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FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2021

As many of you now know, we will be having our Feast of Tabernacles via zoom once again. We discussed it here and there is a lot going on both here in California as well as the world. No matter what happens, we will continue Bible Explorations, even if it's not here in Terra Bella. God is in control and knows where He wants the ministry to be so that we may continue to spread His word. Please continue to keep the ministry in your prayers and support.

We already have some great speakers again, and some of these would not be able to be here if it were in person in Terra Bella! So again...God is in control.

We will have Clinton Schultz, Lem Ramirez, Hein de Wit, Wayne Wright, and also Abel Camacho, Dave Baxter, etc. We will have more information and more

speakers and put it on our Bible Explorations Facebook page for those who have facebook. Come and join us in our group! Bible Explorations – Terra Bella.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BibleExplorationMinistry>

Our zoom will continue to be BibleExplorations.com/zoom and our youtube is BibleExplorations.com/YT.

We also have included the 2022 Bible Explorations calendar in this newsletter. It will also be on our website. Our newsletters are also all on our website, BibleExplorations.com

VICTORY OVER THE BEAST AND OVER HIS IMAGE Elder John VanDenburgh

Please notice the following text closely. For in this setting we see the modern end-time courageous saints in heaven at last. Try to see the particulars of their dual belief system. The text is found in Revelation 15:2, 3.

“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark and, over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

“And they **sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb**, saying, ‘Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, thou King of saints.’”

Who gets the victory over the beast and his image?
ANS: Those who sing both the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. Is that what you are doing? Is that not what Bible Explorations is encouraging all to do?

This scene is a prophetic picture of end-time saints. They are the only ones who will face the “beast’s” army of deceived henchmen. They will be the ones who will stick by heaven’s seal and resist the Mark of the beast.

That is why the final angel’s message is brought home to the hearts of so many of you.

For years we have been taught to sing of the Lamb who was wounded for our transgressions; was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Father hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all,” therefore we sing of His love to us:

“Greater love hath no man than this, that He lay down His life for His brethren.”

But only recently have folk scattered over the world begun to take the song of Moses to heart.

“Thou shalt keep therefore His statutes and His commandments which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD [Yehweh] thy God [Elohim] giveth thee forever”.

“And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

“And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:

“And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.” Deut, 32:44-46.

Strong’s #8451 Torah, Decalogue. Pentateuch.

And so, in obedience to His calling, we will “Remember the Law of Moses with the statutes and judgments” that we might receive the power of Elijah to resist and even witness against, the beast and His image.

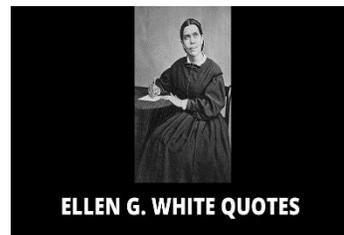
Yes, those who end up victorious over the beast and his image will sing both songs, and in no way do these two songs conflict with each other. One song does not nail the other one out of existence.

One of my favorite quotes regarding faithful saints goes like this: “And they shall be mine sayeth the Lord of hosts in the day that I make up my Jewels.” I believe my prayer is being answered that His precious jewels are beginning to sparkle and will shine faithfully to the end.

Yes, you can be faithful unto the end of this world and therefore you can sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb who paid the price for our sins.

QUOTABLE QUOTES FROM E. G. WHITE

(E.G. White/VanDenburgh)



This one is of very serious concern. It should be read with understanding and a willingness for deep conviction.

“Those who have an opportunity to hear the truth, and yet take no pains to hear or understand it, thinking that if they do not hear, they will not be accountable, will be judged guilty before the Almighty the same as if they had heard and rejected. . . . The Saviour has made atonement for all sins of ignorance, but there is no provision made for willful blindness.” 5 SDABC 1145.

“When a message is presented to the Almighty’s people they should not rise up in opposition to it; they should go to the Bible, **comparing it with the law and the testimony**, and if it does not bear this test, it is not true.” TM 119.

The reference in the above quote is obviously to Isaiah 8:20 which according to Strong’s Concordance should be read: “To the Torah and the testimony, if

they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them.”

“The opportunity to do good may be disregarded and ignored, but obligation rests upon the man who sees his opportunity, and does not improve it. This principle has been clearly defined in the instruction of Christ. He shows that in the last great day every one must stand upon the merits of what he has done OR left undone. RH August 17, 1897

The Scripture I would like to leave with you all is from Acts 24:25:

“But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and the prophets.”

THE FOURTH ANGEL (Elder John VanDenburgh)

The fourth angel’s message will go forward with or without us. It is the Father’s will. He has determined that it will happen, and indeed it will, and is.



(Rev 18:1) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and **the earth was lightened with his glory.**

“There is much light yet to shine forth from the law of God and the gospel of righteousness. The message, understood in its true character, and proclaimed in the Spirit, will **lighten the earth with its glory.**”

Yes, she looked forward to the day when this would be taking place. This “much more” from the law of God is what we are proclaiming. But she also prepared us for what is going on today by way of negative response:

“In the manifestation of that power which **lightens the earth with the glory of God**, they will see only something which, in their blindness, they think

dangerous. Something that will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it.”

And so a clever plan has been wrought so that its proclaimers have to sit like bumps on a log and say nothing. But it is being proclaimed by personal witnesses and by the various ways through the internet. The quote continues:

“Because the LORD does not work according to their expectations and ideals, they will oppose the word.”

And so it is almost impossible to reach the sheep with such an end-time message. However, because of you who throw away your prejudice, step out of the box of resistance and put your money where your heart is, “much more from the Law of God and the gospel of righteousness” is being shared through YouTube, Zoom, our website, etc., into the homes of Christian soldiers that can, and do, circulate the Word. Thank you! The quote continues:

“‘Why’ say they, ‘should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years.’ Because they did not respond to the warnings, the entreaties, of the messages of God, but persistently said, ‘I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.’”

And so it is. Laodicea will be Laodicea. And so she is.

“The saving knowledge of God will accomplish its purifying work on the mind and heart of every believer. The Word declares: “Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh, And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes.”

Then, as all of you know from reading “New Discoveries from Old Manuscripts,” she adds:

This is the descent of the Holy Spirit, sent from God to do its office work. The house of Israel is to be imbued with the Holy Spirit, and baptized with the grace of salvation.” 2MS 22; see also Gen. Con. Daily Bul. 2/28/1893.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

How should we look at the judgments? PP 310

“That the obligations of the Decalogue might be more fully understood and enforced, additional precepts were given illustrating and applying the laws of the 10 commandments. These laws were called judgments . . .”

How should we regard the statutes today? PP 143

“The teaching which has become so wide-spread that the divine statutes are no longer binding upon men, is the same as idolatry in its effect upon the morals of the people. Those who seek to lessen the claim of Gods holy law are striking directly at the foundations of the government of families and nations..”

Are the commandments, statutes, and judgments relative? RH 12/25/1900

“This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments; thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. Thou hast avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in His ways, and to keep His statutes and His commandments, and His judgments, and to harken to His voice. This is not the voice of man; it is the voice of Christ from the infolding pillar of cloud.”

Is the Levitical Law important to me as a Christian? 1SDABC 1110

“We are to become familiar with the Levitical law in all its bearings; for it contains rules which must be obeyed; it contains the instruction that if studied will enable us to understand better the rule of faith and practice that we are to follow in our dealings with one another. No soul has any excuse for being in darkness.”

Some literature calls these laws shadowy types and therefore nails them to the cross. Are they right? RH 5/6/1875

“We were given a detailed explanation identifying these principles of the law. Christ gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern everyday life. These statutes were explicitly given to guard the Ten Commandments. They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ. They were

binding on men in every age as long as time should last. These commands were enforced by the power of the moral law, and they clearly explained that law.”

AND MANY SHALL COME TO ME AND SAY

(Mat 7:21 - 24) Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Important word meanings in the above text.

Iniquity Marginal reading “ye lawless ones”
Strong’s 458 violation of the law.

Strong’s 459: 1) lawless, 2) not subject to the Jewish law.

THE BLOODY CITY

by Ted Schultz

Twenty six hundred years ago the Lord sent the prophet Ezekiel to Jerusalem putting it on notice of its unfaithfulness and judgment that was soon to come. “Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations.” Among the greatest abominations Ezekiel listed was, “That thou has slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them.” Ezekiel 16:1-2, 21.

JUDGMENT SURE TO COME

“Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? Yea, thou shalt show her all her abominations. Then say thou, Thus saith the LORD God, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself. Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.... In thee

have they taken gifts to shed blood.... Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravaging the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.” “And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.” Ezekiel 22:1-4, 12, 27; 16:38.

God gave the people of the nation of Israel the responsibility to address and confront situations where the children were killed. “If the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not: Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.” Leviticus 20:4-5. God was and is very much against the teaching that an innocent child should be offered for any purpose be it atoning for another’s sin or appeasing a false deity. So disgusting and detestable to God was the killing of children that He said that He would set His face against that man and cut him off for closing his eyes to the crime even though he himself was not a participant in the practice. Among seven things mentioned which the Lord hates are “hands that shed innocent blood.” Proverbs 6:17. The apostle Paul said, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5. If we have the mind of Christ will we not love the things He loves and hate the things He hates? Killing an innocent child is an abomination in the eyes of the Lord. “Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; they have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind.” Jeremiah 19:4-5. If killing innocent children did not come from the mind of God, then from whose mind did it come? Is not the unborn child just as innocent as that of the born child? “Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.” Psalm 106:37-38. Of Psalm 105 and 106 inspiration says, “The experience of Israel, referred to in the above words by the apostle [I Corinthians 10:1-5], and as recorded in the one hundred fifth and one hundred sixth psalms, contains

lessons of warning that the people of God in these last days especially need to study. I urge that these chapters be read at least once every week.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 98, 99. It is not just the fact that God’s people sacrificed their children to devils, but the fact that they were shedding innocent blood. For this they would be held accountable. God will call to account those who could have delivered the innocent from death but did or said nothing in their defense. “If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? And shall not he render to every man according to his works?” Proverbs 24:11-12. It has become almost impossible for professed commandment keepers to hide their eyes from the slaughter of the innocent ones through abortion. The church will be brought to account for this sad history just as surely as they were brought to account anciently.

A GLORIOUS PROMISE

While “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23) we have the wonderful promise that “if the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.” Ezekiel 18:21-22. This is a wonderful promise which God wants each one of us to claim.



MODERN DAY MOLECH WORSHIP

Someone may say that no one burns their children alive on an iron idol as they did anciently. For the most part this may be true. However, there are literal modern day baal worshipers. Also multitudes today sacrifice their children upon the altar of selfishness and convenience. The idol to which the children are sacrificed today through abortion is the greatest of all idols – self. Millions abort their babies because they believe that the unborn one is actually not a child. This view is not biblical.

Notice how God regards the unborn. “And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife; because she was

barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her.” Genesis 25:21, 22.

“And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. Isaiah 37:3. (II Kings 19:3 says the same thing).

“And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? Are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?” Ruth 1:11.

“He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God.” Hosea 12:3.

“Now the birth of Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 1:18-20.

“And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.” Luke 1:36.

“And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.... For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Luke 1:41, 44.

THE CREATOR’S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNBORN

The Psalmist declares, “For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes



did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.” Psalm 139:13-16.

God told the prophet Jeremiah, “Before **I formed thee** in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5.

The apostle Paul said, “He [God] giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.... For in him we live, and move, and have our being.” Acts 17:25, 28.

“**Thine hands have made me and fashioned me** together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and favor, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.” Job 10:8-12. Job made it clear that it was in the womb that **the Creator made and fashioned him**. “Did not he that **made me** in the womb make him? And did not one **fashion us** in the womb? Job 31:15.

What amazing insights these verses give us. We are lost in sacred awe as we contemplate these things. From the moment of conception God’s purpose for that person is unfolding. From the moment of conception the Creator is forming, making, and fashioning the unborn. It was not the prophet Jeremiah alone who was a special part of God’s plan. The Creator has a special plan for every soul being formed in the womb. When that plan is interrupted by abortion God’s own plan is interrupted.

A PROPHECY OF THE CHURCH

The Lord sent the prophet Ezekiel to warn Israel of the judgments that were soon to fall upon them because of their abominations so persistently practiced. “Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Also, thou son of man, thus saith the LORD God unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.” Ezekiel 7:1-3.

Chapter eight of Ezekiel lists the abominations for which God would send judgments upon them. Among the abominations being practiced was baal/sun worship. Amidst these disgusting practices was the sacrificing of innocent children. They also showed contempt for the sacred services of the sanctuary by integrating paganism into that which God had established. Thus was brought about Israel's time of judgment and the sealing of the faithful from among the perverse as described in chapter nine. This prophecy to Israel doubles as a prophecy of the church at the end during the sealing time. "Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those 'that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the church. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, even sighing and crying. Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel." *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 3, p. 267. "Study the ninth chapter of Ezekiel. These words will be literally fulfilled." *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 18, p. 236. "We are amid the perils of the last days, the time will soon come when the prophecy of Ezekiel 9 will be fulfilled; that prophecy should be carefully studied, for it will be fulfilled to the very letter." *1888 Materials*, p. 1303. These words from the pen of inspiration are solemn in the extreme. Every Seventh-day Adventist ought to be humbling themselves in the dust for what has been going on among us as a people.

....to be continued.

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

Encouragement for those who are put down

(Psalm 119:67 - 72)

“Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Fat as grease? Yes, it seems others have millions of dollars running through their treasury, and they can

use it to discomfort or even sue folk like you and me; yet with our faith strong we will not only overcome, but we will spread the Word of Truth far and wide as long as we have breath and funds to do it. So, let's be of good cheer, His coming is near!



Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. [Isaiah 43:1.](#)

Often our trials are such that they seem almost unbearable, and without help from God they are indeed unbearable. Unless we rely upon Him we shall sink under the burden of responsibilities that bring only sadness and grief. But if we make Christ our dependence, we shall not sink under trial. When all seems dark and unexplainable we are to trust in His love; we must repeat the words that Christ has spoken to our souls, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." ...

Do not go about as if Jesus were in Joseph's tomb, and a great stone were rolled before the door.... In the trial of your faith show that you know you have a risen Saviour, One who is making intercession for you and your loved ones....

The Bible places the responsibility of our happiness upon ourselves. We are to look to the light of life. Our usefulness depends on our own course of action. We are so anxious, all of us, for happiness, but many rarely find it because of their faulty methods of seeking, in the place of striving. We must strive most earnestly and mingle all our desires with faith. Then happiness steals in upon us almost unsought.... When we can, notwithstanding disagreeable circumstances, rest confidently in His love and shut ourselves in with Him, resting peacefully in His love, the sense of His presence will inspire a deep, tranquil joy. This experience gains for us a faith that enables us not to fret, not to worry, but to depend upon a power that is infinite. We shall have the power of the Highest with us.... Jesus stands by our side....

As the trials come, the power of God will come with them.

From *My Life Today* by Ellen White, pg. 184

