if the president had been a Catholic. But now there is silence. It is difficult for Southern Baptists to protest the pope's visit to the White House when the elected officers and denominational leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention have been frequent visitors to the White House. Southern Baptist familiarity with the White House could lead to compromised position on separation of church and state. What will Southern Baptists say if a Roman Catholic is living in the White House and the Roman pope comes for a visit and says mass in the White House?'-The Baptist Standard, October 3, 1979. "The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has voted to support a lawsuit filed by the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. and the American Civil Liberties Union against the city of Philadelphia for its announced intention to pay for a costly altar where Pope John Paul II celebrated mass October 3. --"Washington Bureau, Baptist Press. "The Massachusetts legislature passed and Governor King signed a bill declaring October 1, the day of the Pope's arrival in Boston, a holiday, to be observed by the closing of all public schools...The U.S. Postal Service announced that it would issue special 'handstamp pictorial cancellations' ....These church-state problems were created .... by politicians and bureaucrats who either do not understand or do not care to adhere to the constitutional principle of separation of church and state."---Church & State. October 1979.

We give credit to all who raise a voice of protest against the totalitarian rule of the coming papal apostasy in America. The winds of strife are fast loosening against the people of God in whatever communion they find themselves. Therefore, O Church of God, let us press together upon a solid immovable platform of truth, the Three Angels Messages repeated, that we may stand in the presence of God Who sends His Angel to lighten the earth with Her Glory!

LOIS I. RODEN,  
President of the General Association of Branch Davidian Seventh-day Adventists

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LIVING WATERS

November 8, 1979

COPY OF LETTER TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Thank you for your courtesy to us during our recent visit to the General Conference!

We appreciate the fine spirit in which we were able to meet together in our brief presentation.

Separately we have mailed you literature, and respectfully request that you write us your observations after you have had opportunity to prayerfully study them.

In the earthly sanctuary service, the glory of God was manifested at those times when the people met God at the sanctuary at the time of the daily, or hours of prayer at 9 and 3 (Ex. 29:39-46). So today as we meet God at these holy times, which the beast power changed (Dan. 9:27), the glory will come upon God's people anew that they may give the Loud Cry to the world. Just as the glory was upon the heads of the 120 at the hour of prayer, 9 a.m. the "daily," in the former rain, so, soon, the glory will cover God's prepared ones at the time of the daily, in the third month, in the latter rain of power.

It is our prayer that Sister White's prophecy will soon come to pass: "Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to UNITE his voice with the third angel .... This message seemed to be an addition to the third message JOINING it..."-Early Writings, p. 277.

We see before us a special work to be done .... The fourteenth chapter of Revelation is a chapter of deepest interest. This scripture WILL SOON BE UNDERSTOOD in ALL ITS BEARINGS, and the messages given to John the Revelator will be REPEATED with distinct UTTERANCE."-Review and Herald, October 13, 1904 (Reprinted in Review and Herald, July 12, 1945).

There is a definite time---a set "time for this most solemn work to begin. Revelation 14 IS TO BE REPEATED, and understood in all its bearings (Ps. 102:3).

"...the MESSAGE of prayer of the fourth angel, of Rev. 14:15."---Spiritual Gifts, vol. 3, p. 23.

"And ANOTHER angel (after the third angel) came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle and reap: for the TIME is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped." Rev. 14:15,16. Notice this fourth angel has the TIME for the harvest (judgment) to start for the living.

"The message of Revelation 14 announcing the FALL of Babylon, must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since THIS MESSAGE FOLLOWS THE WARNING OF THE JUDGMENT, it must BE GIVEN in the LAST DAYS, therefore it cannot refer to the Romish Church, for that church has been in a fallen condition for centuries. Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation, IN A MESSAGE WHICH IS YET FUTURE, the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon."—Great Controversy, p. 383, 1889 edition.

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"In doing this work we are sounding the first, second, and third angels' messages, and are thus BEING PREPARED FOR THE COMING OF THAT OTHER ANGEL (message) from heaven who is to lighten the earth with his glory?"-Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 406.

"The SECOND angel's message was to go to Babylon (the churches) proclaiming her downfall, and calling the people to come out of her. THIS SAME MESSAGE IS TO BE PROCLAIMED THE SECOND TIME. 'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.'" -Testimonies to Ministers, p. 59.

"God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy was about to send a MESSAGE of warning to arouse them from their stupor .... This WARNING is brought to view in Revelation 14. Here is a THREEFOLD MESSAGE REPRESENTED as proclaimed by HEAVENLY BEINGS ... This message is declared to be a PART of (not all) the 'everlasting gospel.'" -Great Controversy, pp. 311, 312.

"I have been shown that the Lord is REVIVING the LIVING, POINTED TESTIMONY, which will develop character and PURIFY the church." -Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 216.

"I am often referred to the ten virgins, five of whom were wise and five foolish. This parable has been and WILL be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time." -E.G. White, Review and Herald, March 13, 1947 Reprint.

"What time is here referred to? NOT TO THE REVELATION of Christ in the clouds of heaven .... No; but to His RETURN from His ministration in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary .... This is the TIME of reckoning with His servants" -Testimonies, vol. 2, pp. 190, 191.

These statements plainly show that there is another coming of the Lord to His temple; and whether you believe that now is the time for the fulfillment of these prophecies, nevertheless, you can easily see that they will be fulfilled to the very letter before Jesus comes in the clouds when every eye shall see Him.

Since you have been so busy, brethren, with Autumn Council meetings, I have been careful not to urge these things upon you. But because of the profound importance of this message to the church, I humbly beseech you by the mercies of our Lord Jesus Christ that you grant me a hearing before the brethren. Since General Conference is composed of our brethren from all over the world, they should have the opportunity to be present at these meetings that their judgment may be exercised; therefore, I submit my request to be heard at the General Conference Session in 1980.

The Lord says: "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the SET TIME IS COME." Ps. 102:13.

Sincerely yours for unity,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden, President

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LIVING WATERS

November 15, 1979

Dear Sister \_\_\_\_\_,

Praise the Lord for a successful trip to and back from the east coast!

It was nice to see you and Sister Mitchell once again, and we are sorry, too, that we could not be together more.

We are receiving some very interesting letters from the east coast as a Brethren from Canada and England are planning to come to New Mt. Carmel Center next spring, and will attend the Seventh-day Adventist World Sessions in Dallas to help distribute literature to the representatives who are to be there from all over the world.

Thank you for your prayers!

May the Heavenly Family bless and keep you for Their Kingdom!

Sincerely yours to progress with Truth,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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LIVING WATERS

November 26, 1979

Dear Sister,

As you have learned from the Report sent recently, we had quite a trip to the east coast at the time of the pope's visit! Some very interesting letters have been received as a result of this trip, and, of course, only time will tell the true impact made!

It is indeed amazing how much proof is coming to light regarding the feminine part of the Godhead. Recently, a copy of a televised TV program in Los Angeles was sent to us by the producer to whom we had sent our literature. The script brought out the feminine gender of various Old Testament words, and emphasized the growing trend that there is a feminine aspect of the Godhead. In a recent issue of a leading archaeological magazine, an article told of an astounding find of a pottery shard in Israel dating back to Old Testament times, on which an inscription spoke of the "consort" of God.

Praise the Heavenly Trinity, the evidence is mounting, and, as the producer of the TV program wrote us, "In time, and it will take time, this (feminine part of the Godhead) will become a part of our thinking."

Branch believers from England and Canada plan to be here next Spring to help us in our literature campaign at the World Session of the General Conference at Dallas. We are thankful that it is close by. It has always been a long distance to the World Session in past years (we attended the first one in 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio), and now it is a little over 100 miles away. This will enable us to attend in full force the whole session. May the Lord's will be done.

We mailed you tapes which you have probably received by now and are enjoying; we are happy that you enjoy the tapes and will be getting some more!

May the Heavenly Family give you peace and joy!

Sincerely yours to endure to the end,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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LIVING WATERS

November 27, 1979

Dear Kingdom-bound Saint:

The Quadrennial World Session of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Dallas, Texas, at the Convention Center, April 20-26, 1980. Pre-sessions will be held April 16-19.

Here at Headquarters we are preparing for this Session with the publication of several tracts in very large quantities of 100,000 each to distribute at the Sessions, which will be attended by Adventist believers from all over the world.

Branch believers from Canada and England have written to us of their intention to be here to help with the literature evangelism outreach at the General Conference Session.

We have begun preparation at New Mt. Carmel Center for the publication of the literature, as well as preparing places for our visitors to stay.

In a series of business meetings last week, the workers and residents of New Mt. Carmel Center pledged themselves to an all-out preparation and readiness program for the Sessions in Dallas by getting New Mt. Carmel Center ready for the visitors, and by raising funds to purchase an addresseograph and a folding machine, which have been greatly needed for a long time. The addresseograph machine addresses envelopes automatically once the address plates are made, and saves retyping tens of thousands of names over and over for every new mailing. The folding machine will do the work of many people as it folds the literature automatically. It also has an attachment for automatically stuffing envelopes.

With the continually growing mailing list and the demand to inform not only our Adventist brethren, but the world, these machines must be obtained to keep up with the pace of the work.

The workers and residents at Headquarters have pledged to help obtain the machines. We are writing you to invite you to join with us in this important project. Some are making pledges of an amount weekly, or monthly, according to their income, while others are making large single donations. Whatever each one is

able to do is between them and the Heavenly Family, Who will guide each one to do what they are able. The cost of both machines amounts to \$10,000. We have raised \$3,500 thus far.

With conditions .in the world what they are and with the light shining upon us regarding the Holy Spirit and 'Her work these past two years, the time has come for Gods people to sell their property and move out of the large cities. Some are in process of doing so at this very time!

May the Trinity guide and direct each one in the pathway of faithful obedience at this serious hour, and may we all receive the Spirit's truth of the Latter Rain that we may have the power!

Sincerely yours to go forward together,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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## LIVING WATERS

December 26, 1979

Dear Sister

"The 'women' here referred to are doubtless 'Aholah' and 'Aholibah' (Ezek 23), the figurative names of Judah and Israel. Here is described their dispersion among the Gentiles, the punishment which they were to bear.

"Verse 15---'Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.'

"Here we are told that the people are to be among the Gentiles, and the land remain desolate until the Spirit be poured upon them from on high. THEN WILL THEY RETURN."---Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, Rev. No. 33. p.7.

"....the pouring of the Spirit MARKS THE PEOPLE'S DELIVERANCE." ---Ibid.

Here is proof positive that the Spirit is poured out upon God's people while they are yet in the wilderness! This is a wonderful promise, and "nigh at hand!"

O, Heavenly Father and Mother, help us to endure to that time, we pray!

Sincerely yours to claim the promise,

(Mrs.) Lois I. Roden

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