

# Last Generation News

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Grace be unto  
you, and peace, from  
God our Father, and from the  
Lord Jesus Christ 1 Corinthians 1:4

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## The Extreme Shortness of Time and an Urgent Call for Prayer

A friend recently sent us two DVD sermons by David Gates, SDA missionary to South America, in which he stated that there is knowledge about the US economic situation being shared overseas that is not being shared here. He said that a European financial newsletter is stating that the US dollar will collapse beginning this September, 2008, or shortly thereafter. We found this financial newsletter, the Global European Anticipation Bulletin No. 22, on the internet. The following are brief quotes from this bulletin. "According to LEAP/E2020, the end of the third quarter of 2008 will be marked by a new tipping point in the unfolding of the global systemic crisis. At that time indeed, the cumulated impact of the various sequences of the crisis will reach its maximum strength and affect decisively the very heart of the systems concerned, on the frontline of which the United States, epicenter of the current crisis. In the United States, this new tipping point will translate into a collapse of the real economy...The collapse of US real economy means the virtual freeze of the American economic machinery: private and public bankruptcies in large numbers, companies and public services closing down massively...LEAP/E2020 wishes to remind that we are now resolutely stepping into an era with no historical precedent... It is truly a global systemic crisis, that is to say a crisis affecting the entire planet and questioning the very founda-

tions of the international system upon which the world was organized in the last decades."

The above bulletin states that an economic crash will affect this entire planet. The Bible predicts a world-wide economic crash in James 5:1-6 and Revelation 18:9-24. Time must indeed be very short. Recently we found out that the Bank of England, the Royal Bank of Scotland, and a major bank in Belgium and the Netherlands is warning their people about this economic crash, the fact that it is imminent, and that their standard of living is going to be drastically reduced. We believe that the enemy is trying to make the economy crash so that God's people won't have the money to sustain the spread of the gospel. For this reason, we are calling on all of God's faithful people to urgently fast and pray for the following:

1) That this economic crisis will be held off as long as possible so as to not impede the spread of the gospel.

2) That God will guide you as to what to do with what you own. We are reminded of the following quotes: "I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every encumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. If they have their property on the altar, and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when to dispose of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble, and have no clogs to weigh them down. I saw that if any held on to their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not

make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: 'The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. O that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!'...I also saw that God had not required all of His people to dispose of their property at the same time, but if they desired to be taught, He would teach them, in a time of need, when to sell and how much to sell...Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar—self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory. Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where no thief can approach or rust corrupt. Ye must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here if ye would be partakers with Him of His glory hereafter...I saw that Satan bade his angels lay their snares especially for those who were looking for Christ's second appearing and keeping all the commandments of God. Satan told his angels that the churches were asleep. He would increase his power and lying wonders, and he could hold them. 'But,' he said, 'the sect of Sabbathkeepers we hate; they are continually working against us, and taking from us our subjects, to keep the hated law of God. Go, make the possessors of lands and money

drunk with cares. If you can make them place their affections upon these things, we shall have them yet. They may profess what they please, only make them care more for money than for truths we hate. Present the world before them in the most attractive light, that they may love and idolize it. We must keep in our ranks all the means of which we can gain control. (*Early Writings*, p. 56, 57, 66, 67, 266, 267)

One good thing to do with your money right now is to stock up on religious literature to pass out. Harvestime Books sells Ellen White books and other great missionary books at just pennies over their printing cost. Their case prices are extremely low. You can order their books at [www.harvestimebooks.com](http://www.harvestimebooks.com) or by calling 931-692-2777.

Due to the shortness of the time we have also been impressed to offer our books, *God's Holidays* and *Armageddon and the International Sunday Law*, on a donation basis. Our only request is that you get these books out quickly instead of having them sit in your home.

3) Fast and pray for unity and love among God's people. We see too much division, critical spirits, gossiping, and a lack of love. According to 1 Corinthians 13, if we don't have love for one another, we don't have anything. We can have all knowledge and all prophecy and give everything we own to the poor, but if we don't have love, all of this is worthless in the sight of God.

4) Ask God for purity of heart. "As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, 'Take away the filthy garments,' and the encouraging words are spoken, 'Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.' Zechariah 3:4. The spotless robe of Christ's righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the

world. Their names are retained in the Lamb's book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. They have resisted the wiles of the deceiver; they have not been turned from their loyalty by the dragon's roar. Now they are eternally secure from the tempter's devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin. A 'fair miter' is set upon their heads." (*Prophets and Kings* p. 591 We suggest that you read this entire chapter.) "I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully. I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.' **I saw that none could share the 'refreshing' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.** Let all remember that God is holy and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His

presence." (*Early Writings* p. 71. Read this entire chapter as it is entitled "Preparation for the End.")

We should now be pleading for purity of heart, examining our souls as to whether or not we are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5), and asking God to show us everything in our lives we need to change and everything we need to do. If we do this, God will hear our prayers. He will change and perfect us. According to Hebrews 10:14 God will perfect those who are in the process of sanctification. Sanctification is a daily growing in Jesus through Bible study, prayer, and sharing the gospel. God is an incredible God of love who is doing everything He can to save us. Read *Steps to Christ* as this book contains what we need to do to obtain justification and sanctification.

5) Memorize Bible promises to strengthen you for the future.

6) Ask God to bring you together with people who are searching for the truth so you can share. If you do, He will answer your prayer, as we know from personal experience. Have religious literature with you at all times so that you are prepared. Perhaps God wants to send you as an overseas missionary. Pray that God will show you, and He will. Recently a friend sent us a sermon by A. T. Jones which was printed in the 1901 General Conference Bulletin. In this sermon he was pleading for people to go as overseas missionaries. Here is a quote from this sermon. "The day is coming when every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States would give everything he has, and his own life almost, if he could be outside the United States. Let me say that again. I am speaking something now that interests every Seventh-day Adventist. The day is coming and is not far off, when every Seventh-day Adventist will wish to the depths of his soul that he were out of the United States: and multitudes will condemn

themselves, and will fret themselves under the condemnation, that they did not go out of the United States when they had the chance. You know that this sign is given us. ‘When our country shall repudiate every principal of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time for the marvelous working of Satan is at hand.’”

We believe that Elder Jones is right. If you believe that God is calling you to be a missionary, go without delay, as soon we may not be able to go. David Gates has a volunteer mission program and in one of his sermons we heard him state that he does not turn any volunteers away. To view what the current needs are go to [www.gospelministry.org](http://www.gospelministry.org) or call 423-334-3550 or 269-461-3122.

Each passing day we are learning more about what is going on around us and we are being impressed with an extreme urgency that time is extremely short. All around us, we find others who are being impressed with the same—both inside and outside of our church. According to Daniel chapter 12, the time of trouble lasts 1335 days. (See Appendix IV in our book *God's Holidays*. Pastors Doug Batchelor and Kenneth Cox are also teaching this same interpretation of Daniel 12.) We know that the time of trouble ends with the Second Coming at the Feast of Tabernacles. (See our chapter on the Feast of Tabernacles in *God's Holidays*.) Backing up 1335 days from the Feast of Tabernacles, the time of trouble has to begin in the winter or very early spring. Each year we review events going on around us and ask, “Could this winter be when the time of trouble begins?” Each year we have told ourselves that no, we don't see everything lined up the way it needs to be yet. But this is the first year that we can say yes, it is possible. Everything is set and in place. Only God's angels are holding back the winds of strife. We don't know if it will be this winter, but we think there is a very good possibility. We do know, absolutely for

sure, that time won't last much longer.

If you are going to sell your property to move out in the country, this is almost the last call. It is getting more and more difficult to sell every day. But, it is still possible. God can sell your property if it is His will. Do whatever it takes to get out in the country. In two months you can build a tiny cabin that you can exist in. We know, because we did it. We are currently living in a 350 sq ft cabin that we built. Another very fast and economical house that can withstand tremendous storms is to put up a Quonset Hut (you can research it on the internet). Pray and ask God to guide you as to where to go and what to do and He will help you to do it. If you can't afford a place of your own, find a friend who is out in the country and ask if you can either build a small cabin there, put an RV there, or live with them when times get difficult. Get a garden plot ready and buy seeds. If it's too far to commute to your job, you can still live in town but at least you have a place prepared where you can flee to at a minute's notice. Or, if you are unable to find a place in the country, perhaps God is calling you as a missionary. As stated previously, David Gates is begging for missionaries and most of his volunteers are located in remote regions. “I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said, ‘Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. Press your petitions to the throne and hold on by strong faith. The promises are sure. Believe ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them.’” (*Early Writings*, p. 73) God will guide you—just ask. If you don't get out of the big cities now, the absolute last call to do so is when the national Sunday law is passed, but if you wait until then, you will have to run with nothing, and you will lose everything. We urge those of you in this situation to formulate a plan now as to where you will go and know that you will have to flee on a moment's notice. Read Matthew 24:15-20. The abomination of desolation in these verses is the national Sunday law.

The time of trouble begins with the na-

tional Sunday law. Should it begin this winter, our educated guess is that there will be some major catastrophe before then as that is what it will take to persuade the majority of people that we need a Sunday law. We are guessing that this major catastrophe will take place at the time of the fall feasts, since we see from past history that the feasts are when all major events occur. (Remember that 9/11 occurred during the ten days between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. These ten days are known as the last call to repentance before judgment.)

We have just discovered that we most likely celebrated the spring feasts one month late this year. The Bible does allow one to celebrate the spring festivals one month late for extenuating circumstances, but not the fall feasts. According to Leviticus 23:10-14, the barley had to be ripe at Passover time; therefore, the timing of Passover is determined by whether or not the first fruits of the barley harvest is ready and then the rest of the festivals are dated from Passover. Ellen White also affirms that this method is correct (see *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 537-539). We have a paper from the Ellen White estate which shows that in 1844 our early pioneers figured the date of that year's Day of Atonement by the first fruits of the barley harvest in Israel that year. For these reasons, we also believe in determining the timing of the spring feasts according to when the first fruits of the barley are ready in Israel. The Karaite Jews in Israel are very diligent about searching for the ripe barley and they put on their website when they find it, so we have been using their report. However, we recently found out that this year there was a major disagreement among themselves as to the correct date for Passover, so they did a detailed report stating how they arrived at the date they did. We managed to get a copy of this report and found, to our surprise, that they do not believe in dating Passover from the first fruits of the barley, but rather by when

the majority of the barley is ready for harvest. According to their detailed report, there were first fruits ready a month earlier. In one field, they found that 25% of the barley was ready a month earlier. So, using the earlier date for this year, the Feast of Trumpets will be on September 1 this fall. The Day of Atonement will be on September 10, and the Feast of Tabernacles will be from September 15-22.

One reason why it's so important to get the dates correct is because God has done His greatest acts on the feasts in the past and will do His greatest acts on the feasts in the future. This also means that the feasts are prophetic, pointing out the future to us. They also portray the entire gospel from start to finish and by the time one has finished celebrating the feasts for an entire year, if one knows the meaning of these feasts, one has been reminded of the entire gospel. So, celebrating these feasts is a great way to rejuvenate your walk with God! God always lets His people know in advance what is coming. (See Amos 3:7) Will a major catastrophe occur this fall at the feasts? If the time of trouble begins this winter, then there is a good chance that a major catastrophe will occur at the Feast of Trumpets this fall as trumpets announce future events.

We have a friend who is a deep student of Bible prophecy and has been telling us that 2008 is a sabbatical year and that God gives His people peace on sabbaticals. This friend has been wondering if 2008 will be the last year of peace for God's people. We don't know for sure if this is the last year of peace for God's people on this earth, but do know that this sabbatical year ends this fall at the Feast of Trumpets. If our friend is correct, then we may see some dramatic things happen this fall. We do know that time is ex-

tremely short. Remember, judgment begins with the house of God, and so we can expect to be judged and sealed first before the world is. We must be ready at all times.

We are aware that among feast keepers there is a disagreement over how to determine the correct date for Passover. Some believe that we must determine the Passover date by the first new moon after the spring equinox instead of when the first fruits of the barley is ripe in Israel. The other disagreement is over the timing of Firstfruits and Pentecost. Pentecost is exactly 50 days after Firstfruits, so the timing of Firstfruits determines the timing of Pentecost. Some believe that Firstfruits is always on the second day of the feast of Unleavened Bread, or the 16<sup>th</sup> of the Jewish month of Nisan. (This is the position that Ellen White takes in Patriarchs and Prophets p. 539 and this is our position also.) Among those of you who observe the feasts, we ask that we all extend grace and love to those who disagree with your position. We believe that soon God will verify which dates are correct when He starts doing His great acts connected with the Second Coming on the correct feast dates. So God Himself will take matters into His own hands and we will all soon know the correct timing.

After reviewing the sermons of David Gates, we believe that God has called him to help wake up God's church. He too is preaching that time is extremely short, the Second Coming is imminent, that we are the last generation, and he gives his reasons as to how he has determined this. We urge you to listen to his sermons as he is preaching messages vital for our times. You will need high speed internet to listen to the sermons. If you don't have high speed, go to a friend who does and sit for an entire day and listen to these sermons as soon as possible. To do so, go to [www.hopevideo.com/media\\_with\\_david\\_gates.htm](http://www.hopevideo.com/media_with_david_gates.htm). We will also have this link on our website,

[www.godsholidays.com](http://www.godsholidays.com), under "Religious Links."

## We Need Help

We feel an urgency to get our book *God's Holidays* out to as many pastors in other countries as fast as possible. Due to the work that we are doing, plus our ministry both locally and at distance, we are hard pressed to get this done. We have about 30,000 names and addresses to mail to, and so we thought that if we could get 30 of our readers to volunteer to assist, each person would only have to address and mail to 1000 people. We will provide you with the addresses and the money to do so, as long as our money lasts. If you feel God calling you to help us with this project, give us a call at 870-545-3884 or 479-935-9444. Since we do not have 30,000 books, we have decided to send a one page letter telling them briefly about our book and that they can download the book for free from the internet. We will offer to mail a hard copy of the book to them at their request if they are unable to download the book. We thought that in this manner we can reach many more people. We have one local lady who is willing to assist us in this project, but to get this project done quickly within the next 1-2 months, which is our goal, we need a number of volunteers. We also do not currently have enough money to mail to all 30,000, but will mail to as many as God provides the money for. If you wish to assist with either time or money, you will be blessed for having done so.

We thank you for all of the encouragement we receive from you via phone, letters, and emails. We also thank you for your financial support which goes to get our books out, both locally and now overseas. You are in our prayers and we ask for your prayers. We are having more doors open up for us to witness locally. We are currently in charge of leading two

weekly Bible study groups. The people are thrilled with what they are learning. They are telling us that they are learning more than ever before and they never thought of some of the things that we are teaching them. Pray for these studies! A local health ministry is also opening up here as well. We had a booth at a local weekend festival and gave out about 1400 laminated copies of the Ten Commandments. We had many people tell us how much they appreciated our promoting the Ten Commandments. One little boy wanted his own copy of the Ten Commandments, and as he walked away with his Mom, we were amused to hear her say, "No, this isn't a treasure map, it's a set of rules." Well, we think her little boy was the most correct—the Ten Commandments is a wonderful treasure map! We are finding that people everywhere, both within and without our church, are waking up to the fact that time is very, very short. Now is the greatest time in earth's history to witness as more and more people are ready to listen than we have ever seen before. We ourselves have more to do than what we can keep up with. Truly, the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few! We need to pray for more laborers, as Jesus told us to in Matthew 9:37-38.

### **Health Corner** by Melody Drake

"As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavorable positions. For their own sake, they should, while they have opportunity, become intelligent in regard to disease, its causes, prevention, and cure. And those who do this will find a field of labor anywhere. There will be suffering

ones, plenty of them, who will need help, not only among those of our own faith, but largely among those who know not the truth." (*Maranatha*, p. 185) "And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." (Matthew 10:1)

We feel impressed to share with you some natural remedies that you can do to help those around you during the coming troublous times when many will be unable to obtain medical care. If you are knowledgeable in regards to natural remedies, you will be able to be a powerful witness! Three of the most important natural remedies are the use of charcoal, clay, and colloidal silver. Charcoal and clay absorb poisons and colloidal silver kills viruses, bacteria, and an overgrowth of yeast in the body. The cheapest source for activated charcoal is Our Father's Healing Herbs which you can contact at 706-673-1844 or go to [www.healingherbs.biz](http://www.healingherbs.biz). They also sell wonderful healing herb tea combinations and healing salves. The cheapest source for powdered clay is Aztec Indian Healing Clay at 775-727-8351 or go to [www.aztecsecret.com](http://www.aztecsecret.com). The best price is if you obtain 40 lbs. We recommend stocking up on both clay and charcoal as in the future we may not be able to buy it.

Recently a friend came to us with an ugly wound which we determined to be a brown recluse spider bite after comparing it to pictures on the internet. We shocked it with electricity as the electricity neutralizes the poison. (Do not do this to someone who has a pacemaker, is pregnant, or has a metal stint or metal hardware in their body.) Then we mixed up 1 part charcoal to 2 parts clay, adding just enough water

to mix it into a thick paste and applied it to the wound. We covered that with saran wrap and taped the edges with masking tape. We told this friend to apply a fresh charcoal/clay poultice twice a day. About six days later he came back and the spider bite was completely healed over with new skin. His recovery was faster than we thought possible! God's natural remedies are truly amazing! You can also take charcoal internally. Once a copperhead bit Richard on his finger and it swelled up very rapidly to his shoulder. The doctor told him he might lose his finger due to the swelling and that it would take the swelling up to two months to go away. We wrapped his entire arm in a charcoal poultice and gave him 1 tablespoon of activated charcoal mixed in 2 cups of water several times a day. In two days the swelling was gone.

We have run out of room to tell you how to make colloidal silver, but will post it on our website. We are currently writing up a natural health and healing manual which we will soon post on our website, [www.godsholidays.com](http://www.godsholidays.com). We feel an urgency to get this knowledge out fast to you due to the shortness of time. We have not finished this manual, but are going to post what we have and update it as we get more done, so check our website frequently. If you are unable to get on the internet, go to a friend who is, and print this health manual.

Just like the Bible predicted, we are seeing end time plagues. Some of these plagues are very serious and can kill in a short time, so we need a powerful natural remedy that will work fast. We found one in an old herbologist's book that is now out of print. He stated that he prayed and asked God for an end-time, anti-plague formula and God did give him the answer. This herbologist told a story about how a

plague hit a small town and the doctors had no idea what to do as they had never seen anything like it. This was not put on the news as they did not want people panicking. It so happened that some of the people in this town had already made up this anti-plague formula in advance, and whoever took it, lived. He also told about a couple who arrived home to find their four expensive dogs at the point of death due to being poisoned. They grabbed their anti-plague formula and managed to get it down two dogs but by the time they got to the other two dogs they had died. The two that received this formula lived. That's how fast and how powerful this formula is. This herbologist recommends that you carry some of this with you at all times, wherever you go. Here is the recipe.

#### ANTI-PLAGUE FORMULA

This fights outbreaks of any kind such as colds, flus and any rapid systemic infections.

- 4 oz black walnut concentrate
- 4 oz wormwood concentrate
- 4 oz marshmallow root concentrate
- 4 oz oak bark concentrate
- 4 oz lobelia leaf or seed concentrate
- 4 oz mullein leaf concentrate
- 4 oz skullcap leaf concentrate
- 4 oz uva ursi, hydrangea or gravel root concentrate
- 8 oz comfrey root concentrate
- 32 oz Bragg's organic apple cider vinegar
- 20 oz honey (raw, unfiltered, and local is best)
- 20 oz vegetable glycerine
- 8 oz garlic juice (fresh, raw, organic)

Each concentrate should be made individually. Start by soaking each herb for 4 hours or more in enough distilled water to cover them. After soaking, add more distilled water so that total added water equals 16 oz water per 4 oz herbs. Then simmer on very low heat in a covered saucepan or double boiler for 30 min. Strain and place into an uncovered clean pan and simmer down to 1/4<sup>th</sup> the original amount—4 oz. Each concentrate should be made separately and then mixed when entire formula is blended together. Approx 1 gallon will be made. (Note: To make eight ounces of garlic juice takes one full pound of fresh garlic. Garlic juice is very powerful as it's the health equivalent of nuclear weaponry.) Dosage: 1 tsp 3 times daily up to 1 Tbsp every 1/2 hour, depending on the patient's condition. We recommend that you store this in four glass canning jars. **Never** store anything in plastic that you are going to consume as plastic leaches chemicals into whatever is stored in it. You can order 4 oz of each of these herbs from Mountain Rose Herbs at (800) 879-3337. Or you can order from Pacific Botanicals at 541-479-7777. Pacific Botanicals only sells by the pound, however, so if you want to make just one recipe, get 3 other friends and order from Pacific Botanicals together, or make 4 gallons so you have plenty to help those around you. If a severe, fast-spreading plague hits your area, you will need it. This anti-plague formula will keep indefinitely. Lobelia seeds are more powerful than lobelia leaves, but are much more expensive, so we are going to make ours with half lobelia seeds and half lobelia leaves. Mountain Rose does not carry the lobelia seeds, but Pacific Botanicals does. We ordered the NOW brand of

vegetable glycerine from MyVita-Net.com or call 800-807-8080. You can get the apple cider vinegar from your local health food store. We are estimating that it is going to cost about \$90 per gallon to make this anti-plague formula.

And now for the most powerful natural remedy there is—prayer. Always pray when you do natural remedies for someone and God will hear and answer your prayer.

### The Pocket That Never Was

by Richard Drake

A friend of mine (Alan) recently attended a Torah study at a Messianic Jewish congregation. In the process of discussing what was written on the two tables of stone he said something to the Rabbi about the Mosaic Law being put into the side pocket of the ark of the covenant. The Rabbi looked at Alan in amazement (or was it amusement?) and told him that the ark was a rectangular box with no pocket on the outside. So what is the truth and does it really matter if there is a pocket on the outside of the ark?

I have been taught all of my life that the Ten Commandments were put inside of the ark and that the Law of Moses was put in a pocket on the outside of the ark. This was a very important point because only the Law of God in the form of the Ten Commandments, otherwise known as the moral law, was permanent and therefore awarded a place inside of the ark. I was further taught that the Mosaic Law was abolished at the cross. Part of the proof given for this was that since the Mosaic Law was placed outside the Ark of the Covenant it was temporary. Is this 'truth' that I

was raised with really 'truth'? Let us now examine the evidence.

Exodus 25:10-22 tells the story of the Ark of the Covenant. Verse 10 states that the Ark was 2 ½ cubits (45 inches) long, 1 ½ cubits (27 inches) wide, and 1 ½ cubits (27 inches) tall. In verse 16 God told Moses to put the testimony God gave him inside the ark. Verse 17 states that the Mercy Seat was 2 ½ cubits long and 1 ½ cubits wide, which is the same dimensions as the top of the ark. Verse 21 repeats the command to put the testimony inside the ark.

Nowhere is anything said about a 'pocket' being in, on, or beside the ark. Deuteronomy 31:24-26 says, "And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee." So we simply see the book was put "in the side of the ark"—not in a pocket. The only place in the side of the ark would have been next to the ten commandments in the ark itself. When you read the construction directions given in Exodus 25, there is no other explanation—**there is no side pocket on the outside of the ark!**

I fired up my Ellen White cd rom and searched the word 'pocket' in her writings. It popped up 32 times, but not once was it in reference to the Ark of the Covenant. It was always in reference to a pocket book or a pocket in your clothing. I did find this quote, "After the public rehearsal of the law, Moses completed the work of writing all the laws, the statutes, and the judg-

ments which God had given him, and all the regulations concerning the sacrificial system. The book containing these was placed in charge of the proper officers, and was for safe keeping deposited in the side of the ark." Patriarchs and Prophets p. 466. She simply quotes Deuteronomy 31:26.

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 says, "This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice: And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken."

Ellen White makes a very interesting comment on Deuteronomy 26:16. "There must be no withholding on our part, of our service or our means, if we would fulfill our covenant with God [Deut. 26:16 quoted]. The purpose of all God's commandments is to reveal man's duty not only to God, but to his fellow man. In this late age of the world's history, we are not, because of the selfishness of our hearts, to question or dispute the right of God to make these requirements, or we will deceive ourselves, and rob our souls of the richest blessings of the grace of God. Heart and mind and soul are to be merged in the will of God. Then the covenant, framed from the dictates of infinite wisdom, and

made binding by the power and authority of the King of kings and Lord of lords, will be our pleasure. **God will have no controversy with us in regard to these binding precepts. It is enough that He has said that obedience to His statutes and laws is the life and prosperity of His people** (MS 67, 1907). Evidently God did not tell Ellen White that the Mosaic Law was abolished at the cross; rather, she is saying we need to obey the Mosaic Law.

Nehemiah 10:29 says, "They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, **which was given by Moses the servant of God**, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;"

Ellen White has a very interesting comment on this verse. (Neh. 10:29). Unite in a Solemn Covenant.—"It would be a scene well-pleasing to God and angels, would His professed followers in this generation unite, as did Israel of old [referring especially to the revival in the days of Nehemiah], in a solemn covenant to "observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes" (SW June 7, 1904). {3BC 1139.2}

I would encourage you to read the story of Josiah's reform found in 2 Chronicles 34:14-through the end of chapter 35. In brief, Hilkiah the priest "found a book of the law of the LORD given by Moses" which is the Mosaic Law. The book was read to Josiah and he led the nation in reform. **In fact, the first thing Josiah did was to institute the observance of the feasts.** Ellen White has this to say about Josiah. "[2 Kings 22:13 quoted.] **Josiah did not say, "I knew noth-**

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## Comforting Promises

God will do great things for those who trust in Him. He will help His believing children in every emergency if they will place their entire confidence in Him and faithfully obey Him. Patriarchs and Prophets p. 493

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock. Psalm 27:5

If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice, clear and distinct, is heard saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.' John 14:6. 'He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.' Ps. 72:12." Christ's Object Lessons p. 173

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. 2 Chronicles 16:7-9

What was the strength of those who in the past have suffered persecution for Christ's sake? It was union with God, union with the Holy Spirit, union with Christ..Never is the tempest-tried soul more dearly loved by His Savior than when he is suffering for the truth's sake. 'I will love him and will make myself manifest to him.' John 14:21." AA p. 85

ing about this book. These are ancient precepts, and times have changed." He appointed men to investigate the matter, and these men went to Huldah, the prophetess. [2 Kings 22:15-20 quoted.] {3BC 1133.2}

In Josiah's day the Word of the Lord was as binding, and should have been as strictly enforced, as at the time it was spoken. And **today it is as binding as it was then** (GCB April 1, 1903)." {3BC 1133.3}

"Remember ye the Law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments." (Malachi 4:4) Ellen White makes an amazing statement regarding this text. **"The closing words of Malachi are a prophecy**

**regarding the work that should be done preparatory to the first and the second advent of Christ.** This prophecy is introduced with the admonition, 'Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.'" {SW, March 21, 1905 } What Ellen White is saying is that the Mosaic Law is extremely important for the last generation.

Yes, part of the Mosaic Law was abolished at the cross. Both the Bible and Ellen White affirm that what was abolished was the sacrificial system (see Daniel 9:27 and our book *God's Holidays*). The rest of the Mosaic Laws are still binding.

In review we see that all of God's Law (the Ten Command-

ments and the Law of Moses) was kept inside the Ark of the Covenant and is all still binding except for the sacrificial system. We can now lay aside the fable of the side pocket of the ark and realize that we have much more to learn from the Law of Moses.

"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and **keep his commandments to a thousand generations;**...Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them." Deuteronomy 7:9.11