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## Has the Carmel Pasture Withered Today?: A Study on Micah 7:14 and Amos 1:2

### INTRODUCTION:

*“Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily [in] the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed [in] Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.”—Mic. 7:14*

As Micah chapter 7, verse 14 is a symbolic mystery to the host of Christianity it has only special significance pertaining to the *Shepherd's Rod* movement in the latter days. Consequently, this one verse has also been the focal point of much contention amongst Davidians with the pressing question that arises, *has the Carmel pasture withered today?* Some Davidians apply this to the actual dissolving of the original Mt. Carmel center after Bro. Houteff's death in 1955. The sell off of the original property, ordered by Bro. Houteff, commenced in 1954<sup>1</sup> and continued until 1957 when the Executive Council, lead by Sis. Florence Houteff (Victor Houteff's wife) relocated to the New Mt. Carmel in Elk, Texas, about 25 miles from Waco. The predicted “knockout blow”<sup>2</sup> that occurred in the spring of 1959 and resulted in the scattering of a large number of Davidians who had gathered from everywhere and was originated by a false

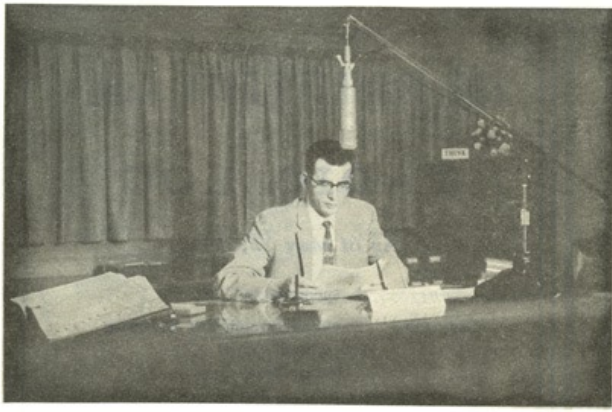
interpretation of the 42 month prophecy of Rev 11:2, 3 by Sis. Houteff. Later, out of necessity, some faithful Davidians reorganized God's true storehouse in Los Angeles, California in 1961 which remained in that area until it moved “eastward” to Salem, South Carolina in 1970.

Sis. Houteff, one of “the professed friends of the gospel” (WHR 33) had a very powerful influence over many Davidians. Unfortunately after the “knockout blow” she lead many Davidians in a direction that drifted father from the teachings of the *Rod* message. Foremost was the false idea that the sell-off of the old Mt. Carmel properties in 1955-57 meant that the top of “Carmel” had withered. It was further incorrectly reasoned that this meant the time had come to take the message to the fallen protestant churches of Babylon. This was a result, in part, of meetings of the Executive Council under her control with representatives of the General Conference (GC) of S. D. A.'s in 1959 and latter in 1961.<sup>3</sup> For a short period of time from 1960 to 1962 many remodeled non-original tracts were published and even a widely publicized radio program was initiated for this purpose. After the last meeting with the GC, Sis. Houteff latter renounced the entire message and publicly stated that both her husband, Bro. Houteff and Sis. White were

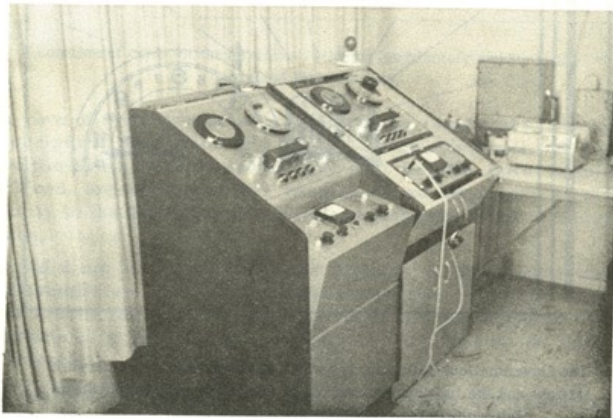
1. Personal testimony from Sis. Bonnie Smith who was present at the meeting that this announcement was made. See also the announcement from the *Symbolic Code* (10 SC 1:3-4 and 10 SC 2:11-13).

2. *White House Recruiter*, p. 33. For further documents regarding this important event in Davidian history, please contact us (email: upa5453@gmail.com).

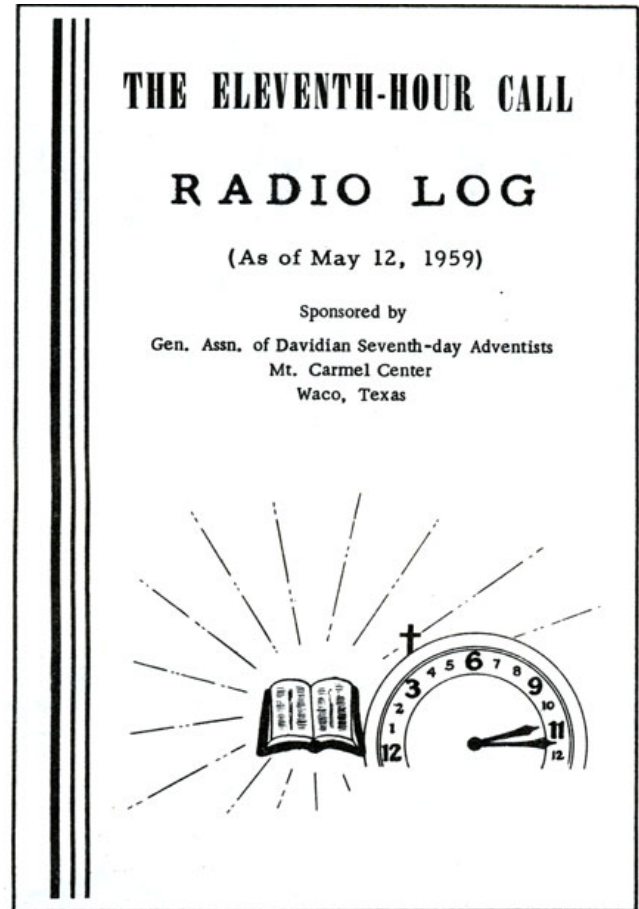
3. *Report of a Meeting Between a Group of “Shepherd's Rod” Leaders and a group of General Conference Ministeres*, July 27 - August 7, 1959, Tacoma Park, MD. *Report and Analysis of the General Conference Committee's closed hearing of “The Shepherd's Rod”*, July 27 - August 7, 1959, Washington, D. C.



Dudley Goff, speaker for "The Eleventh-Hour Call" nationwide radio program, before the microphone.



The Mt. Carmel recording room and equipment.



The Eleventh-Hour Call radio log which listed the ABC radio network stations and the independent stations in Canada and the United States which carried the Davidian radio broadcasts.

false prophets. She further proclaimed to her adherents that if they wanted to believe in the kingdom they should join R. W. Armstrong's "Worldwide Church of God." Finally she said that all one needed was to study was the writings of the apostle Paul. Within a short time she renounced the Sabbath and began to worship on Sunday.<sup>4</sup> She latter married a man with the family name of Achan who was a member of Armstrong's church.<sup>5</sup> Strangely, despite this rank apostasy, there are today still Davidians who follow certain tenets of Sis. Houteff's teachings.

4. Personal testimony from Sis. Bonnie Smith. For another account of the knockout blow and Sis. Houteff's apostasy, see: Adair, D. *A Davidian Testimony*, 1997, pp. 201-209.

5. *The Edges of Seventh-day Adventism*, 1982, Galilee Publications, Barragga Bay, Bermagui South NSW 2547 Australia.

Coincidentally, the "knockout blow" also served as a ripe opportunity for another usurper to move in and take advantage of the confusion that resulted in the aftermath. None other than Martin J. Bingham, a one-time right hand man to Bro. Houteff and one of the leaders during the Mt. Carmel era arose as a usurper to lead away many Davidians into a counterfeit storehouse.<sup>6</sup> As the time seemed ripe to assert that Mt. Carmel had withered, this served as the key tenet for Bingham's principle teaching that God's people had now moved into the Bashan pasture.<sup>7</sup> He established a new organization that

6. For an account of Bingham's apostasy and false teachings, see: Adair, pp. 227-35. Interestingly, Adair spent several years studying and working with Bingham during the 1960's (private communication from Davidian who has known Adair since he came into the message in 1953).

7. During the 1961 Session where faithful "100-Rod Only" Davidians were reorganizing God's Storehouse in opposition to



later relocated in Exeter, Missouri and brought along several followers. Mr. Bingham died in 1988 and to this day a group of Davidians still follow his teachings and maintain an organized group in the state of Missouri<sup>8</sup> under the present leadership of Bingham's second wife Jemmy Bingham. However, this false interpretation that Carmel was a strictly a literal place didn't stop at Bashan, later another usurper by the name of Mervyn T. Jordan arose and claimed that Bashan had withered and God's people had now moved into the Gilead pasture.<sup>9</sup> This group located in Canada and still maintains a small steadfast group of adherents. Reports of people who have had contact with this group characterize the atmosphere of this camp as very controlling under the strong arm of Jordan who claims to be King David himself.

As we shall see none of these private views is based on a correct teaching of the *Rod* message. The proper meaning of each of the symbolic terms in this scripture needs to be carefully examined. The importance of the reader to individually and prayerfully study and dig deep for truth on this topic cannot be over emphasized. For

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the heresies coming from Florence Houteff and her New Mt. Carmel Counsel, M. J. Bingham introduced the teaching that Carmel pasture was over and God's people had moved into the Bashan pasture (*Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1961, p. 9*). As the popular sentiment was to return to Waco at the time, it appears that God allowed this erroneous teaching to come in order to keep the storehouse from returning to Waco. The people were temporarily blinded in their respect for Bingham and their fondness for the old camp. Soon, however, the wise would see Bingham's true motives revealed and would separate from his increasing errors (e.g., Jacob typology). This split was brought to a head and formalized in 1962. The documents related to these events will be released in due time.

8. <http://www.manta.com/c/mmj1s66/davidian-seventh-day-adventist-association>

9. "Ontario sect 'horrified' by violent Texas cult;" Darcy Henton, Toronto Star, Mar 04, 1993. Sec. C. pg. A.7. "King David' awaits Apocalypse Gilead sect is 'not Waco' but could be ex-follower says;" Darcy Henton, Toronto Star, Mar 17, 1993. Sec. D. pg. A.4

surely, "cursed [be] the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD." Jer 17:5.

"Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily [in] the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed [in] Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old."—**Mic 7:14**



First we need to understand the difference between phrases "solitarily [in] the wood" and "in the midst of Carmel." First we will begin with the . . .

### MEANING OF "IN THE MIDST OF CARMEL."

"Feed thy people with thy rod:" The verb "feed" is to be understood as spiritual food, and that food (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."—**Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, p. 243:2**

Since Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead are "symbols of good spiritual pasture" that provides spiritual food (truth) for the church, then the establishment of Carmel pasture represents the beginning of probationary time for the S. D. A. church. It logically would "wither" at the close of probation for the church, which is when the judgment occurs during the purification of Ezekiel 9.

Q: So what is represented by the pastures of Bashan and Gilead, if the Carmel pasture represents the period of probation open for the S. D. A. church?

A: The simple logic of the matter should convince us that once Carmel withers, represented by the close of probation for the S. D. A. church, then as judgment proceeds out into the world during the proclamation of the Loud Cry, then Bashan and Gilead would represent two periods, or sections of probation during this time period, after Ezekiel 9. As God holds every individual accountable for the amount of light (truth) they have received, the next group of people that would be judged after the S. D. A. church would have to be the fallen Protestant churches which comprise Babylon. After they are given a chance to heed the message during the Loud cry and probation closes for them, then the only group left to be evangelized, as the Gilead pasture ushers in, would have to be the remainder of the non-Christian world. Once the work during the Gilead pasture is completed, then probation would finally close for the whole world and then the seven last plagues would begin to fall.

Now turning our attention to the term “midst” we know from know from an English dictionary that “midst” means in the middle. This implies at least three parts, or locations from which the present truth would be disseminated from during the Carmel pasture period. Since the Rod message originated in California in 1930 and then latter relocated to Waco, Texas in the period from 1935-55, then this indicates that there would be a third legitimate headquarters somewhere eastward of Waco, Texas, sometime after 1955.<sup>10</sup> Whether it would become a succession of storehouses of present truth, or more that one true storehouse operating

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10. The reasons for this conclusion can be found with a proper understanding of the movement of God’s true storehouse according to the great river of Ezekiel 47. This topic will be the subject of a forthcoming report.

in different parts of the vineyard at the same time is not limited by the writings of the *Rod* message. The facts of history confirm that there have been at least four storehouses since 1961 up to the present (2010) in different locations that believe(d) that Carmel represents the spiritual pasture, or period of probation open for the S. D. A. church. What is certain is that the original Mt. Carmel Center that existed outside the city limits<sup>11</sup> of Waco, Texas from 1935-55 was the headquarters in the “midst.”

“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.”—**Symbolic Code, Vol. 2, p. 3.4** (written in 1936)

“During this period, Christ confirmed or fulfilled the covenant. “In the midst of the week,” (Dan 9:27) or at the end of three and one half years, He was to be crucified, thus causing the earthly sacrifice to cease.”—**Tract, No. 3, p. 57**

“And I saw another angel ascending from the east...”—**Rev. 7:2**

“In 1844, as all Seventh-day Adventists know, Sister White was given a vision [in Portland, Maine] of the 144,000 signaling the sealing angel’s starting his ascent from the east (Rev. 7:2-4). From then on he was ascending, and the saints were awaiting his arrival. Finally, in 1929, through the Sabbath School Lessons the Lord announced throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination that the angel had arrived [in California].”—**Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 1, Tract Ed., p. 10** [bracket added]

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11. Any institution connected with the work (publishing house, sanitarium, or storehouse) was never intended to be located within the city limits of any large town or city, but are rather to be located in rural outposts, please see: *Symbolic Code, Vol. 10, p. 3* and *Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p. 357*.

“Brother Lunt of Portland, Maine, has suffered much in his feelings. He has felt that the spirit which often ruled in their meetings was not in harmony with the message of the third angel. He has had an experience in the fanaticism which has left desolation in the East.... According to the light which God has given me, there will yet be a large company raised up in the East to consistently obey the truth.”—**Testimonies, Vol. 1, pp. 412:2, 414:2**

From these passages we can see that the sealing message of the 144,000 began in the eastern part of America in 1844 and landed in the west coast of California in 1929.<sup>12</sup> From there it began an eastward course back across the America in 1935 when the storehouse of present truth moved to Waco, Texas and established Mt. Carmel Center which operated under Bro. Houteff’s leadership until his death in 1955. Following the “knock-out blow” in 1959 God’s true Storehouse reorganized in Los Angeles, California in 1961 and moved three more times before ending up in on the east coast of the United States in 1988 when the Yuciapa, California Association joined with several Davidians living in Mountain Dale, New York. Later in 1991 a large factious group broke away from Mountain Dale and relocated to a small portion of the original Mt. Carmel property, which is now within the city limits of Waco, Texas to startup a rival Association. This Association is not in the “east,” neither is it the “east gate” of Ezekiel 10:19, so it is impossible for them to correctly teach the prophecy from Ezekiel’s river.<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile, Mountain Dale maintained its stand as God’s storehouse<sup>14</sup>

12. For an account of the origin and development of the Shepherd’s Rod movement from the writings of Victor Houteff which began in the Glendale SDA church in 1929 please see Tract 7 “*The Great Controversy over the Shepherd’s Rod.*”

13. A future report will carefully examine the claims that many Davidians insist that the storehouse/headquarters today must be located at 2500 Mt. Carmel Drive, Waco, Texas.

14. The principle criteria, according to what the *Rod* message teaches, needed to evaluate and determine the identity of God’s true storehouse(s) from a counterfeit, will also be

until recent years (2002-2005) when several major troubles and upheavals have arisen due to unchecked open sin dwelling in the camp and other heretical doctrines. A Special Session called in 2005 resulted in a split within the camp with at least three factions going their separate ways. It remains to be determined whom, if any of these, will arise as a true and faithful representative of God’s storehouse in the future.

“And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also [were] beside them, and [every one] stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD’S house; and the glory of the God of Israel [was] over them above.”—**Eze. 10:19**

“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) [1 SC 10:1] 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...”—**Symbolic Code, Vol. 2, No. 1, p. 2**

Those who claim that the Carmel pasture is dry grass, implying that there is no more green grass (present truth) coming from God’s true storehouse after the sell-off of the original Mt. Carmel property and the “knockout blow” are in reality fulfilling Ezekiel 9:9.

“The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah [is] exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.”—**Eze 9:9**

the subject of a future report.



How is it that the evil servant is saying that the Lord has forsaken the earth and do not see what they are doing? By teaching that the Carmel pasture has withered and that there is no more present truth being dispensed from storehouse(s) of present truth today is saying, in essence, that God has left the earth devoid of His Spirit.

### MEANING OF “SOLITARILY [IN] THE WOOD”

#### LOCATION:

“Mt. Carmel Training Center was established in 1935, and is located six miles northwest of Waco, Texas. Its 375 acres a sylvan sanctuary, and its western and northern prominences commanding unexcelled views of beautiful Lake Waco some three hundred feet below, and the picturesque vistas beyond, it is happy indeed for situation solitarily in the woods.”—**Mt. Carmel Training Center, p. 5**

As can be seen from this reference from the catalog, syllabus and rules manual entitled “Mt. Carmel Training Center,” “solitarily [in] the wood” refers to the literal headquarters located at Waco, Texas (1932-55). It represents strictly one headquarters at one period of time. This cannot include the present day Davidians located within the Waco city limits on a small portion of the original Mt. Carmel property in 1991 for reasons that will be addressed in a separate study.<sup>15</sup>

### MEANING OF THE TERMS “LET” AND “FEED”

... “let them feed [in] Bashan and Gilead,”—**Mic. 7:14**

By focusing on the word “let” we can turn to the

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15. For a detailed report that explains the logistic issues that led, in part, to the separation of a group of factious Davidians from the Association at Mountain Dale, NY in 1991 and resulted in the establishment of a rival Association back on a small portion of the original Mt. Carmel center land, now engulfed within the city limits of Waco, Texas, please see: “*Report of the Waco Fact-Finding Committee*”, January 29-February 3, 1989” or follow the link at: <http://knockout-blow.files.wordpress.com/2011/05/report-of-waco-factfinding-comm.pdf>

S. O. P. to gain some further insight.

“Wherefore do ye Moses and Aarron, let [hinder] the people from their works [working in the Sabbath].”—**Patriarches and Prophets, p. 257:5**

So what is the hindrance before Bashan and Gilead pastures and not before Carmel? We find the answer in Rev 13:17 “let no man buy or sell” (from the man 666). This represents the final desperate attempt of Satan to prevent God’s people from coming out of Babylon during the Loud Cry into God’s purified kingdom church. There would be no purpose to hinder the flow of tares into the S. D. A. church before Ezekiel 9 as this serves the Devil’s purposes quite well.

“Therefore the beast’s decree and his rigid enforcement of it, are not for the purpose of purifying the church, but for the purpose of blockading the way out of Babylon, thereby holding the world captive. This he does specifically to halt the steady flow of multitudes of converts to the then already purged and purified church. In spite, however, of the Enemy’s heaviest efforts to keep them in Babylon, the faithful will come out. They will take heed to the Lord’s counsel: “If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.” Rev. 14:9, 10.”—**Answerer Book, No. 3, pp. 70-71**

### THE WORD “FEED” MEANS TO EDUCATE

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The word “Feed” also means “rule” Mic 7:14, 5:4, margin.

The General Conference and many Davidians who aren’t able to identify and teach others the identity of the antitypical King David will not let Christ rule over them (the S. D. A. church) through the *SRod* message. “Feed thy people with thy Rod” means to let the message rule over the church versus having people (men) or their own private opinions serve as rulers.<sup>16</sup>

“As Saul, furthermore, defied God by refusing to abdicate the throne, and by seeking the life of His anointed, king David, so now at the sounding of the trumpet today, we find the General Conference refusing to let God take the reins in His Own hands (Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300), their attempting to usurp His throne by determining that they are to rule the denomination until the end of this world, and their availing themselves of every chance to cast us out of their midst, in order to safeguard their control of it. Those who are doing this are they whom the prophet Ezekiel prophetically heard saying: “This city is the caldron, and we be the flesh.” Ezek. 11:3. They are now doing everything possible to exalt and to perpetuate themselves in power, and to be rid of those who have in the name of the Lord “published peace,” and brought to them the “good tidings” that “the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.” Nah. 1:15.”—**Tract No. 8, p. 53:3**

#### THE CHURCH’S PRIMARY NEED TODAY IS FOR A REVIVAL AND REFORMATION.

“A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and

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16. A more detailed discussion of the peril of failing to rightly identify who is the antitypical king David today will be the subject of a future report.

in doing this work they must blend.—The Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.”—**Selected Messages, Vol. 1, p. 128.1**

“Speaking to the S.D.A. leadership, the servant of the Lord says: “You have no right to manage, unless you manage in God’s order. Are you under the control of God? Do you see your responsibility to Him?... That these men should stand in a sacred place to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be,—that is past. What we want now is reorganization.”—General Conference Bulletin, 34th Session, Vol. 4, Extra No. 1, April 3, 1901, p. 25, Cols. 1 and 2.”—**Tract No. 8, p. 49**

#### THE SHEPHERD’S ROD MESSAGE IS THE “REORGANIZATION”

“The foregoing statement simply means that God limited the leaders of Laodicea to one year in which to accept the sealing message and to carry it to their respective churches. Upon their failing to do so by the end of this limited period of grace, He rejected them as His servants. And now, if any of them accept the additional message (TM 106, GW 304), and desire to carry it to the laity, they may do so only under the direction of the present message [SRod]—the “reorganization” spoken of in Christ Our Righteousness, 1941 Edition, p. 121.”—**Answerer Book, No. 4, p. 19**

“As restorers of every Divine institution, we are glad to announce to the readers of Present Truth, that besides the literature of “revival,” they may now also obtain that of “reformation,” our organizational publication, The Leviticus of The Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.”—**Answerer Book, No. 1, p. 38.**

“A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend.”—p. 154, 1926 edition; p.

121, 1941 edition.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 10, p. 18:4**

What happens to all those in the church who don't give heed to the complete message of revival and reformation for the S. D. A. church detailed in the writings of the *Shepherd's Rod*? The answer is clearly revealed in the parable of the ten servants (Lk. 19:12-27) of whom the wicked servants would not have “this man to reign over us.” Those servants who will not have this “man” appointed by Christ (8 Tr 69) to rule (“Feed”, Mic. 7:14, margin) over them now will never make it to the Kingdom. They will be counted as evil servants and will be taken in the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 (Lk. 19:27).

As we can see this also includes present truth believers who don't understand the fuller meaning of Micah 7:14 and fall into the trap of trusting in what their leader(s) and/or friends say rather than study for themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is especially true for many advanced studies within the message that requires much effort on the part of the individual to understand. Let each of us heed the following counsels and with the help of the Holy Spirit and determined effort on our part “strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand” (RH March 9, 1905).

“The apostle says, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” This is broad enough. Let all seek to comprehend, to the full extent of their powers, the meaning of the word of God. A mere superficial reading of the inspired word will be of little advantage; for every statement made in the sacred pages requires thoughtful contemplation. It is true that some passages do not require as earnest concentration as do others; for their meaning is more evident. But the student of the word of God should seek to understand the bearing of one passage upon another until the chain of truth

is revealed to his vision. As veins of precious ore are hidden beneath the surface of the earth, so spiritual riches are concealed in the passage of Holy Writ, and it requires mental effort and prayerful attention to discover the hidden meaning of the word of God. Let every student who values the heavenly treasure put to the stretch his mental and spiritual powers, and sink the shaft deep into the mine of truth, that he may obtain the celestial gold,—that wisdom which will make him wise unto salvation.”—**Fundamentals of Education, p. 169.1**

“There is a sad neglect of reading the Bible and searching it with humble hearts for yourselves. Take no man's explanation of Scripture, whatever his position, but go to the Bible and search for the truth yourselves. After hearing Jesus, the Samaritans said, “Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.” There is the mine of truth. Sink the shaft deep, and you will possess that knowledge which is of highest value to you. Many have become lazy and criminally neglectful in regard to the searching of the Scriptures, and they are as destitute of the Spirit of God as of the knowledge of His word. We read in the Revelation made to John, of some who had a name to live while they were dead. Yes, there are many such among us as a people, many who claim to be alive, while they are dead. My brethren, unless the Holy Spirit is actuating you as a vital principle, unless you are obeying its prompting, depending on its influences, laboring in the strength of God, my message to you from God is: “You are under a delusion which may prove fatal to your souls. You must be converted. You must receive light before you can give light. Place yourselves under the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness.” Then you can say with Isaiah, “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.” You must cultivate faith and love. “The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.” Seek the Lord. Rest not until you know that Christ is your Saviour.”—**Testimonies to Ministers, p. 155.1**

#### MEANING OF “AS IN THE DAYS OF OLD.”

“Moreover, Bro. Houteff's work has proved that he will not sit in a corner by himself, but will evenly divide



with as many as may come to the knowledge of the truth and share Carmel's burden for the salvation of souls, for thus is he instructed by the Word of the Lord, saying: "Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old." (Mic. 7:14.) For this purpose has he bought the land and settled in the woods, on the top (midst) of Mt. Carmel, by the side of the brook."—**Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 14, p. 5.5**

The present day Davidian Association in Waco, Texas mentioned above tries to use this reference to justify their existence of a literal Mt. Carmel storehouse however this must be understood in connection with....

"“Feed thy people with thy rod:” The verb “feed” is to be understood as spiritual food, and that food (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.”—**Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 1, p. 243:2**

Furthermore, the statement above in Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, no. 14, p. 5.5 must be used in proper context with the paragraph following on Symbolic Code, Vol. 14, No. 6, p. 6.3.

“That is, after the harvest (Jer. 8:20), 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”)....”—**Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 14, p. 6.3**

### CONCLUSION:

Summarizing some important history of the *Rod* message, three things began in California starting in 1930:

1. The *Shepherd’s Rod* Message (Mic. 6:9, 7:14)
2. Carmel pasture (symbolic) Mic. 7:14, 1 SR p. 243:2
3. A literal headquarters to begin to publish the message (1 SC 10:3).

After this brief study examining the clauses found in Micah 7:14, we can establish two key points regarding the meaning of Carmel in this verse:

1. The spiritual Carmel pasture began in 1930 and refers to the period of probation open for the S. D. A. church (1 SR 243:2, 1 SC 14:6.3).
2. A literal Mt. Carmel Center, “solitary in the woods” was later established as a temporary camp (2 SC 1:2) in Waco, Texas in 1935, which was completely liquidated by 1957 by the providence of God (10 SC 1:4-6).

M. J. Bingham and his followers, the Bashan Hill Davidians, and the present day Waco Association both try to use the same argument that the Carmel pasture in Micah 7:14 has a literal meaning, that is, it represents an actual physical location that “withered” sometime after 1955. But this cannot possibly be so and be in harmony with plain statements found in the *Rod* as has been noted in this study. Some leaders at the present day Waco Association say that Carmel has both spiritual and literal meanings in a deceptive effort to accommodate the *Rod* teaching in 1 SR 243 and 1 SC 14:6.3 while at the same time trying to justify their relocation to Waco in 1991. One only needs to ask these prevaricators to give an example of any object in the Bible that is both spiritual and literal at the same time. How about the mountain in Daniel 2? Obviously, to recognize its proper spiritual meaning alone as shown in the original

*Rod* statements above would expose their errors in teaching and their dubious claims of being God's true storehouse which should be located eastward from Waco, Texas at the present time.

**- END OF STUDY -**



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