

# Mt. Carmel Center vs. Carmel Pasture: Are they one and the same?

## Overview:

- “Carmel” as found in Amos 1:2. and Micah 7:14 is symbolic of a spiritual pasture of truth (1 SR 243).
- God’s people were being feed in the Carmel pasture (present truth) *before* Mt. Carmel Center came into existence in 1935. The message started in 1930 in Los Angeles, California.
- Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas was located “solitary in the woods” (MCTC, 1 SC 14:4), a literal physical location. Its purpose was fulfilled by 1955.
- Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas was only one place from which the writing and publication of the original *Rod* message was to be accomplished in the time period from 1935 to 1955, not a multitude of “camps” that are in existence today that also use the name “Mt. Carmel Center.”
- The startling announcement to sell off old Mt. Carmel Center to help finance the hunting campaign was a sign that its purpose had been fulfilled at that location (10 SC 1:3, 10 SC 2:17).
- None of the various camps using the title “Mt. Carmel Center” today (2010) are actually doing even a fraction of the work that old Mt. Carmel did. None, in fact, are even publishing the complete *Rod* message including the tracts in their original pocket size format using original artwork, typesetting, etc.
- Although Mt. Carmel Center (1935-55) finished its mission and was eventually liquidated and given into the hands of a Texas lawyer in 1962, the work of preaching the *Rod* message during the Carmel pasture period continued through a succession of publishing houses who publish(ed) the original *Rod* tract literature up to the present day.
- The Universal Publishing Association, a branch of the work at old Mt. Carmel Center, is the instrument that has been used to preserve the pasture of Carmel with green grass (present truth) for the Seventh-day Adventist church. Carmel will wither only *after* the work for the Seventh-day Adventist church is completed.
- It is unsound Biblical exegesis to apply Amos 1:2 and Micah 7:14 to the part of the work that was accomplished at Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas from 1935 to 1955.
- Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas in its provisional pre-kingdom phase seems to serve as a type of the overall work that will be fulfilled in the kingdom, after the church is purified.

## “Mt. Carmel Center”

**1 SC 10:1:** “In order to fulfill the call we must build the ‘fort,’ cast the ‘mount,’ set the ‘camp,’ and the ‘battering rams against it round about’ This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.’ (Ezek. 4:3). Hence, the first question to be asked is, where shall we build? The answer comes from Him who ‘is taking the reins in His own hands’ (Testimonies to Ministers, 300): ‘**In that day shall Israel be . . . even a blessing in the midst of the land.**’” (Isa.19:24).

“As no one puts a light in a corner but in the center of the room, so the wise ‘husbandman’ built ‘a tower in the midst of ‘His vineyard.’ . . . Consequently, the Lone Star state, being in the midst of the land for both Americas, North and South, is the place where we must set the ‘camp,’ so that the light may be equally diffused east and west, north and south. Moreover, the ‘camp’ from where the ‘battering rams’ are to be sent naturally must be centrally located so that the distance between the ‘rams’ and the ‘camp’ may be cut down to one half, thus reducing the time and the cost for Transportation and supplies as well as for mailing.”

**1 SC 11:1:** “Our company being composed of twelve members signifies that it is to represent the foundation of this central headquarters location of the last and everlasting spiritual government.”

**1 SC 16:1:** “We are happy to announce that the headquarters office of the sealing message moved from Waco to Mt. Carmel Center on September 29, to its new and permanent home location of the proclamation of the message of the ‘True Witness to the Laodiceans.’”

**1 SR Tr., p 75:** “‘Set the camp also against it;’ that is, make a temporary lodging place for your workers, Headquarters from which to carry on the work, and make preparation to **remain there** until you have conquered the city. This is the devout purpose in building Mt. Carmel Center, this is its given goal.”

**1 SC 14:5:** “True we are establishing our headquarters on this mount that is found in prophecy, but our stay here shall be very, very short. . . . It might be interesting to Elder G. to know that the naming of our “camp” “Mt. Carmel Center” came about in the same way as the naming of our publications “The Shepherd’s Rod,” for we did not know before hand that it was in prophecy until after our attention was called to Mic. 7:14 and Amos 1:2.”

**1 SC 11, 12, p. 1**

MOVED TO "MOUNT CARMEL CENTER" WACO, TEXAS

Though it was at first thought that the office should remain in its original location for a month or two longer, circumstances called for its immediate removal, and it is with praises that we make this happy announcement of our arrival at the *new headquarters location*, and we feel certain that all who are standing in the light of present truth will, with the pioneers of *this central location for our future work* in behalf of our S.D.A. brethren, raise their voices in thanksgiving to our heavenly Father.

In one of our Los Angeles business meetings a call was made for volunteers who would like to play the part of Caleb and Joshua, saying, “We are well able to take the land.” After being promised free transportation to Mt. Carmel Center, board themselves, and work for nothing, at the appointed day, May 19, we were to meet in San Diego, California, and to our surprise it was discovered that there were twelve in the company representing seven families which, as usual, proved that the hand of God was in operation in the same manner as when He chose the twelve patriarchs, the twelve tribes of fleshly Israel, the twelve spies of the land, the twelve apostles, and the twelve tribes of spiritual Israel, twelve thousand out of each tribe; namely, the 144,000.

**1 SC 11, 12, p. 10**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

All P.O. Money Orders or checks are to be payable, as in the past, to Mrs. F. Charboneau, Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas.

Address all members at our new location in care of The Universal Publishing Assn., Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas.

The Universal Publishing Assn., Mt Carmel Center, Waco, Texas Symbolic Code Dept.

**1 SC 16, p. 9:** All mail for Mt. Carmel should be addressed in care of The Universal Publishing Association. All monies -- tithes and offerings -- when sent by mail should be made out to Mrs. F. Charboneau, and remember that the SRod headquarters home office is no longer in California, but at Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas.

### **“Mt. Carmel Center to Carry out Commission of Isaiah 58”**

**1 SC 13, p. 1**

#### OUR LONG NEGLECTED WORK

Long has it been the hue and cry of our own dear Seventh-day Adventist brethren and sisters that with all the large medical institutions, belting the globe, many of them here in the United States, yet the rank and file of our people are denied the benefits to be derived from said institutions because of the wrong curative principles, prohibitive prices, and uncharitable managements.

The guilt of this situation which confronts the church, depicting her neglect all these years, must be shared by all of us who have been a part of this great movement which God launched in this world of sin back in the early forties of the former century.

As one studies the Bible and the Testimonies, he cannot fail to see that God has a plan for caring for His own unfortunate, either from sickness or aged, or because of financial reverses, and the question now confronts all who claim to believe that the "Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning." "Testimonies to Ministers," p. 300. But recreant to our trust indeed would we also be, who claim to have accepted God's message of "present truth," calling for a "Great reformatory movement among God's people," should we allow this condition to remain unchanged. Shall we continue to do the planning, following in the footsteps of those who have neglected this important work?

. . . If Mt. Carmel Center is to be true to its name, and *stand as an antitype of that ancient hill* to which God called His people of old to prove who was the true God, then we, who are so highly privileged as to be among those chosen to pioneer this march up the mountain, must be very sure that we can do more than just say, "The Lord, He is the God, the Lord, He is the God," lest we fall under the condemnation of the false prophets, who were slain at the close of that memorable day when Elijah met the prophets of Baal on the ancient Mount, bearing the same name we have chosen, where we are now to be tested as to whether we will follow God or Baal.

## “Mt. Carmel Center to set an Example”

**1 SC 15, p. 3** "God leads His people on, step by step. He brings them up to different points calculated to manifest what is in the heart. Some endure at one point, but fall off at the next. At every advanced point the heart is tested and tried a little closer. If the professed people of God find their hearts opposed to this straight work, it should convince them that they have a work to do to overcome, if they would not be spewed out of the mouth of the Lord. Said the Angel, 'God will bring His work closer and closer to test and prove every one of His people.' Some are willing to receive one point; but when God brings them to another testing point, they shrink from it and stand back, because they find that it strikes directly at some cherished idol. Here they have opportunity to see what is in their hearts that shuts out Jesus. They prize something higher than the truth, and their hearts are not prepared to receive Jesus. Individuals are tested and proved a length of time to see if they will sacrifice their idols and heed the counsel of the True Witness. If any will not be purified through obeying the truth, and overcome their selfishness, their pride, and evil passions, the angels of God have the charge, 'They are joined to their idols, let them alone,' and they pass on to their work, leaving these with their sinful traits unsubdued, to the control of evil angels. Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation." -- "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 1, p. 187.

**Mt. Carmel Center** *has set the example* and let all our brethren follow by strictly complying with God's requirements if they wish to depart from the sins of the world, receive the seal of God and escape the destruction. All should make the necessary adjustments by the next issue of this paper and show to God that you are glad to obey all His righteous requirements, and by your sacrifice demonstrate your love for the salvation of His people that they may not stumble over your sins but be drawn to Him by your good example, and thus also prove true to the message we bear. Those who neglect to strictly comply to the testimony of the True Witness in this reform will be left without an excuse, and when asked: "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" they will be speechless. (Matt. 22:12.)

## The Main Object of Mt. Carmel Specified

**2 SC 1:2:** The many inquiries and reports from far and near bear the evidence that most of our people do not fully understand the purpose and the character of the work for which Mt. Carmel Center is being developed. Therefore, we wish to further explain.

*The main object and the first cause for this project* is to fulfill the commission according to Ezek. 4:2, "Lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about." That is, *build a temporary place (camp)* where you can train workers (battering rams, margin-leaders) who can go and boldly face the situation, for which cause "I have made thy face strong...As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead; fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house." (Ezek. 3:8, 9.)

*Secondarily, this camp is to fulfill Isaiah 58:7-10, 12:* "to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy

rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am....And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday; and they that shall be of thee," i.e., those who are with heart and soul with you in this work "shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."

**2 SC 10:4:** *Mt. Carmel Center is now being built not for the purpose, as it is falsely alleged, of starting a new denomination, but solely for the purposes of establishing a training center for workers who shall carry the message to the church; of educating the youth; of taking care of the poor and the orphans; and of ministering to the sick; thus gathering all the saints to the house of the Lord. (Isa. 66:1; 58:7.)*

**3 Ans 64:** Of necessity, then, Mt. Carmel Center is being built as *a base of operations for training and fitting workers to carry this special message to the church; for educating deserving youth; for caring for worthy poor, aged, widowed, and orphaned; and for ministering to the sick and infirm according to God's plan.* It has heard God's double charge to it: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1.

**5 Ans 41:** The first duty of each Davidian is to be faithful in obeying the principles of the doctrine, in doing whatsoever work he is given to do, and by precept and example leading others to do likewise.

Some are thus doing by building Mt. Carmel Center, some by giving studies, others by writing letters and sending tracts and books to their relatives, friends, and acquaintances, and still many others by sending in names and addresses of Seventh-day Adventists to whom Present-truth literature may be sent.

## **Mt. Carmel Appointed to Educate-Set a School of the Prophets**

**2 SC 9:2:** "Appointed" to cry unto and "feed" (educate) the "flock" of God, "which dwell...in the midst of Carmel," the voice of the Rod is to effect full restitution of the schools of the prophets, and "The Symbolic Code" is happy to announce that already a beginning has been made to establish in the midst of Mt. Carmel Center such an institution as Elijah of old resurrected from the educational scrap heap of Israel's apostasy ("Prophets and Kings," pp. 224, 225) -- such an institution as the Spirit of Prophecy calls for in the following statement:

"We need a school where those who are Just entering the ministry may be taught at least the common branches of education, and where they may also learn more perfectly the truths of God's word for this time. In connection with these schools, lectures should be given upon the prophecies. Those who really have good abilities such as God will accept to labor in His vineyard, would be very much benefited by only a few months instruction at such a school" -- "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 3, p. 160.

Although we are happy to announce that Mt. Carmel's Academy is to open on the twenty-first of September, we are sorry to add that we are not yet equipped to receive others than those of elementary and academic ages, and furthermore, that, as we are already crowded beyond capacity, we cannot, for the time being, accommodate more even of these ages. However, from the prayers and assistance of all Present Truth believers, we expect in time to be enabled to accommodate not only more both of the lower and academic grades, but also many of adult years.

Mt. Carmel Center is not only doing its part toward resurrecting the institution of the schools of the prophets, but also toward supporting it, in charging no tuition, and in promising to room and board each of your children at the Mt. Carmel Academy for only \$10 per month -- less than you can do it for at home! Therefore, we need your earnest prayers and your fullest support in this time when the Lord is to bind up the breach of His people, and heal the stoke of their wound. (Isa. 30:26.)

### **Mt. Carmel believed to be a theocracy where 144,000 and the Great Multitude would be gathered.**

**3 SC 2:3:** "In harmony with the foregoing command, Mt. Carmel has begun to enlarge the place other tents, by doubling her acreage as announced in 'The Symbolic Code' of -----; to stretch forth her curtains (organize-protect herself against all undesirable elements) by establishing a thorough organization after the pattern of the theocracy of ancient Israel . . ."

**3 SC 11:2:** ". . . Everyone who is well informed in the message that Mt. Carmel is proclaiming, knows that Mt. Carmel is in no way endeavoring to take any institutions, but rather is endeavoring to bring about that reformatory movement long-foretold by Sister White in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 126. However, it is true that we expect 'a 144,000' members from the SDA denomination to join us, after which a Great Multitude from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people is to swell our membership so greatly that 'no man could number' it."

### **Mt. Carmel Center the Antitype of Ancient Mt. Carmel**

**3 Ans 60:** Upon the death of Sister White, in 1915, the gift of Inspiration, the active Spirit of Prophecy, became quiescent, no longer manifesting itself for a time. With the church thus cut off from the very source of its life, as was the Jewish church from the death of the prophet Malachi to the rise of John the Baptist, how could it maintain its vitality and growth? Hence, now as then, there has followed the same inevitable spiritual malnutrition and deformity, accompanied with a long train of woes.

Against this dark background of spiritual decline and consumption (wretchedness, misery poverty, blindness, and nakedness), and imminent end (being spued out), stands out in bold relief the sternly chiseled work of Mt. Carmel Center, as did the flaming summit of ancient Carmel amid the idolatry and decadence of apostate Israel. *Again type meets antitype.* But to the Israel of God today, says the angel: "Ye have done worse than they."--Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 129.

**Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas was only one place from which the work was to be accomplished for that time (1935-1955), not a multitude of "camps" that are in existence today.**

### **"Carmel Pasture"**

**1 SR 243:** "Feed thy people with thy rod": The verb feed is to be understood as spiritual food, and that feed (truth) is found in the 'Rod', therefore we again have the command to give out the book ('Feed thy [God's] people'). *Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead are used as symbols of good spiritual pasture.*"

**1 SC 14:5,6** (1935): "It might be interesting to Elder G. to know that the naming of our 'camp' 'Mt. Carmel Center' came about in the same way as the naming of our publications 'The Shepherd's Rod,' for we did not know beforehand that it was in prophecy until after our attention was called to Mic. 7:14 and Amos 1:2. As Amos says, 'the habitations of the shepherd's shall mourn,' it is obvious *that Amos's prophecy is yet future*, for the word 'habitations' (places) is in the **plural** form which cannot be applied to one shepherd's habitation (**denomination**) **but to all that be in existence at that time** . . .

"The prophet Jeremiah in the following words explains that this wailing by those who are thus deceived will be at the close of probation. For they shall say 'the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' (Jer. 8:20). That is, *after the harvest*, the time in which they could have been saved, they will realize that **probationary** time has **closed**. Then 'the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.' Hence, before that time the top of Carmel must have been green with much pasture otherwise there would be nothing to wither; that is, though *Carmel* has now plenty of pasture (present truth), *when probation closes* it shall be deserted ('wither') for says the Spirit of Prophecy: 'In the time of trouble we all fled from the cities and villages.'—Early Writings, ' p. 34.

". . . Then in their hasty, frenzied effort to acquaint themselves with present truth which went forth from the top of *Carmel*, to their surprise they shall find that *Carmel* has finished its work, its inhabitants removed, and *probation closed*. . . then it shall come to pass that 'They shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.' (*emphasis ours*)

### **“Showdown at Antitypical Mt. Carmel”**

**2 TG 41:7:** "The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voices from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherd's shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.'

"This scripture, you see, reflects the tragedy which took place on the top of Carmel in the days of Elijah. Here we are given the hint that there is to be another show-down between the prophet of God and the prophets of Baal."

Inspiration here reveals that Carmel will not wither until the antitypical showdown at Mt. Carmel between the prophet of God and the antitypical prophets of Baal takes place. Since Bro. Houteff is dead, the prophet of God in this picture are tried and true Davidians who proclaim only the *Rod* without additions or subtractions. The message calls them by several identifiers, Elijah's faithful helpers (GCS 34), Joshua's helpers (1 TG 8:26), Zerubbabel's helpers (builders) (1 TG 13:6, 1 TG 14:20-22, 2 SR 280, 283, 6 Tr 19), and Jezreel—the messengers (4 Tr 49); they are the ones who will finish the work. The prophets of Baal are all of the false teachers and prophets that plague Davidia today along with all other "anti-Rod teachers" (8 JL 12). They will face God's judgment and be removed from the scene of action during Ezekiel 9. Thus, inspiration affirms that Carmel is a "spiritual pasture," not primarily a place. Thus the headquarters, its work and name, are called "Carmel," *not* because of its location, but because of the nature of the message and its work.

## **“Final Gospel Work to Close from Zion, not Mt. Carmel Center”**

“Moreover, if this prophecy (Isa. 2:3) is not to be fulfilled, then consequently the gospel work will not be finished either, for this prophecy tells the way the work is to be finished—that the law of the Lord during the judgment day of the living is to go from Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem,—not from Takoma Park, *not from Mt. Carmel Center*, and not from some other place either.”—1 TG 5:5

“Isa. 2:1, 2 -- "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."

Not to Takoma Park, not to Mt. Carmel Center, not to some other place, but to house of Judah and Jerusalem shall the final converts from all nations flow. Isaiah you plainly see absolutely confirms that the gathering of the people shall be unto Judah. Do you?”—1 TG 15:7

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