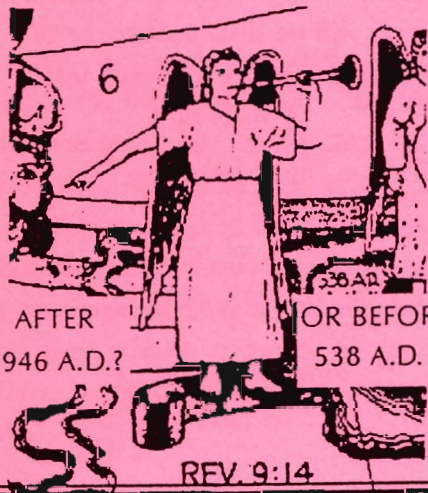


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# THE SIXTH TRUMPET STUDY

WHEN DID THE SIXTH TRUMPET  
BEGIN TO SOUND?



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## PREFACE

Every Davidian should know that history repeats itself. ( 1T.G. 30 p.18.)

The "... prophetic gift in the Seventh-day Adventist Church (through the medium of which the church was brought forth in 1844 and nurtured and preserved for seven decades) ceased its manifestation in 1915 and was not remanifested until 1930; and that this cessation and this remanifestation are paralleled by the cessation of the prophetic gift in the Old Testament and the remanifestation in the New." 2 T.G. 10 pp. 28, 29.

Could it be that the cessation of the prophetic gift in 1955, and the falling away of Davidians, finds a parallel with the waning of the prophetic gift after the apostles, and the falling away of the church into the Dark Ages? And just as the church was saved by the Reformation, is it not now time for Davidians to be saved by a reformation? A reformation revealing truths that have been trodden underfoot by additions and subtractions, not of the Bible directly this time, but of the Rod?

## A TIME FOR REFORMATION

### HAS SATAN DECEIVED US FROM PRESENT TRUTH?

It has been taught by Davidians for some time that we are now in the fifth trumpet and not in the sixth. Is this statement reliable? True? The "small Codes" (those **Symbolic Codes** published after Victor T. Houteff's death) were published by the "General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists" in Waco, Texas, but does this make them official publications (endorsed by the prophet? By God?)? If the "small Codes" are true, we must hold fast to them; if error, we must repent of our blasphemy (2SR 89) and return to God's standard--His pure unadulterated Truth.

### WHAT IS THE STANDARD?

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20.

"The blood on the door post is the symbol of the 'seal', Revelation 7, 'mark', Ezekiel 9..."

"The blood being applied on the door post is to signify that the seal, or mark by which the 144,000 are to be sealed, is to be visible. The 'door post' and the 'forehead' both have the same significance. We do not mean to say that it is a certain visible brand, or mark on their foreheads, but a 'seal' of character, principle, or rule; the standard being the pure Word of God. Thus they apply the blood on the door post, and their brethren in the church could be conscious of a change.

"The only ones who can have the seal are those who sigh and cry for all the abominations (sins) that are done in the church. But, if any take part and try to throw a cloak over the existing evil *in the church*, then they are left without the seal."- 1 SR 98, 99.

Are Davidians holding up God's standard of pure unadulterated Truth, or are they holding up Satan's standard of Truth mixed with error?

"Though truths are revealed through inspired channels, the instrument of iniquity has often mixed them with error. Such iniquitous workers oft times resort to the use of portions of divine revelation,

unlawfully using them as an entering wedge to pass on error and thus deceive the simple. Let none flatter themselves that they can escape the clutches of the devil by the studious effort of another. Everyone must study for himself to understand his own position, and with candid mind be ready to listen to all with a teachable spirit of a child. 'Verily I say unto you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.' (Mark 10:15.) Prejudice, has beguiled and ruined more souls than any trap ever devised by the great deceiver. The one who refuses to listen to reasons offered by another, is the most ignorant. Such a man is usually prejudiced because the argument presented contradicts his view of the subject, or it may be that he considers himself more intellectual or of superior social standing. Others will not hear the truth because it hurts their sinful conscience and for fear that they must part from some selfish lust. This class is under the power of the devil, and on the way to everlasting ruin—sinning against the **Holy Ghost**. Those who are sincere in their errors are the very ones who are found in the bottom of the devil's kidnapping bag. This class is the hardest to

convince that they are on the way to hell." 2 SR 16.  
How can we be sure of the path in which we walk? What is our safe and sure guide by which to judge in this time of the blowing of the many winds of doctrine? Most Davidians would agree on the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White, and the Rod. What does the Rod have to say relevant to our subject?

"The only safe way by which God's servants and His church can be free from error, full of faith, without guile in their mouth (all speak the same thing), is the never erring guide—'The Spirit of Prophecy.' The acceptance of so-called truth, without inspiration, is the devil's trap of deception, and they who advocate such fallacious teachings are the hardest and most impossible ones to rescue from Satan's bottomless pit; for he makes them believe that confession of their errors would disqualify them for teachers, and dishonor their high standing.

"He who denies inspired **interpretation** of the Scriptures is denying the office of the Holy Spirit, and is sinning against Him— committing the unpardonable sin!" 2SR 286.

"Teachers of Present Truth, having before them the

example of the tragic results caused by conflicting teachings by the S.D.A. ministry and, in addition to this, having been repeatedly warned to teach only that which has been revealed, and published, stand in great condemnation before God when they set forth conflicting or unauthorized views on any subject. *Be absolutely certain* that you are teaching according to that which is written, and not according to that which you may think should be or will some day be written.

"Failure to comply with this requirement will disqualify anyone as a worker in this cause." 3 SC 5, 6 p. 14.

"The Bible and the books of the Spirit of Prophecy being the sole source of *The Shepherd's Rod* message, therefore when the *Rod* is taught, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are taught. And since none but the Spirit of Truth, who transmitted the mysteries of Inspiration, can interpret them, then those who attempt to teach them without this Inspired interpretational authority, inevitably fall into the forbidden practice of private interpretation (2 Pet. 1:20)— the great evil which has brought Christendom into its present almost-boundless state of schism and consequent

confusion, strife, and impotency.

"As we dare not follow in such a path, we must therefore, as teachers of *The Shepherd's Rod* (the official publications of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association), teach only in the light of the *Rod* those passages which in one way or another need to be interpreted. Thus only will all Present-truth believers ever become of the same mind, seeing eye to eye and speaking the same things (1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Pet. 3:8; Isa. 52:8).

"And such as do choose to engage in private interpretation are respectfully asked to desist from teaching in the name of the *Rod* and at its expense. Let them, like honest men, teach in their own names and at their own expense." 5 Answerer pp. 55, 56.

What does the word "official" mean? "Authoritative, authorized"—*Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th ed., 1993*. The fact that a publication was published by the "Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association" does not necessarily make it Present Truth, worthy of being in the "Golden Bowl" or "Inspiration from the throne of God." How can I say that? For example, the "Davidian Seventh-day

Adventist Association" published a false interpretation of the 42-month prophecy in the Symbolic Code, "the official organ of the organization" (*The Leviticus p. 7*), which was supposed to terminate in 1959 with Ezekiel 9. Did it happen? Was the interpretation reliable? The true meaning of the word "official" must be deeper. It would be that which is authorized by the prophet, Victor T. Houteff, and only such materials published by the "Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association," and authorized by the prophet, would be authoritative and thereby trustworthy, and therefore found in the "Golden Bowl." Consequently, all such publications not published by the prophet are immediately suspect and should not be used by the teachers of *The Shepherd's Rod*. The standard for Davidians must be, Teach only from the "official publications." On this basis alone we are warned by God to set aside any unofficial publications, and the "small Codes" are just that. But...

Let us now give the Enemy of Truth, with his unauthorized publications, a "knockout blow," by a comparison with the "authorized publications" on this vital-for-salvation subject of the

were WTH's sermons "official" or not?

## *Time of the Sounding of the Sixth Trumpet.*

We will start with a few points relevant from the unauthorized publications:

"Now we wish to ascertain what period we are living in. At the sounding of the sixth trumpet, the four angels are to be let loose and they are then to kill a third part of men; and their army, moreover, is to number 200,000,000 'horsemen' and that many 'horses.' Since no such thing as this has ever happened, it therefore speaks for itself that the sixth trumpet is yet in the future. It has not yet commenced to sound.

"In view of the fact that we are not living in the sixth trumpet,..." 12 S.C. 2 p. 4.

Obviously this trumpet, from these statements, is to sound sometime after the 1946 date this address was given.

"We find ourselves therefore living in the period of the sounding of the fifth trumpet— the Christian period— before the sounding of the sixth trumpet." 12 S.C. 2 p. 8.

"... the sealing of the 144,000 must take place in the period of the fifth trumpet and not in the sixth." 12 S.C. 2 p.12.

Clearly, it seems from these statements, we must be in the fifth trumpet, for the sealing of the 144,000 has yet to be finished. Are you sure?

Let us now look into the time of the sealing of the 144,000 from the authorized publications:

"The sealing of the 144,000 belongs to the time of the sixth trumpet." 1 SR 28.

Opposition is beginning to manifest itself. 12 S.C. 2 p. 12.0 says the sealing of the 144,000 does not take place in the time of the sixth trumpet. What do you do now? Let us dig deeper first, then decide from the weight of evidence which view to take.

"... we see that the time in which the 'two witnesses' of Revelation 11:3 were to 'prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth,' must occur during the sounding of the sixth trumpet. And being in the future tense, the phrase, 'shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days' (Rev. 11:3), shows that at the time the trumpet

began sounding, this period of 1260 days was yet future." 5 Tract pp. 79, 80.

The sixth trumpet must sound prior to the 1260 days. The next logical question would be: When did the 1260 days begin? Let us turn to page 111 in Tract 5.

"The 'forty and two months' (allowing thirty days to a month, and reckoning a day for a year--Ezek. 4:6), represent the 1260-year prophetic period; 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D."

The authorized publication *FINAL WARNING*, pages 80 and 111, places the time the trumpet began sounding before 538 A.D. and on page 78 it states "... that the sixth trumpet sounded sometime before the veil to the Most Holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary was lifted." Every Davidian should know that the veil was lifted in 1844.

Clearly we have a problem. Did the sixth trumpet sound before 1844 A.D. and 538 A.D., or sometime after 1946 A.D.?

Someone may argue, "12 S.C. 2 is a latter statement, and therefore takes precedence over these earlier statements." We would have to agree as to the time they were published, for 1 SR was published about

1929 and *FINAL WARNING* in 1942 (last revised). The easiest way to debunk this argument is to find an even later statement from the published writings.

First let us find the time of the beginning of the "shaking" (*Early Writings* p. 270).

"We know that the Lord is speaking to His people at this very time through the publications of *The Shepherd's Rod*; that the message they contain is that which 'will cause a shaking among God's people' (*Early Writings*, p. 270)... 7 Tract pp. 71, 72.

"The 'revival and reformation' mentioned in the foregoing resolution is none other than the 'shaking' (10), 'sealing' (11), 'testing' (12), 'purifying' time (13), caused by the proclamation of the 'straight Testimony of the True Witness to the Laodiceans' (14), at which time the church is to emerge from her 'lukewarm' (15), condition by receiving the robe of Christ's righteousness, preparatory to giving the Loud Cry (16) of the third angel." 7 Tract pp. 76, 77.

When did *The Shepherd's Rod* publications begin to arrive? 1929. So, the shaking would have begun in 1929, and then climax with the slaughter of Ezekiel 9.

Let us now read that latter statement, from the

officially published 2 T.G. 15, which was published over one year later than 12 SC 2, entitled *That Which Is To Be During The Sixth Trumpet While Probation Still Lasts*, page 12:

"Moreover, the fact that the Mystery of God is finished when the seventh angel begins to sound, and also the fact that the shaking is here shown to take place during the sounding of the sixth angel, the Truth stands out that the shaking takes place before the Gospel work is finished."

Since this "shaking" began in 1929, the sixth angel had to sound sometime before.

Finally, brothers and sisters, look at the Trumpet chart. Does it not show the sixth angel sounding before 538 A.D.?

Study this out for yourself and you will find that the "official publications" endorse no such idea of the sounding of the sixth angel to take place after 1946. Did Brother Houteff really give that address in 1946? If he did, he must have used it only to test his flock to see if they were really studying and following the message, and not the man. If so, hence, the apparent reason why the Lord took the prophet. They were



following Victor T. Houteff and not our invisible leader, JESUS in the form of the message.

If Victor T. Houteff did not give the address, it must have been fabricated with the design to give credence to the belief that the 42 months was a future event from 1946, and to end in 1959. And you know the result of that.

This point concerning the sixth trumpet is one of many that Davidians are teaching out of harmony with the "official publications" (further studies will be published, Lord willing). Davidians are unknowingly, some are knowingly, teaching the *Rod* in the light of the "small Codes" when they ought to be teaching about the "small Codes" in the light of the *Rod*, as we have done. Hence the reason for this publication of Present Truth, to cause a reformation among Davidians to stand under God's standard of pure unadulterated Truth, and thereby be enabled to do their God-given work and at last to stand on MT. Zion with the Lamb, without guile (with a pure message) in their mouths. Be like the noble Bereans (Acts 17:11). Your soul depends on it. For:

"The only ones that will endure to the end will be

those who carefully watch their steps from being carried away either by his [Devil's] additions to, or by his subtractions from, the works of Inspiration." 2 T.G. 46 pp. 43, 44. Let go of the Devil's "additions to," that you may endure to the end.

*Choose whom you will serve this day!*

## "LESSONS OF THE FIRST BORN"

"One of the saddest of all Bible records is that concerning the failure of those whose privilege has been that of being the first in accepting God's message; of being , so to speak, the first-born.

"Cain, the firstborn child in the history of mankind, who was evidently endowed with great natural ability for his office, lost his high calling of being the priest and teacher of the household— the lawful successor of his father— because he wanted to have his own instead of God's way. The sad record of his life stands as a monument of folly, jealousy, egotism, bigotry, unbelief and unfaithfulness— speaking to us, 'upon whom the ends of the world are come,' louder than to any in the

past.

"Also, Esau, the firstborn in Issac's home, despised his birthright, disliked restraint, and chose his own rather than God's way, thus becoming a victim to natural inclination— a servant of vanity.

"When Jacob was old, he called his household, and said: 'Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.' And when Joseph brought his two sons, Jacob laid his right hand on the younger rather than on the first born, declaring that the younger shall be greater than the older. (Gen. 49:1; 48: 11-19.)

"Those entitled to the priesthood were the first born of all the tribes of Israel. But as they proved unfaithful to their trust, the Lord instead chose the tribe of Levi for that service. All the earlier born in the Exodus movement, except Joshua and Caleb, lost out in the wilderness, because they failed to believe and trust in God as they were taught to do by Moses.

"In Christ's day, a whole church and nation— the firstborn or the early morning laborers (the Jews)— lost their opportunity because they allowed formality, the love of self, pride of opinion, and ceremonialism to

take the place of true piety and strict adherence to the spirit of the law of God— the words of the prophets. These ensamples were for lessons and warnings to every succeeding church and people from that day to this.

"As a result of John's preaching, there 'went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him.' (Matt. 3:5.) And 'Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John.' (John 4:1.) But when Jesus was on trial, both the multitudes— John's and Jesus', the ones who were first called to the message, the first born, so to speak— forsook the Lord, and there were only 120 who, on the day of Pentecost, received the power of the Spirit. Then a second multitude came into the church and took the place of the first which went out.

"The ministry, the firstborn, who brought us to the Seventh-day Adventist church are also in danger, and of some of them it is already said: they have 'betrayed their trust' ('Testimonies for the Church,' Vol. 5, p.211), and only a 'few great men will be engaged' in the closing work of the Third Angel's Message. ('Testimonies for the Church,' Vol. 5, page 80.)

"These things being written for our admonition, 'Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.' (Heb. 4:1, 2.)

" 'Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear...Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.' (Rom. 11:20-22.)

"'Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.' (2 Cor. 10:5-7.)

"Shall we, who have first embraced the message, now fail, as did those who were called first in every

age?

"To 'us upon whom the ends of the world are come,' these concerns speak louder than to any people at any time in the past. Therefore let us cry out to God to help us take warning from the sad experiences of those who have failed, so that we may, as the Ninevites of old, defeat the prophetic voice of history, which broadcasts the warning that, unless we take heed, the tragic doom of the firstborn, hanging ominously over our heads, will take us also." 5 S.C. 1-5 page 7.

Will you continue to remain in and foster the mistakes of the firstborn "Davidian Seventh-day Adventists," or will you take your stand with God's faithful second born "Davidian Seventh-day Adventists" who are not prophesied to experience defeat, but are prophesied to experience victory!

(All brackets, underlined words ours.)

