

Last Generation News

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Greetings from NW Arkansas in the Name of Yeshua our Messiah!

Years ago I read that the church would be the greatest persecutor of God's true people. I read how David lived with the Philistines while his father-in-law, king Saul, tried to hunt him down and kill him. When Elijah was on the run from Ahab God sent him to the widow of Zarephath to protect him from his own king. When I read these different stories from the Bible and read the predictions from Ellen White regarding our own church I wondered how her predictions could ever come true. Sure, the leaders of God's church crucified Jesus nearly two thousand years ago, but times have changed and we would never see that happen again, would we? Well, history has a way of repeating itself. The Waldenses were hated by the Catholic church

to kill the Messiah.

How many times have you heard an evangelist throw out this line to his audience? "Jesus is our example in all things. Jesus kept the Sabbath, therefore I keep the Sabbath and so should you." That's a great line as long as you are the one throwing it out. If you would like to watch an evangelist back peddle, use the same line on him but substitute the word 'feasts' in place of the Sabbath. I did that recently and his reaction was amazing. I went on to show him that Ellen White said that Jesus never observed the ceremonial law, but that He did keep the feasts. I also showed him where EGW said that there are only two laws—ceremonial and moral. I asked him this very simple question. Since Jesus never kept the ceremonial law, but He did keep

thread that seems to run all through history is that being a Torah observant follower of Jesus, who tries to follow everything that Jesus said and did will sooner or later run you into trouble with the powers that be.

Consider the following quote found in Early Writings, page 33. "I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us." What can you say to the most lukewarm, nominal Adventist about the Sabbath that will enrage them? Tell them that we are privileged to observe seven more Sabbaths a year and you will soon have your answer.

We are going to devote much of the newsletter this month and the months to come in sharing ideas how to survive the coming storm as Torah observant followers of Jesus. Brothers and Sisters, the outer bands of the storm are now hitting and the full fury will soon be here. Are you ready? Do you know your Saviour well enough to stand with Him when all hell breaks loose? Time is short. Prepare, prepare, prepare.

The End is Near. R U Ready? By Richard

because they followed the Torah, including the observance of the Sabbath and the Feasts. They were also hated by the Jews because they believed that Jesus was the Messiah. Funny thing how being a Torah observant follower of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah gets you hated and despised by so many people. But that is nothing new either. The Sadducees and Pharisees hated each other until they found one common hatred so strong that they were able to bury their hatred for each other long enough

the feasts, then which law do the feasts come under? His reply? "I don't know—you will have to take that up with the higher ups in the church." Amazing indeed! Two weeks later he sent out a letter to the whole church condemning our books and stating that if we did not desist from spreading our heresies that we would no longer be allowed to fellowship in his church, courtesy of a board decision. Have times really changed? Are we any different from Saul, Ahab, the Jews, or the Catholic church? The

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Special points of interest:

- Our ministry is a faith-based ministry operating on a shoe string budget. If you would like to help with your prayers, time, or finances we would be very grateful.
- Jesus is coming soon! Are you ready?

The Trial of Jim Sanders Part 1

The following story is a parable that we hope will provoke some deep thought and soul searching among our people. The inspiration for this story came from a book that was shared with us about ten years ago. This book was written by a Protestant evangelical on cults. Seventh-day Adventists were one chapter in the book, and the chief argument against Seventh-day Adventists was that they are inconsistent because they observe the first feast in Leviticus chapter 23 (the Seventh-day Sabbath) but not the rest of the feasts. It was pointed out that in Leviticus chapter 23 God makes no distinction between the yearly feasts and the Sabbath; therefore the feasts and the Seventh-day Sabbath stand or fall together, and that since sacrifices were done on all of these days, they are all part of the ceremonial law and therefore were abolished at the cross.

Jim Sanders was a hard-working man. A third generation Seventh-day Adventist, he had graduated from Union College with a degree in business and a minor in religion. He owned his own trucking company and his wife, Mary, did the bookkeeping. Although the gas prices kept rising, by cutting corners wherever possible, the Sanders were still managing to make a good living. It was a hectic Monday, and Jim decided to watch CNN in his office while eating his lunch. All of a sudden, the news was interrupted for a special bulletin. "Three nuclear suitcase bombs have just been detonated simultaneously in the heart of Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The entire downtown area of each city has been totally destroyed and hundreds of thousands are suspected to have perished. As the nuclear fallout drifts eastward across this nation, millions more will eventually die. The President has declared a national state of emergency." In the chaos that followed, leading religious leaders declared that God was angry with our nation and the only way to end God's wrath was to pass a National Sunday Law, making it mandatory for everyone to cease from their work and to worship God on this day. After only one day of

deliberation, Congress passed the law. Although it was a financial hardship to do so, Jim and Mary now closed their trucking business on both Sabbath and Sunday in order to comply with the law. Over the next few weeks, as millions of American slowly died from the fallout, the religious leaders focused their attention on all Sabbath-keepers, stating that this group, by continuing to worship on Saturday, was still bringing the wrath of God upon them and the only way to stay the plague was to force this group to work on Saturday and worship only on Sunday. Congress promptly passed a law commanding everyone to work on Saturday and worship only on Sunday. Jim and Mary, faithful Seventh-day Adventists, disregarded the law and still kept their business closed on Saturday. Shortly thereafter, Jim Sanders was thrown in jail for refusing to comply. As Jim sat in jail, he remembered the Bible texts he had been taught at Union College in his Bible classes showing that Saturday, the seventh-day, is the true Sabbath. He felt confident that at his trial he could show from the Bible the truth about the Sabbath.

The day of the trial arrived and Jim was led into the packed court room. His wife Mary sat in the audience, quietly praying. The judge brought his gavel down and the proceeding commenced. "Mr. Sanders," the judge began, "We have brought Mr. Martin, professor of theology from New Beginnings Evangelical College, to question you. He will show you from the Bible that your position on the Seventh-day Sabbath is wrong." "Mr. Sanders," Professor Martin began, "Give me one reason why you insist on observing Saturday as the Sabbath." Jim Sanders confidentially responded, "My biggest reason for observing the Sabbath on Saturday is because Jesus did and He is our Example. I believe that text is somewhere in Luke chapter 4." "Yes," Professor Martin responded, "That text is Luke 4:16 and it says that Jesus, as His custom was, went into the syngagogue on the Sabbath. That is correct. Jesus did observe the

Seventh-day Sabbath." Inwardly Jim Sanders glowed. "This is going to be easy," he thought. "However," Professor Martin went on, "Don't Seventh-day Adventists believe that the feasts listed in Leviticus chapter 23 were abolished at the cross?" "Oh yes," responded Jim. "Absolutely. The feasts are part of the ceremonial law and were nailed to the cross." "Well," Professor Martin stated, "Jesus observed the feasts. It says so in Luke 2:41, 42; Matthew 26:17-18; John 2:23; John 4:45; John 5:1; John 7:10, 14, 37; and Luke 22:15-16. As a good Jew, Jesus observed the law which included the Seventh-day Sabbath and the feasts. But all of these days were abolished at the cross as I will shortly show you."

"I didn't realize Jesus kept the feasts," stammered Jim, "But the Bible tells us in Colossians 2:16 that the feasts were abolished at the cross." "I'm glad you agree that this text abolished the feasts," Professor Martin said. "This text reads, 'Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the **new moon**, or of the **sabbath days**.' In this text, Paul, as all good Jews did, was quoting a phrase directly out of the Old Testament. For instance, let's take a look at 2 Chronicles 2:4 which says, 'Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to Him, and to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the **Sabbaths**, and on the **new moons**, and on the **solemn feasts** of the LORD our God. Mr. Sanders, wouldn't you agree that this text is speaking of the Seventh-day Sabbath, the new moons, and the feasts?" "Yes," replied Jim. Professor Martin continued, "The same phrase speaking of the Seventh-day Sabbath, the new moons, and the feasts is also found in 1 Chronicles 23:31, 2 Chronicles 8:13, 2 Chronicles 31:3, and Nehemiah 10:33. So when Paul used the same wording in Colossians 2:16, he was using a phrase familiar to all Jews. And since you agree that these texts in the Old Testament are speaking of the Seventh-

day Sabbath, then you have to agree that when Paul uses this wording in the Colossians 2:16 that he is also referring to the Seventh-day Sabbath, correct?" "I never realized that before," Jim replied.

"Well, just to nail this down thoroughly," Professor Martin continued, "In the New Testament the Bible uses the same phrase 'sabbath days' seven other times besides the one in Colossians 2:16. They are Matthew 12:5, Matthew 12:10, Matthew 12:11-12, Mark 3:4, Luke 4:31, Luke 6:2, and Luke 6:9. In each of these texts you would agree that this phrase 'sabbath days' is referring to the Seventh-day Sabbath, would you not?" "Oh yes," said Jim, "That's what I was taught at Union College." "Well then," said Professor Martin, "Since in each of these seven texts you agree that the phrase 'sabbath days' is referring to the Seventh-day Sabbath, then when Paul uses the same phrase in Colossians 2:16 he must be speaking of the Seventh-day Sabbath in this text as well, don't you agree?" "I never thought of it quite that way. Your proof is very strong. I guess Colossians 2:16 is also talking about the Seventh-day Sabbath." replied Jim, blushing a little. "I see you are beginning to think straight," replied Professor Martin. "Since you now agree that Colossians 2:16 also addresses the Seventh-day Sabbath along with the feasts, and you believe that this text is abolishing the feasts, then it must abolish the Seventh-day Sabbath as well. Correct?" "I guess you're right. I never realized all of this. I don't understand why I was never taught this before," replied Jim. "I'm glad you're beginning to realize that your church has misled you," smirked Professor Martin.

"Let's read the first three verses of Leviticus chapter 23." Professor Martin commenced reading, and then stated, "In verses one and two of this chapter, God says He is going to speak unto the children of Israel concerning the feasts. The very next statement out of God's mouth is the command to observe the Seventh-day Sabbath; therefore the Sabbath is a feast. In this chapter God makes no distinction between the Sabbath and the feasts, therefore the Sabbath and the yearly feasts stand or fall together. You were taught by the Seventh-day Advent-

ist Church that the feasts were part of the ceremonial law because sacrifices were done on those days, were you not?" "Oh yes, I was taught that," replied Jim. "Did you also realize that the Bible says in Numbers 28:9 that sacrifices were also done on the Seventh-day Sabbath, therefore, using the same reasoning that you were taught, the Sabbath must be part of the ceremonial law?" "No, I never learned that before," said Jim. "I see I have been misled." "Well," Professor Martin continued, "I'm glad you're starting to see the light."

With increased energy, Professor Martin continued. "You were also taught by your church that Galatians 4:9-10 and Romans 14:5-6 are speaking of the ceremonial feasts days. Since you now agree that the Seventh-day Sabbath is a feast day and part of the ceremonial law, then these texts are also speaking of the Seventh-day Sabbath along with the feasts. Paul is clearly stating they were all abolished at the cross. In conclusion, now that you clearly see that you were misled, you are going to save your life by joining with us in Sunday observance, aren't you?" "Oh yes," responded Jim. "I'm so glad you have saved me from the upcoming death decree against Sabbath keepers. I will fully join with you this very Sunday in worship if you will just let me out of jail. I promise I will never be misled again." The judge banged his gavel. "Case closed. Release Mr. Sanders and make sure that he is in church this coming Sunday and he will have his full freedom."

As this same scenario was repeated in courts across the nation, and Seventh-day Adventists clearly saw, for the first time, that the same arguments they used to abolish the feasts also abolished the Seventh-day Sabbath, the majority of Seventh-day Adventists gave up the Sabbath and joined with Sunday observance, fulfilling Ellen White's prophecy, "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to

choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren." (*Great Controversy* p. 608)

There was, however, one small group within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who were the only ones able to clearly meet the arguments of the Sunday-keepers, and to show that the Seventh-day Sabbath was not abolished. This group, who observed the feasts and the Seventh-day Sabbath, had already been facing persecution by their own brethren. "Their testimony is: '**We dare not tamper with God's word, dividing His holy law; calling one portion essential and another nonessential**, to gain the favor of the world. The Lord whom we serve is able to deliver us. Christ has conquered the powers of earth; and shall we be afraid of a world already conquered?'" (*Great Controversy* p. 610) In Part II we will see how this group fared when they were brought into court.

Health Corner

by Melody Drake

In our story "The Trial of Jim Sanders" we wrote about a nuclear attack coming to our country. We believe this is a very real possibility. The good news is that we can protect ourselves by taking potassium iodide as this natural product protects us from the radiation fallout. Our thyroid is what takes up the radiation, but if we are taking large doses of potassium iodide our thyroid is unable to take up the radiation and we are protected. (This is also good to take if one has to get a CatScan.) The dosage is 130 mg/day for adults, 65 mg/day for children ages 3-18, 33 mg for ages 1 mo.-3 yrs, and 16 mg for birth-1 mo. Sources are www.anbex.com (866-463-6754), www.ki4u.com (830-672-8734). The second source has potassium iodide for children in either pills or flavored liquid for very young children. It is advised to have enough on hand for 30 days for each member of your family. Begin taking as soon as you hear radiation is coming your way.

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Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

Comforting Promises

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me." Psalm 138:7

"Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing." Desire of Ages p. 330

"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54:13

"Nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Timothy 1:12

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

"We must cherish and cultivate the faith of which prophets and apostles have testified—the faith that lays hold on the promises of God and waits for deliverance in His appointed time and way." Prophets and Kings p. 387

The SDA church is negotiating with the World Evangelical Alliance to join their alliance. You can read all about it at these two links.

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Join Us For Tabernacles September 26-October 4, 2007

Wed. Sept. 26th at 5:00 PM we will start our convocation with an agape' feast. If you can, bring lawn chairs. If there is any one who can run a camera projector please contact Pam. 707-263-5871

This Tabernacles Convocation is free to every one who wants to come, including meals, but we will not be able to do this again with out donations. A nonprofit organization called "**Holy Convocation Ministries**" has been set up to pay for the cost of putting the convocations on. If you would like to donate to this ministry and receive a tax credit make your **checks out to "Holy Convocation Ministries"** and send them to:

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From Salem, Oregon on Hwy 5 take the coast Rt. 22 across bridge toward coast and join Hwy 18. Stay on Hwy 18 and go through Grand Ronde toward Lincoln City. After going through the mountain range you will come to Rose Lodge (neighborhood market). Go 1 1/3 mile's after the store and immediately after crossing bear creek bridge turn right. There is a sign on Hwy 18 that says River Place.

From Lincoln City, coast Hwy 101, take Hwy 18 also known as (Salmon River Hwy). go about 7 miles to Otis (restaurant, post office, & service station). Two miles past that you will turn left at River Place.

River Place phone # 541-994-9613

God's Holidays

We believe that the time has come to send the book God's Holidays to believers overseas. If you would like to help us with this project you can send donations to Last Generation Ministries c/o Richard Drake at the address on this newsletter. We are also making the book available for \$5.00 each in quantities of 10 plus \$5.00 shipping.



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