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INTRODUCTION

Many years ago (1950-1953) I noticed a publication distributed widely throughout the Southland called *Bible Readings for the Home*. It was published by some outfit called Herald and Review. Later I found *Sunday School Lessons for the Home* published by an outfit called The Pacific Publishing Company. And a little later I noticed that the pictures I had found in these publications matched the works of a publishing company called simply The Southern Publishing Company.

Two things impressed me at once. The first was that the colored pictures in some of these publications were the airbrush work of a man who painted large billboards for the Coca-Cola company. The second thing was that in the “Bible Readings” I learned that Jesus Christ was never going to get a chance to reign on earth *anywhere* for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1–6). Somehow or another, the writers of Isaiah 2, 11, 65; Amos 9; Zechariah 14; and Revelation 20 had gotten Jesus Christ confused with Satan. *It was Satan who was going to reign 1,000 years on earth (Rev. 20:1–5) during the Millennium.* John had been deceived into thinking that the “pit” (Rev. 20:1) was not the bottomless pit; *the EARTH was the bottomless pit.*

I found these books in nine out of ten of the rural homes that I visited in Alabama, South and North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky.

Some “colportage” peddlers had done some remarkable business as door to door “drummers” (American for “salesman”: circa 1880).

The next thing I noticed about these books was the fact that whoever was publishing them was afraid to tell you the name of the church they belonged to. Concurrent with their doctrinal contents (and matching them) was a weekly broadcast called “The Hour of Prophecy” conducted by their church. I found out, later, that it was the Seventh-day Adventist Church, coming from the old “Seventh Day Baptists” of the Cumberland Valley Revival (1800–1850). Their “leading light” was Ellen White, a demon-possessed female.

Then, between 1953 and 1963, I gave considerable attention to the doctrinal teaching of these Seventh-day Adventists. I discovered, for example, that Jesus Christ’s death did not cover the MORAL commandments written on Moses’ tablets (see p. ix). It only covered the *ceremonial* laws that God gave Israel. I then learned that the White Throne Judgment began nearly a century ago and the “**dead, small and great**” (Rev. 20:11–14) *were NOW being judged there*: it was just being done where nobody could see it!

Things went from bad to worse when I learned that Satan bore my sins (not Jesus Christ) because he was the “**scapegoat**” (Lev. 16), not Jesus Christ. If I had ever had any intention of taking this crew seriously when I began to study their literature I repented whole heartedly by the time I had read less than one-tenth of it. As young as I was in the Lord (five years old spiritually by the year 1954), I could see that the Jewish Sabbath was a CEREMONY given as a SIGN to Israel (Ezek. 20:20). It was NOT a “moral” commandment like “**Thou shalt not kill,**” “**Thou shalt not steal,**” “**Thou shalt not**

commit adultery,” etc.

I also observed that God not only placed a ceremonial command in the midst of some moral commandments but placed moral commandments in the midst of ceremonial commandments (Lev. 19:29–32). Paul said a believer was justified **“from all things”** THAT HE COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED **“by the law of Moses”** (Acts 13:39–40). That meant **“all things.”** A distinction between “ceremonies” and “moral conduct” was not made. Christ redeemed us from the CURSE of the LAW (Gal. 3:13), not just ten commandments on stone or some set of ceremonial observances.

And of course I could see (as anyone else could, with an IQ of 70) that the White Throne Judgment was no more taking place now than the Marriage of the Lamb. So here I will show you why I remained a Bible-believing Baptist instead of becoming a “Seventh-day Adventist.”

A Major Theological Blunder

I often wondered why nobody, through fifty chapters in Genesis, ever observed any “Sabbath.” After reading in Genesis 2:2–3 that God **“blessed the seventh day and sanctified it,”** it seemed strange that He never mentioned it to ANYONE *in the entire book*. I heard a Seventh-day Adventist say one time that “Jesus Christ Himself never mentioned Sunday even one time.” He was perfectly oblivious of the fact that God, Himself, never mentioned the *Sabbath Day* to Adam, Eve, Abel, Seth, Noah, Enoch, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Reuben, Gad, Dan, Naphtali, Asher, Levi, Simeon, Joseph, Benjamin, Rebekah, Rachel, Esau, Ishmael, Ephraim, or Manneseh ONE TIME in the 2,500 years that took place between Genesis 3 and Exodus 11. *None of them observed the Sabbath*. None of them kept the “sanctified” day of rest that God made. One Seventh-day Adventist told me the Sabbath was “eternal” because God MADE it before the fall.

He forgot to tell anyone that God didn't reveal it to ANYBODY until 2,500 years after the fall.

A slight miscalculation in chronology if you ever ran into one, buster.

To bolster his ignorance, this same character said the proof that it extended from eternity to eternity (*although no one fooled with it for 2,500 years!*) was that it would be observed in eternity, after Revelation 20. Again his memory failed him. The Sabbath is NOT “one of the Big Ten” in the New Testament Pauline epistles. Not ONCE does Paul tell ANY Christian to observe the Sabbath, and he purposely *omits it* from the “Big Ten” when he lists them in Romans 13 (see Rom. 13:8–9). The **“any other commandment”** (see vs. 9) is NOT the Sabbath. He even warned New Testament Christians about letting Judaizers judge them for not observing the Sabbath (see Col. 2:16). This same forgetful character told me that after the cross CHRISTIANS **“rested the sabbath day according to the commandment”** (Luke 23:56). THERE ARE NO “CHRISTIANS” IN LUKE 23 IN ONE VERSE IN THE CHAPTER OR THE BOOK.

Every *Jewish disciple* in Luke 23 (male or female) is an Old Testament, law-abiding, temple-attending (see Acts 3:1), pork-abstaining Jew, and if he was a male he was circumcised and sported a beard. The word **“Christian”** is a reference to *GENTILE DISCIPLES OUTSIDE THE LAND OF PALESTINE* (Acts 11:26), and the term **“Christian”** does not show up in your Bible until the gospel has gone outside *Jewish territory* (Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria: Acts 1:8). There is not one born-again believer placed into the Body of Christ (see Eph. 1–2; John 3; 1 Cor. 12) by the Holy Spirit anywhere in Luke 23:56 or Luke 23:55 or Luke 23:54 or Luke 23 or Luke 24 or Luke 22 or Luke 21 or the twenty chapters preceding Luke 21.

My Seventh-day Adventist teacher had “lost his marbles” somewhere during his studies.

Now, this muddled-up, anti-Christian mess came from one simple failure, and the

failure was absolutely inexcusable on the part of any professing Christian who could read sixth-grade English with, or without, glasses. The “teacher” had either forgotten to read Nehemiah and Ezekiel, or else he had read them and then forgotten what they *said*, or else he had read them and then LIED about their *contents*. In Ezekiel and Nehemiah you were told WHAT the Sabbath was—no Seventh-day Adventist will tell you what it IS, only what it *represents*. (Some pretend that it is “**the Lord’s day**” of Revelation 1:10, but that is just someone daydreaming. “**The Lord’s day**” is called “**the day of the Lord**” more than forty times in the Bible, and not once does the “**day of the Lord**” refer to Friday or Saturday on anyone’s calendar.)

The Sabbath is said to be a “**SIGN**” (Ezek. 20:20).

“**The Jews require a SIGN**” (1 Cor. 1:22).

Their nation began with SIGNS (Exod. 4:28–30).

The “**SIGNS**” began with Moses (Exod. 4:8).

So the keeping of the Sabbath is revealed to Moses (Neh. 9:13–14).

It was Moses who wrote Genesis 2:2–3.

This means that no one from Adam to Moses had any idea of keeping any “day of rest” in *any* week. And this explains why no Old Testament saint for 2,500 years paid anymore attention to it than Pharaoh or Nimrod. The Adventist was so anxious to prove the Sabbath was “eternal” he forgot that Moses wrote Genesis more than 2,500 years *after the events described there took place*. Until that time (1500 B.C.), no one kept the Sabbath; they weren’t even told what it was or what it was for. “Eternity” broke for a 2,500 year “breather.”

Now, this is a major theological error that completely destroys the entire system about to follow. The Sabbath is so typical (and purposely) JEWISH that the Lord said it was a SIGN between Him and the children of Israel (Ezek. 20:20). There is not one word in the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation that says the Sabbath was (or is) a sign to *any* CHRISTIAN, let alone to a Gentile. The Gentiles who will keep the Sabbath *in the Millennium* (Isa. 56:6) and *after Revelation 20* (Isa. 66:22–23) are NOT Christians. And after Revelation 20, “**all flesh**” would exclude all Christians for Christians will have been just like the Lord Jesus Christ for more than 1,000 years before Isaiah 66:22 takes place. “**All flesh**” does not include “**the angels of God in heaven**” (Matt. 22:30). The Adventist evidently does not think he himself will come up in the resurrection (Matt. 22:30)! “**Flesh and blood**” do not inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Cor. 15:49–55).

When the Adventist quoted Isaiah 56:6–7 to prove that Gentile Christian *in the Church Age* should keep the Jewish Sabbath, he completely ignored God’s “**HOUSE**” in the passage: it is the *TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM* (see Isa. 2).

I heard one of these idiots say that “**strangers**” who had joined Israel in the time of Moses (Exod. 20)—the “**mixed multitude**” that came out of Egypt (Exod. 12:38)—had to keep the Sabbath too. Of course they did. *They had joined the nation of Israel*. The same thing was true of all of the proselytes to Judaism found in Acts 19:1, 8, 18:1, 4, 16:4, 9–10, 13, 15:21, etc. The poor blind fool thought that Paul’s missionary work, going to “**the**

Jew first” (Rom. 1:16) in THEIR synagogues, was CHRISTIANS ASSEMBLING SATURDAY IN CHURCH BUILDINGS!

There are no church buildings in the New Testament.

Once the first major theological blunder is made, the whole structure collapses.

Once you refuse to believe that the Sabbath was a ceremonial observance given to Israel as a SIGN by Moses in 1500 B.C.—and he was the author of Genesis—you force the born-again Christian back under the Mosaic Law (see the warnings about these Judaizers in Galatians and Colossians) and thereby deny the New Testament revelation of New Testament salvation. To “cool it” a little, the modern, lying Adventist says that all Sabbath breakers are not “lost,” but the old timers (1800–1970) said they were. *In the Old Testament they were stoned to death* (Num. 15).

So here we approach another religious Nut House to sample the doctrinal goofballs. With the Palestinian Sabbath nine hours off of the American Sabbath, we have a nation of Sabbath breakers (*professing* to observe the Sabbath *by going to church on Saturday!*) violating the instructions for traveling on the Sabbath (Acts 1:12; Exod. 16:29), for cooking on the Sabbath (Exod. 35:3), and for working on the Sabbath (Num. 15:33), and then setting up a different Sabbath by failing to observe the first nine hours of it and then observing it nine hours beyond its close. *This is Seventh-day Adventism.*

All of the clowns are not in the circus.

The Great Sabbath Breakers

The Seventh-day Adventists have broken the Lord's "Sabbath Rest" somewhere around 9,000 times apiece since Ellen G. White began to publish her nonsense. It is not just a matter of being *nine hours off* on ONE day; it is a matter of being *24–96 hours off* every other year for nearly 100 years. You see, the Bible Sabbath did NOT fall on Friday (6 p.m.) to Saturday (6 p.m.) every year, not even every other year. Ellen G. White followed Constantine and the Roman calendar in these matters. Having declared that Sunday was the first day of the week (March 7, A.D. 321), Ellen G. White *assumed* that God and the Bible had to adjust the Sabbath to *that day*, so they adopted Saturday as the *seventh day of the week*. This aligned them with *Constantine*. Somewhere down the line the poor, deluded woman forgot that the *Bible calendar* for all Jews is a 30-day-month calendar, and the year (Lunar year) has *360 days* in it: *not 365*. The gross stupidity on Ellen's part produced a whole denomination of self-righteous Judaizers who thought if they went to a church building on Saturday they were observing the biblical Sabbath. *There was no biblical Sabbath on Friday or Saturday every year at anytime between Adam and Jesus Christ.*

When discussing these matters, the Adventists write "Can we know WHAT DAY is the Sabbath?" The "answer" the poor fools give is that the "seventh day is the Sabbath," and since a Jew says that day is Saturday and *Webster's Dictionary* says it is Saturday and the *World Book Encyclopedia* says it is Saturday, then it has to be Saturday.

One of these prevaricating con men asked "Would God say '**remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy**' if it was impossible to find out what day to remember?"

Of course not. It would be possible to find out what the seventh day was *if you were an Old Testament Jew who received this revelation at Mt. Sinai in 1500 B.C.* That is where he quoted the verse from (Exod. 20:8). *The con man just didn't give you the location of the verse he quoted so you would be deceived by the Devil.* That is why God never told ANYONE from Adam to Moses to "remember the Sabbath." Not one being on earth, including Adam, Seth, Abel, Noah, Enoch, Nahor, Terah, Abram, Lot, Isaac, Jacob, et al., could have known the seventh day was a "Sabbath" to the Lord or anyone else. *It wasn't revealed to Israel until Mt. Sinai.* That is why all Adventists avoid Nehemiah like the Black Death (Neh. 9:13–14).

"No change has ever affected the weekly sequence" (quotation from an Adventist tract distributed at the University of West Florida, 1997). Guess again, stupid. The *Jewish Passover* falls on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through a period of twenty years and is so listed IN EVERY POCKET SIZE APPOINTMENT BOOK ON SALE ON EVERY STORE COUNTER IN THE WORLD. The *Sabbath* followed the *Passover*.

If the women "**rested the sabbath day according to the commandment**" (Luke 23:56), it was Sunday or Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday or Friday or

Saturday, depending upon the Jewish biblical calendar of 33 A.D.

Ellen G. White adopted Constantine's Gentile time, as found on a Gentile calendar, to prove someone ought to attend CHURCH SERVICES on Saturday. *Nobody attended church services on Saturday in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, or Romans–Philemon.* All Jews went to the temple—and *NOT on the Sabbath*—and they attended synagogues, which are *not* Christian churches by the wildest stretch of the pagan imagination. Ellen G. White was nuts. Just as nutty as a pecan pie.

Now, if the Adventists had been any kind of students of either the Bible or history they would have given up Ellen G. White to the sharks. One of them (a man by the name of Froom) wrote an excellent book called *The Prophetic Faith of our Fathers*, but somehow, while writing this very detailed history (four volumes), he failed to notice the Easter controversy between the Roman Catholic Church and the Celtic churches of ancient Britain. Their antagonism was due to the same problem that Rome had with Constantinople and the Syrian churches (A.D. 190–202). You see, the Antiochan Christians (Syria: Acts 11:26) did not observe the Lord's Supper and the Passover (see 1 Cor. 5:7) *on the same day every year*. They know what no Adventist knows now: that the Passover sometimes fell on our modern Monday, sometimes Tuesday, etc. Constantine and Rome wanted the date *fixed*, so they set up two permanent *lies* for Christians to believe: ONE, THAT SATURDAY WAS THE BIBLICAL "SEVENTH DAY" OF THE WEEK, AND THAT CHRIST WAS CRUCIFIED ON FRIDAY.

I have met several Adventists who kept repeating: "Jesus Christ Himself never mentioned SUNDAY even one time."

He never mentioned SATURDAY "one time" either.

See how these birds operate? Omissions: see Eve in Genesis 3:2 and Satan in Luke 4:10.

From an Adventist tract: "Sunday always comes after the Sabbath." *Not according to every Jewish date for the Passover recorded in every "memo" book sold on five continents.* "Because Jesus never mentioned Sunday the Holy Spirit will not teach it." That is why the Holy Spirit will not teach SATURDAY: *He never mentions it.* "Because Jesus never mentioned Sunday the apostles could not have taught it." And since He never mentioned SATURDAY the apostles certainly did not teach THAT either.

You see, it is funnier than a barrel full of monkeys. One Adventist teaches that "Sunday cannot be a part of the New Covenant because it BEGAN after the blood was shed...After death you cannot add to a covenant." The verse he gave to prove this piffle (which he called "an amazing fact") was Galatians 3:15. Galatians 3:15 has no more to do with anyone's days of worship or "Sabbath" than it has to do with the Wall Street market or Slick Willie. He trusted you wouldn't look up the verse. We *did*, as usual. The "covenant" in that passage was to a man WHO NEVER KEPT ANY SABBATH ONE DAY IN HIS LIFE: Abraham. The "covenant" had to do with promising the Gentiles a salvation by faith, without water baptism or *Sabbath observance* (see Gal. 4:21, 5:11, and 6:13).

When a man messes with that Book, God messes with his mind.

So here are these pious hypocrites *pretending* that the biblical way of keeping the Sabbath is by attending a church service on Saturday, when *Saturday is found nowhere in either Testament*, where the “amazing facts” record a 360 day year (see Rev. 11:2–3 and Gen. 7:11–8:3–4), and where the “Sabbath” falls on any *one of seven* different days every year and no Seventh-day Adventist ever kept ONE of them unless, on *that* year, the “Sabbath” happened to fall on Friday–Saturday (6 pm to 6 p.m.).

All Seventh-day Adventists are *Sabbath breakers*—habitually and continually.

The Mark of the “Great Pumpkin”

Linus, Lucy, Charlie Brown and Co. used to wait up at night every year around Halloween time to see if the “Great Pumpkin” would ever show up. As far as I know he never did. Certainly Calvin and Hobbes never ran into him.

At any rate, I have been waiting for over forty years to find an honest Seventh-day Adventist who actually spoke up publicly for what he really believed. The Great Pumpkin never showed up. To this day, all of the Seventh-day Adventist literature (and even their weekly broadcasts) pretend that they are simply “Christian” mouthpieces or “Bible student” mouthpieces or “students of prophecy” mouthpieces, and so forth. But I spent several years studying all of the works published by *Review and Herald*, and I discovered an amazing thing. After one of them said that “All Sabbath breakers are not lost”—they better thank God they said *that*, since that includes their church!—they all claimed *that Sunday observance was the MARK OF THE BEAST* (Rev. 14:9). In a tract put out here in Pensacola, a little lying pip-squeak says (on page 14) that the people who do not worship the Beast (Rev. 13) *are the people who observe Saturday instead of Sunday*. He links Sunday worshipers with the “**Son of Perdition**” by quoting 2 Thessalonians 2 (p. 16) and then claims that none of them have their names in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Rev. 13:4, 8). Having stated clearly that if any man worships the Beast or receives his mark (see Rev. 14:9) the man is *permanently damned* (see Rev. 14:10–11), the author of the tractus *slyly omits fourteen words from Revelation 14:9 so you will not connect the MARK with the man’s damnation*. He then omits ALL of verse 11 that mentions the “mark” again.

Why was this done? Because, according to all of Ellen G. White’s works, the “mark of the Beast” is *Sunday observance* of the resurrection, Pentecost, and the weekly assembly of the New Testament Christians (see Acts 20:7; John 20:1; and Acts 2:1. Pentecost was the first day of the week (the fiftieth), not the Sabbath.

So what happened to this zealous bunch of fanatics between 1900 and 1990? Their original position was that *a Christian had to keep all of the Decalogue to be saved*. They no longer teach that. The original position was the Mark of the Beast (Rev. 13:16–18) *was going to church on Sunday instead of Saturday*. They no longer teach that. The original position was that all Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Anglicans, Catholics, and Presbyterians were *LIARS* (1 John 2:4) because they kept NOT “**his commandments.**” They no longer peep about such matters. The Adventists are the world’s greatest backsliders; they number among the most cowardly professing Christians who ever showed up on this earth.

The Great Pumpkin who came to the University of West Florida (UWF), in 1997, went so far as to say: “Thus, the Book of Revelations contains a global message to earth’s billions at the time of the end [he had no idea what the “time of the end” was] to worship the Creator [he cites an ANGEL who doesn’t say one word about redemption, salvation, grace, faith, or the new birth (Rev. 14:7)] and to keep His sabbath **INSTEAD OF**

WORSHIPPING THE BEAST.”

There are no Church-Age Christians in Revelation 14.

A system of faith-and-works is in effect (see Rev. 14:12, which he forgot to quote) in Revelation 14.

Any sinner could observe the Sabbath and still take the mark, name, or number of the Beast (Rev. 13) *at the same time*, and many WILL (see Dan. 11:33–36).

The “time of the end” is the END of the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:13–14), *NOT the Church Age*.

You couldn’t have been told more lies in one breath, or found anymore lies wrapped up in one parcel than what this Adventist just said. He didn’t have one straight bone in his body. Every passage the Great Pumpkin quoted (Dan. 7:9, 13, 22, 25; 2 Thess. 2:3–4; Rev. 13:8, 12, 14:12) dealt with a time where saved Jews and Gentiles *are separate groups* (Rev. 7) **OUTSIDE** the Body of Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Cor. 12:13 and Gal. 3:28), and **“the gospel of the grace of God”** (Acts 20:24) *is NOT being preached*, and an angel—*contrary to everything Paul said about angels preaching* (Gal. 1:8–9)!!—is preaching a faith-and-works message (see Rev. 12:17, 14:12, 22:14).

Replete Babel. Total confusion. An absolutely ghastly misinterpretation, misreading, misrepresentation, and perversion of the entire New Testament. *That* is Seventh-day Adventism.

The Great Pumpkin was simply doing what all Campbellite elders and all Charismatic tongue blabbers have done for years. He has tried to talk every brand new Christian out of his faith and belief in salvation by convincing him that unless he goes to church on the right day he is LOST. (The Charismatics use “tongues” and the Water Dogs use water to prove the same thing.) Then, to sell his bill of goods, he said, “Are all Sabbath breakers lost? Of course not!”

The uniform teaching of the Seventh-day Adventist church since Ellen G. White (1827–1915) has been that Sabbath breaking is the MARK OF THE BEAST. You can take it and NOT be lost? *The Scriptures say if you take it you will be lost* (Rev. 14:10–11). Choose sides. Take your pick.

Born-Again Christians

Meeting In Synagogues

The synagogue (Acts 17:2) was a Jewish expedient, *without any Scriptural authority or command behind it*, which arose during the Intertestamental Period (400 B.C. to A.D. 90). *The temple* was the God-ordained meeting place, and it was formerly the “**tent**” or “**tabernacle**” (see 2 Sam. 7:6; Exod. 39:40; 1 Chron. 9:19; Isa. 16:5; Acts 15:16, etc.).

No Jew in the Old Testament “assembled” in a synagogue to “worship.” And no *Christian* in the New Testament assembled in a synagogue to worship. A church building is *not* a synagogue. In spite of this, all of the Adventists have actually kidded themselves into thinking that New Testament Christians observed the Jewish Sabbath because PAUL WENT INTO SYNAGOGUES TO PREACH TO UNSAVED JEWS. The references quoted by all of these apostate Judaizers are Acts 13:42, where the Gentiles are just as LOST as the Jews, and Acts 16:13, where some Gentile women who have been following Jewish religious customs are meeting for prayer on the Sabbath. All proselytes to Judaism (see Ananias, Acts 9, Cornelius, Acts 10, the Ethiopian Eunuch, Acts 8, the centurion, Luke 7:5, and other Gentiles, Acts 2:10) would have observed the Sabbath as LOST or SAVED SINNERS BEFORE THEY HEARD THE NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL.

The Eunuch returning from Jerusalem was not a Christian. Cornelius (see Acts 11:14) was not a Christian, and Lydia and the Philippian jailor had never heard Ephesians 2:1–6; 1 Cor. 15:1–6; or John 3:16 till Paul preached to them. But these are the “Christians” who “kept the Sabbath” according to all Adventist literature. They even go so far as to use Apollos’ disciples (Acts 19:1–4) at Ephesus as examples of Sabbath-observing, synagogue-attending “Christians.” NOT ONE OF APOLLOS’ CONVERTS WAS SAVED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT SENSE UNTIL PAUL GOT AHOLD OF HIM (Acts 19:4). *There were no New Testament Christians in the synagogue in Acts 19 where Paul went to preach.* He went there to CONVERT UNSAVED JEWS (see the same thing in 18:1, 4 and 17:1–3). Believe it or not, the Adventists think that a converted Jew going into a Jewish synagogue on the Jewish Sabbath to reach *unsaved Jews* for Christ (see Rom. 9:2–3 and 1 Cor. 9:20–21) is defining *WHERE and WHEN New Testament Christians are to go to church!* You couldn’t find a more depraved mentality in the Menninger Clinic (Topeka, Kansas).

No child of God has anymore business “meeting for worship” in a Jewish synagogue than he has meeting in a grease pit at a gasoline station. The apostates say: “The New Testament churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, and Ephesus were all Sabbath keeping churches made up of Jews and Gentiles who believed in Christ Jesus.” Chapter and verse? Not *one* verse in the epistles to the Philippians, the Ephesians, the Thessalonians, or the Corinthians: not *one* verse. All the verses were taken out of Acts *BEFORE any church was started* at Philippi or Corinth or Ephesus or Thessalonica (see above). Adventists will lie like a Persian rug.

Now, these poor, ignorant “Bible teachers” sooner or later betray their real spiritual

condition. We have already seen how no Adventist has any grasp whatsoever of THREE books in the Bible: Matthew, Acts, and Revelation. His ignorance is phenomenal. This being true, watch what the Adventists say about Acts 17:30–31. Here we are given: **“At the times of this IGNORANCE God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent...”** Do you know what Ellen G. White and her Girl Scouts did with *that verse*? They said that it was a reference to Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Catholics, Lutherans, Pentecostals, etc., *not understanding the Jewish Old Testament Sabbath!* They then say that since “knowledge is now increasing” (!!) about the Sabbath that all should “repent” and go to church on Saturday.

“The times of this ignorance” in Acts 17:30–31 was a reference to the worship of OTHER GODS, PICTURES, STATUES, AND “RELICS,” exactly as you found it in Acts 14:15–17. *The Sabbath was not remotely connected with ANYTHING in either passage.* Read both passages. *Read them.* Look at Acts 17:29 where the antecedent to **“the times of THIS ignorance”** is found. No Sabbath is mentioned within five verses of the passage, before or after it.

That is Seventh-day Adventism. The main reason I am not a Seventh-day Adventist is because I study the Bible a few hours every week.

I have known for forty-five years that every time a Church-Age Christian (of any denomination, in any decade of church history, for 2,000 years) got fouled up in the Scripture, he got fouled up in Matthew, Acts, or Hebrews. All three of these New Testament books are “transitional books.” In the first one, you are going gradually from the Old Testament to the New Testament. In the second one, you are moving gradually from Israel to the Church, and in the third one, you are progressing from the Church Age into the Tribulation. If a Bible teacher or student “falls” (1 Cor. 10:12) he will fall flat on his face in one of THOSE books.

Watch these Judaizers falling completely to pieces in Matthew and Acts.

“Jesus kept the Sabbath” (Luke 4:16—found in Matt. 4:23).

Of course: He was made **“under the law”** and, as an *orthodox Jew* (**“salvation is of the Jews,”** John 4:22), He had to keep the Sabbath. It was NOT Friday or Saturday every week (or year) of His three and one-half year ministry.

“The Sabbath remains after the cross” (Luke 23:56). Of course it did for all *orthodox Jews*. Every woman “after the cross” in Luke 23–24 was an *orthodox Jew* under the Law. *Simon Peter thought he was still under the Law in Acts 10!*

“The Sabbath remains after the cross” (Matt. 24:20). Blew it again, didn’t you? Everyone in Matthew 24:10–20 was a *JUDEAN Jew living in Palestine*. There was not one New Testament “Christian” anywhere in the chapter, and the Jewish designation for Christ (**“the Son of man”**) is used in Matthew 24, whereas it does not appear ONE time in anything that the **“minister...to the Gentiles”** (Rom. 15:16) wrote in a lifetime.

“The Sabbath remains after the cross” Acts 16:13). What was Paul doing strolling around by a river on the Sabbath when he was supposed to be in his “tent” (Exod. 16:29)? *There were no born-again Christians anywhere near that river.* There was a heathen,

Gentile woman “**whose heart the Lord opened**”—like He opened the hearts of Cornelius and his family (Acts 10:35) *BEFORE ANY OF THEM WERE SAVED* (Acts 11:14).

Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews: that is where the fur hits the fan.

Studying the Bible under a Seventh-day Adventist “Bible teacher” is like studying Gray’s “*Anatomy*” under Jesse Jackson or Nelson Mandela.

Four Sabbaths In Hebrews 3–4

The apostle to the Gentiles, who often adjusted himself to Old Testament Judaism (see 1 Cor. 9:20–21) *in order to reach lost Jews* (see Acts 13:14, 14:1), was careful to *omit* Sabbath-keeping as a practise for any of the Christians to whom he wrote thirteen epistles. He was careful to tell all of them that all Ten Commandments on the tables of stone (2 Cor. 3) no longer had ANYTHING to do with New Testament salvation, and when he warned them about Judaizers who observed the Jewish Sabbath (Col. 2:16) he was careful to let them know that the “Sabbath” he referred to there was the regular, weekly, ceremonial Sabbath and not (as Ellen G. White taught) the “yearly Sabbaths.” When the Adventist hits Colossians 2:16 he flips out completely and is forced to say that the word “Sabbath” there is *not* the one referred to in *the Decalogue*. Having accomplished this abortion, he now must say what Ellen G. White said back in the nineteenth century:

“The Law that was BLOTTED OUT AND NAILED TO THE CROSS (Col. 2:14) WAS NOT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.”

Christ’s blood does not cover murder, lying, stealing, or Sabbath-breaking. That is what you *read* if the fool who wrote it meant what he said. Of course he didn’t mean it; *he just lied again*. So to completely contradict what he just said, the Adventist adds (p. 3): “Jesus died for our sins, one of which is Sabbath-breaking.”

Then the Sabbath of the Decalogue was NAILED to the cross right along with the “yearly sabbaths,” etc. If it wasn’t, John 1:17 is a lie, Acts 13:39 is a lie, Romans 6:14 is a lie, Galatians 3:13 is a lie, and Titus 3:5 is a lie.

Seventh-day Adventists, as Campbellites and Charismatics, have been knocked from “Amazing Grace” into a “Floating Opportunity.” Part of their sins were paid for but not all of them. Sensing that this nonsense makes no sense, a modern Adventist backslides completely and winds up with a *Baptist Plan of Salvation*: “Therefore we cannot be justified or saved by our works of keeping the law” (ibid).

He said *that* after saying that the Mark of the Beast was Sabbath-breaking, and *all of those who received the Mark of the Beast wind up in Hell*. This conditioned New Testament salvation on WORKS. Realizing now that he has screwed himself up into such a corkscrew of inscrutable, unscrewable nonsense, he violates the first, basic tenant of his own religious faith and declares that a Christian can still be saved *after taking the mark and violating the Sabbath*: but “if he LOVES” Jesus, he won’t do it! This is the contemporary “stance” of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

They backslide faster than a toboggan going down a greased chute.

First it was: “If you go to church on Sunday you have taken the mark and are *damned*.”

Then it was: “If you don’t go to church on Saturday you are a *liar* (1 John 2:4), and the truth is not in you.”

Then this progressed (backwards to the Baptist position) to: “If you don’t go to church on Saturday you are **“least in the kingdom of heaven”** (Matt. 5:19).

But now, retreating just as fast as a scared jackrabbit can run, it is: “If you don’t go to church on Saturday *you don’t LOVE Jesus Christ*” (John 14:21).

Blow it out your bazooka, kid (American, circa 1940).

Now, since no Seventh-day Adventist (male or female) since Ellen G. White (1827–1915) till now has ever had enough spiritual discernment to put in the left eye of a blind cockroach, it might “behoove” us to pick up THE BOOK and see what it says about the “first day” and the “seventh day.” We will in the next chapter, but first let us start in a book that is numbered among “the Big Three” (Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews) and observe the first place where Ellen G. White “busted her chops” in trying to pose as a Bible teacher. We will take the book of Hebrews and see where the whole mess started from and how it got so messed up. It got messed up because it dealt with a 1,000-year “DAY,” called **“the day of the Lord,”** that is going to turn out to be a 1,000-year “Sabbath”: a millennial **“rest”** (Isa. 14:7). This “day” was set aside for ISRAEL: *not the Gentiles* (see Psa. 2, 97–99; Isa. 2, 65–66, etc.). The Gentiles, at this time, will be in *subservience* to Israel (see Isa. 66). **NONE OF THEM WILL BE GENTILES WHO WERE SAVED IN THE CHURCH AGE.**

Now, here in Hebrews 3–4, are FOUR “Sabbaths,” just enough to confound every Whiteite on the face of this earth and throw the whole Adventist movement into catastrophic confusion. Not ONE of these Sabbaths is a “yearly ceremonial Sabbath.”

Now, before plunging into the Holy Scriptures to find “the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,” go back to page vi and note that “Bible reading,” carefully, which dealt with the Millennial Reign (the Second Advent) of Jesus Christ. Notice that Ellen G. White gave it to *Satan*. *Jesus Christ doesn’t get to reign on earth in the Millennial Sabbath: Satan gets to reign*. She picked the term “Advent” to link you to prophecies that dealt with the Second Advent of *Jesus Christ*: but then her followers had to flinch for 100 years, after her, when it came to telling their neophytes that THAT ADVENT was *Satan’s advent*, at least where it dealt with a 1,000-YEAR MILLENNIAL REIGN ON EARTH!

You can imagine what is going to happen (after adopting that Satanic perversion of the truth) when you land on Hebrews 3–4, which deals with the original Sabbath of Genesis 2, the spiritual rest of the believer in Christ, the regular Jewish observance of the weekly Sabbath, and the 1,000-year “advent rest” of the earth at the Second Advent (see Isa. 2, 11, 14; Joel 3; Amos 9; Isa. 65; Rom. 8; Rev. 20; etc.).

Here are FOUR Sabbaths: Ellen G. White missed *THREE* of them.

The first one is in Hebrews 3:11, 18. The second one is in Hebrews 4:1–3. The third one is in Hebrews 4:4. And the fourth one is in Hebrews 4:5–9.

Since no Seventh-day Adventist ever had any experience in **“rightly DIVIDING the word of truth,”** he saw no divisions or distinctions between these four DIFFERENT “rests.” A man must **“study”**—the word has been removed from the NASV and the NIV—to rightly divide (the word has been removed from the NKJV, the NIV, and the NASV)

“the word of truth.” If there is one thing that Seventh-day Adventists are *not*, it is Bible students: they are ceremonial Judaizers.

1. In 3:11 the **“rest”** is the rest of the nation of Israel *in the conquered land of Canaan* (see Num. 13–14) which the “men of war” refused. NOTE! The term **“my rest”** used here *is no reference to ANY Sabbath God ever instituted ANYWHERE*, including Genesis 1:1–2 and the **“my sabbaths”** of Ezekiel 20:12–13, 16, 20–21, etc.; and Isaiah 56:4. (Note in Isa. 58:13 the reference is to the *weekly* Sabbath, not some “yearly Sabbaths.”)

Hebrews 3:18 is a reference to the same “Sabbath” as 3:11: REST IN THE LITERAL LAND OF CANAAN.

2. In Hebrews 4:1–3 the **“rest”** is the rest of the believer in Christ who has heard the gospel and believed it by faith (vs. 2). Note it popping up again in 4:10. At the same time, observe that **“the gospel”** preached to **“them”** (vs. 2) was NOT **“the gospel of the grace of God”** *and had nothing to do with salvation*, the crucifixion, redemption, adoption, atonement, the new birth, justification, or remission of sins. (Get *that!* Not one “recognized scholar” on this earth today ever *got it*).

3. In Hebrews 4:4 the third **“rest”** is God Himself, resting in Genesis 2:1–2 after the creation. *This is the Sabbath that was unrevealed for 2,500 years until Moses showed up* (Neh. 9:13–14): note **“thy holy sabbath,”** singular: no “ceremonial yearly sabbaths” are in the chapter).

4. In Hebrews 4:5–9, there is a **“rest”** promised again to ISRAEL as a nation, even though they failed the first time (Num. 13–14; Heb. 3:7–11) back in 1460 B.C. They are going to get another chance after 1948 (!) to go back into the land (see Cyrus’ decree: 2 Chron. 36:22) and **“rest”** (see Isa. 14:7). Since **“one day is with the Lord as a thousand years”** (2 Pet. 3:8), the Holy Spirit is plainly telling every reader of that Bible (*saved or lost—in any country, at anytime in history*) that the *last period of 1,000 years on this earth will be a Sabbath of rest*, which was typified by Genesis 2:1–3. That is why God blessed that day and set it apart (**“sanctified it”**).

And that is where Ellen G. White ripped her bluejeans.

The original Sabbath (Gen. 2) prophesied *the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.*

And that is why no Bible-believing Christian observes it in this age; Jesus Christ has not yet returned.

Since the King of all the Earth (Psa. 47:7; Zech. 14:16–17) was going to be a JEW, God set that day aside for JEWS (Ezek. 20:20). It was His SIGN to Israel (Ezek. 20:20) that permanent blessing and rest would come to *them*, as a NATION, with the ADVENT (hence “Seventh-day Adventist”!!) of His Son.

When the Sun rises (Mal. 4:1–4; Matt. 13:43) on that Day—**“THE DAY OF THE LORD”**—it brings a 1,000-year Sabbath till that **“day”** ends (2 Pet. 3:8). At that time, the Gentiles will ALL have to become *Jewish proselytes* (see Isa. 2; Psa. 2; Zech. 14; etc.) and observe not only the original “Sabbath” (see Isa. 65–66), *but they will have to come to the TEMPLE at Jerusalem* (see Isa. 56:7, **“my house”**) and *pray there* (Zech. 8:21–22; Luke 19:46).

No Seventh-day Adventist knew enough about the future to compete with Jean Dixon or Edgar Cayce.

That is why they major in “prophecy.”

They are stone deaf, mute, dumb, and just as blind as a mole.

Note TWO “gatherings out” of the Gentiles in Acts 15:14, 17. One is in *this age*, where NONE OF THEM KEEP ANY JEWISH SABBATH; and one gathering will take place again *in the Millennium* (see Isa. 2:1–6). At *that* time, they all will have to keep the Jewish Sabbath. No Seventh-day Adventist ever studies ANY Bible long enough to find the divisions and the differences between these two “callings out.”

They cannot “rightly divide the word of TRUTH.”

That is another reason I am not a Seventh-day Adventist.

The First Day and the Seventh Day In the Bible

One does not have to read very far through the Book to understand why we mentioned deafness, dumbness, and blindness. Before we have read two books through (Genesis–Exodus) we find God revealing the FIRST DAY of the week as a holy day *BEFORE He reveals the weekly Sabbath day as a Holy Day*. As you remember (Neh. 9:13–14) the regular weekly Sabbath was not revealed till Exodus 20. But look at the revelation in Exodus 12, which not ONE Adventist was able to locate in over 100 years (literally).

Here in Exodus 12, *BEFORE the Law was given to Moses*, are a bunch of Jews under GRACE. They are going to be saved by “the blood of the Lamb” (see Exod. 12:1–20). Not ONE of them, *nor any of their ancestors for 2,000 years*, ever heard of any “Sabbath” being observed by anybody. No one in the book of Genesis knew anything more about “God’s Sabbath” or God’s “rest” or “the day of the Lord” or “the Lord’s Day” than he knew about the Body of Christ or the new birth. The author of Genesis 2 was not born until every man, woman, and child living in Genesis was *dead*—including Joseph and all of the “patriarchs.” *None of them observed any “Sabbath.”*

Now look at verse 16: **“AND IN THE FIRST DAY THERE SHALL BE A HOLY CONVOCATION....”** Why, a “convocation” is not just a special ceremonial *day*. A “convocation” *is a summons to an ASSEMBLY or a MEETING*. That is what you find in Acts 20:7 in the New Testament, *under grace*. Note that there was also a convocation on the seventh day, in the same verse, but it is an “afterthought,” and it is NOT the weekly Sabbath in Exodus 16:25–30, which ALL of the “Adventists” missed. Note further, that the Jews are to **“abide...every man in his place, let NO MAN go out of his place on the seventh day”** (Exod. 16:29).

This means every Adventist in America (1850–1997) has been *violating* “the Sabbath” every year since he professed to have been *observing it*.

Moses is shown the Sabbath (Exod. 16:25) before he gets the Decalogue, but still it is later given to the JEWS. Here, a **“sign”** accompanies it that has never been given to any Christian: **“angels’ food”** (Psa. 78:25) appearing miraculously in the wilderness. **“The wilderness”** is in the Palestinian time zone—NINE HOURS OFF CENTRAL STANDARD TIME IN AMERICA.

Now turn to the New Testament and see what is going on among a group of Christians in a Body where there is **“neither JEW nor GREEK”** (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28): a body of people who were saved by grace and are no longer under the Mosaic Law (Rom. 6; 2 Cor. 3) or any part of it, since **“the law was given by Moses, but GRACE and truth came by Jesus Christ”** (John 1:17).

They do NOT assemble on the Sabbath in ANY synagogue or even a church building. They assemble on the *first day of the week* (Acts 20:7) and have preaching services (nighttime at that!) on the first day of the week. They also take up their collections on the *first day of the week* (1 Cor. 16:1–2), and when it comes to picking any day out of the

week for a “special” day they are instructed, specifically, to be “**fully persuaded**” about the matter before they choose any day (Rom. 14:5–6). If they want to esteem *Friday* or *Saturday* just like *Monday* and *Tuesday* that is perfectly all right. Read it (Rom. 14:5); don’t be a superstitious, pagan jerk all of your life.

“**Fully persuaded**” means fully persuaded by *someone* or *something*, and if that “someone” is not the Lord it will either be you or the Devil, or one of your friends. The “something” will have to be the Holy Scriptures unless it turns out to be tradition, philosophy, or some silly Bible-perverting female like Ellen G. White. As you can see, by the material in this booklet, the “old wife” (see 1 Tim. 4:7) didn’t know the Scriptures well enough to teach a Daily Vacation Bible Class (DVBS) of ten-year-olds. Anyone who would think that Satan in the bottomless pit (see p. vii) is *the Millennial Reign of Christ*, couldn’t be trusted with a bag of groceries.

Observe that our Lord rose from the dead the FIRST day of the week, *not on the Sabbath*. Observe that the Holy Spirit came down on the church the FIRST day of the week, *not the Sabbath*; and finally, observe that the New Heavens, the New Jerusalem, and the New Earth (2 Pet. 3)—which usher in eternity (Rev. 21)—mark the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK—THE EIGHTH DAY—*not the Sabbath*. The Jews “Sabbath” was the Millennial “Day” (Rev. 20). It is OVER in Revelation 21—22.

Seven is completion, as anyone knows.

Eight is “something new,” as anyone knows.

Eight is an octave up from one. Play any scale on the piano.

The “eighth” day of ANY week is the FIRST DAY of the next week.

Constantine had no more to do with those absolute truths of the Holy Scripture than Ellen G. White or Madam Blavatsky, or Mary Baker Eddy or Emily Cady, or any other “old wife” (1 Tim. 4).

The Roman Catholic messing with the calendar didn’t alter anything you read in 2 Peter 3; 1 Corinthians 15; Hebrews 3–4; Acts 2; Luke 24; Acts 20; Revelation 21–22; 1 Timothy 4:7; Romans 14; 2 Corinthians 3; or Romans 13. It just confused the Adventists into thinking that *every SATURDAY* was God’s “holy sabbath”—the “Lord’s Day.” Ellen G. White went by the Roman calendar which shows the days that we all use now. No Jew from Genesis to Malachi would think of referring to ANY of it. The “Sabbath” God made (and didn’t reveal till 2,500 years after it was made) fell on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; regularly *alternating* for more than 5,000 years.

Every Seventh-day Adventist in America has broken the Sabbath and failed to “keep it” so many times God would have killed him (Num. 15:32–36) fifty times a year if he had been under the Decalogue (The Tables of Stone). I once heard one of these nuts trying to get around starting a fire in his kitchen (to use for cooking) on the Sabbath by saying, “Well the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath” and “the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.” I laughed at him and said, “Ohhh! Oh I see! Well bless my soul, *in that case* I am just as staunch a Seventh-day Adventist as YOU are!”

What he meant to say was “the rules and regulations which God gave concerning the

keeping of the *Jewish ceremonial sign given to Israel* don't really apply to any Christian: *you can worm your way around all of them if you have to.*"

Sure kid. We understand. **"Do thyself no harm: for we are all here"** (Acts 16:28).

I am NOT a Seventh-day Adventist. *I am a Bible-believing Baptist.*

I think Monday and Tuesday are excellent days to "rest in the Lord," worship God, and study the Bible. I also like Wednesday and Thursday. I think Sunday is superior—since everyone calls it the "first day of the week!"—because our Lord arose that day, sent His Holy Spirit to us that day, and He intends to create a New Heavens and Earth on that day. Following Paul's example—*not* Moses' or Christ's—we assemble on the first day of the week, take up a collection, and preach. We are not Old Testament Jews: *we are New Testament Christians.*

Smile! God loves you! Have a good 'un!

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