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Mrs. Rose Green
Rainbow Trailer Park, Space 5
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Santa Ana
California
Dear Rose:
In response to your letter concerning Ezekiel 9, one must remember that a doctrinal truth cannot be built solely upon an antitype of a past event. There must be a prophecy of the future event in order to teach it as a doctrine. Either Ezekiel 9 has been fulfilled or it has not; we believe it has been fulfilled. If there is an antitype of this chapter, there must be found a prophecy of the future event. It is certainly true that we can learn a lesson from Israel's sad experience, but we do not see how we can teach that the fulfilment of Ezekiel 9 never happened and is yet future. Ezekiel 9 can be used in no other way than the way Christ used the flood in Matthew 24. He simply used it to illustrate the similarity in the conditions that would prevail among the people in the end of the world with the conditions in the time of the flood. But $H$ e certainly did not teach that the flood never did occur and is yet future. So with us now in the matter of Ezekiel 9. We can use it as a lesson in some respects; but we cannot teach that it never was fulfilled and is therefore yet future. The lesson we can draw is that the Lord dealt with sinners anciently and He will do so again in the end. But the method of His dealing will not be the same as it was anciently. Brother Houteff got his understanding on this from Sister White's writings. Christ plainly taught that there would be a separation at His coming. We believe it. But where did Christ once say that this separation would fulfil Ezekiel's prophecy?

Another newsletter on the subject is now in preparation, and we believe that if you will carefully study it, you will be in a better position to make your decision.

We have not sent out a tape anywhere advising people where to pay their tithes.

As to the use of clean meats, you know what action was taken on this in the session of the Association last September. Since then we have not asked anyone whether they eat meat or not.

In these troublous and yet glorious times, as you study, meditate, and examine yourself in the light of present Truth, may your soul be refreshed, your understanding and your heart comforted with the peace of God that passeth all understanding.

Sincerely your fellow pilgrims on our way to Zion, the City of the Great King,

(Mrs.) V. T. Houteff

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P. S. Inclosed is a receipt for your latest remittance.

