

INTERVENING TIME
BETWEEN THE SEALING



AND THE SLAUGHTER
OF
EZEKIEL 9 --



DOES IT EXIST?

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Tract B

In the interest of holding up the standard and seeing all Davidians stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion, is this tract published. If you are not familiar with the controversy between the authorized and unauthorized publications within the Davidian ranks, please read our *Tract A* before reading this *Tract B*, for the information given is foundational to this continuing exposé.

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THE ENEMY'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED!

“The enemy will try everything conceivable to confuse, becloud, and cover up the Truth, especially on the subject of the 144,000.” The White House Recruiter, page 33. As we have seen from *Tract A*, the small Symbolic Codes (those Codes which were published after the prophet V. T. Houteff’s death) have confused, beclouded, and covered up the Truth concerning the time of the sounding of the sixth trumpet; and if it wasn’t for that Truth being excavated from the lingering effects of a false theory, many would still continue believing that the sixth trumpet is yet to sound.

The main subject of “the subject of the 144,000,” as all Davidians should know, is the sealing. Hence, it has been the object of the enemy’s main attack, for he knows that if he can “confuse, becloud, and cover up the Truth” on the subject of the sealing of the 144,000, he can prevent the sealing. The “saints of God are sealed with Present Truth,” and if God’s people are believing something else, or have a perverted view of Present Truth, and are therefore ignorant of revealed Truth, how can they be sealed? 1 Shepherd’s Rod, page 28; 2 Timely Greetings 30, page 15.

After the death of V. T. Houteff, God's people were introduced to so-called "new light." This "new light" contributed—if it was not the sole cause of—the downfall of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists. This resulted in the splintering of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists into various sects, each promoting its own brand of Truth, defiled by either additions to or subtractions from the message the prophet left us. This thereby left the trumpet sounding an uncertain sound to the mother church.

A reformation, therefore, must take place among God's people, and in order for that to happen, the down-trodden Truths must be uncovered and brought before us, so that we may have opportunity to awaken to the deception that beclouds our view. So to begin, we must first go to the culprit of this deception and expose it.

-The Unauthorized Publications-

11 Symbolic Code 7, page 8, par. 1: "You notice here that the angels are not told to hold the winds until Ezekiel 9 has all been fulfilled, but until the servants of God are sealed. Therefore, if there is any intervening time between the close of the sealing and the slaughter of Ezekiel 9, there is a possibility that the winds could start blowing during that time. If the nations had everything

ready, it would not necessarily take long to bring the trouble that is represented by the four winds. We do know from this scripture that God will restrain the winds until the sealing is finished, for according to verse 3 of this chapter a message was sent to the four angels instructing them to hold the winds until the sealing of the 144,000 is finished. It shows that the Devil is doing all he can to loose the winds as soon as possible, perhaps even in a day.”

13 Symbolic Code 3, 4, page 10, par. 2: “The confederacy that we are studying this afternoon commences before the Loud Cry and before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. It is not the Image of the Beast, for this association precedes the Image of the Beast, and the confederacy is formed when the nations are girding themselves for war. Put another way, the confederacy will commence after the sealing and perhaps just before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. Moreover, it is in the time when the Christian nations are united that the woman ‘Babylon’ will sit on the seven ‘heads’ (Rev. 17:9), depicting also the union of the churches under Babylon.”

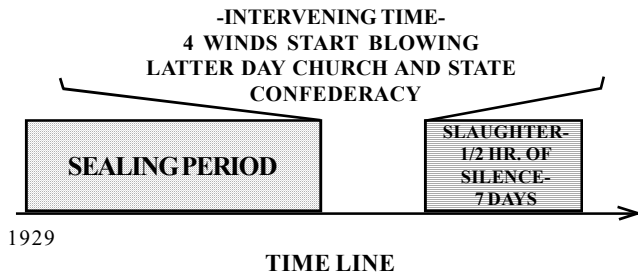
From 11 Symbolic Code 7, page 8, we see that it is a possibility that a period of time may

exist between the sealing and the slaughter of Ezekiel 9; also 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4, page 10, seems to indicate that there is a period of time between the sealing and the slaughter. Due to the various views on the subject (sealing and the slaughter), it is necessary to go over some foundational Davidian beliefs so that all reading this may have a proper understanding.

1) The sealing for the first fruits began sometime in 1929 (1 SR, page 32), and is to continue to its completion, with the 144,000 being made up during this period of time. Ez. 9, Rev. 7.

2) The slaughter for the first fruits is to take place within the confines of the half-hour silence, a seven-day event. 2 SR, pages 216, 217 and 218.

To illustrate what we have read from 11 Symbolic Code 7 and 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4, we see:



Now we must examine this subject from those publications which the prophet himself published.

-The Authorized Publications-

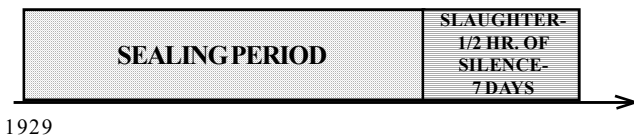
We will begin with the earliest publications and progress successively so that the unfolding of the prophet's understanding will be clear.

1 Shepherd's Rod, page 29, par. 2: "When the marking (sealing) is finished, the five men with the slaughter weapons begin with the ancient men which were before the house, meaning the guardians of the spiritual interest of the people."

1 Shepherd's Rod, page 38, par. 0: "The men with the slaughter weapons were already slaying *before* the man with the writer's inkhorn returned to report the matter that he had done as he was commanded."

1 Shepherd's Rod, page 47, par. 0: "As soon as the marking is done, 'the five men with the slaughter weapons go after him and slay both old and young, both maids and little children, and women. And they began at the ancient men which were before the house.' "

From these statements it appears to indicate that “as soon as” the marking (sealing) is done, the slaughter will begin, leaving no time in between the two events. Let us illustrate:

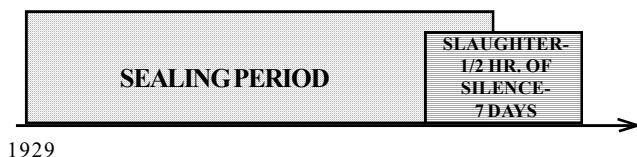


Let us now continue with the unrolling of the scroll from 1929, on to 1941 with Tract 1, page 38, par. 2: “After the sighing and crying ones were marked (which is not to be understood as being consummated in its entirety worldwide before the slaying follows anywhere), the slaughter completed, and the matter reported, the Lord ‘spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city.’ Ezek. 10:2.”

Here we see that the marking is not consummated (which means, completed or finished)

in its entirety before the slaying begins. So the sealing (marking) actually overlaps into the time of the slaughter. How much, it does not say.

To illustrate:

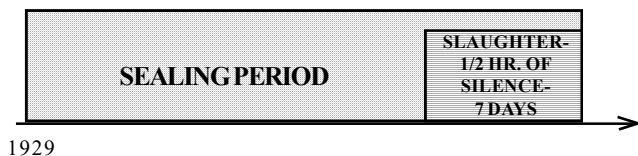


Let us now continue with the unrolling of the scroll from 1941, on to 1947 with Tract 15, page 61, par. 1: “It being a foregone conclusion that Satan is against the saints, and that the Lord is against the truth-hating and evil-doing multitude, the subject becomes crystal clear: When let loose, the winds are to strike against the faithful ‘remnant,’ against those who are left after the earth has opened her mouth and swallowed up ‘the flood,’ the ‘tares’ (Rev. 12:16, 17); but the angels who are stationed to hurt, are to smite those who make war against the remnant. Those whose names are found in the book, are ‘delivered.’ Dan. 12:1. Seeing that the 144,000, the servants of God, are not as yet sealed (not yet enclosed, protected, guarded, and ready to take their stand with the Lamb on Mt. Sion, but rather are still

commingled with the tares) the angels are commanded to forestall the clash.”

Here we see that the saints are not sealed until the tares are removed, swallowed by the earth. To see this more clearly, we will read the last sentence inversely: Seeing that the 144,000, the servants of God, are sealed (enclosed, protected, guarded, and ready to take their stand with the Lamb on Mt. Sion, and no longer commingled with the tares), the angels are commanded to allow the clash.

Only when the tares are removed can the saints be described as sealed. There is more to being sealed than just having the mark. From this statement in Tract 15, we can now illustrate that the sealing is not complete until the slaughter is complete:



Which publications are you going to believe? Those published by the prophet, V. T. Houteff, or those published by a false prophet? By the weight of evidence, you must decide.

It is clear now that the confederacy of 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4, and the timing of the four winds being let loose as described in 11 Symbolic Code 7, cannot happen because this intervening time does not exist in the published writings of V. T. Houteff. So with the clouds of the enemy being dispelled, let us advance on in the light that God has given us in His authorized *Rod*. So,

-When Are the Four Winds Loosed?-

Tract 15, page 61, paragraphs 1 and 2: “It being a foregone conclusion that Satan is against the saints, and that the Lord is against the truth-hating and evil-doing multitude, the subject becomes crystal clear: When let loose, the winds are to **strike against the faithful ‘remnant,’ against those who are left after the earth has opened her mouth and swallowed up ‘the flood,’ the ‘tares’** (Rev. 12:16, 17); but the angels who are stationed to hurt, are to smite those who make war against the remnant. Those whose names are found in

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“Consequently, when this sealing work is completed, then the angels who hold the winds, will let the winds blow, and the angels who are to hurt the earth, sea, and trees, will then commence their given work. Otherwise stated, to let the winds blow, is to permit the two-horn beast to decree ‘that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed’ (Rev. 13:15); and to let the angels hurt, is to allow the Lord’s decree to take its course: ‘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.”

Let us now turn to 2 Timely Greetings 10, in the section titled “FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY

ADVENTISTS,” page 29, numbers 4 and 5:

“4. That the destruction of the tares from among the first fruits of the living (Matt. 13:30, 48, 49; Ezek. 9:6, 7) results in the purification of the church.

“5. That **immediately thereafter**, the angels let loose the four winds (Rev. 7:1-3), whereupon ensues the time of trouble and Michael’s standing up to deliver from it, all whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Dan. 12:1).”

The only time the four winds can be let loose is immediately after the destruction of the tares. To believe anything else from the light we have from the Golden Bowl is certainly not Davidian.

So let us continue with God’s spotlight of Truth and find the answer to:

-When is Jacob’s Time of Trouble?-

Let us continue in 2 Timely Greetings 10 with points 6 through 10:

“6. That the angels’ letting loose the four winds to blow over the four corners of the earth (Rev. 7:1), does not anticipate a world war but rather a world-wide decree enforced throughout Babylon by the image-beast, and that then no one may buy or sell save he who worships ‘the image.’ Rev. 13:15-17.

“7. That **subsequently**, the time of Jacob’s trouble (Jer. 30:7) for the 144,000, the sons of Jacob, logically develops on their way home (Gen. 32:1, 24) to the land of their fathers (Ezek. 36:28; 37:21, 25).

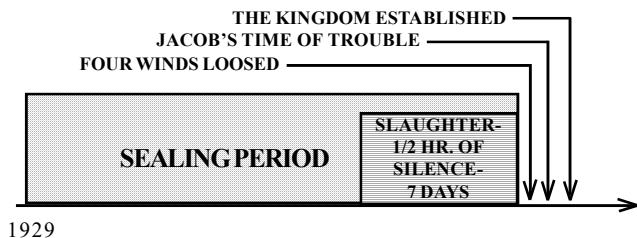
“8. That the foregoing epochal event shall cause the 144,000 to have their names changed as did their father, Jacob (Gen. 32:28), and as a body receive a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name (Isa. 62:2).

“9. That these events shall ultimate in the setting up of the Kingdom (Dan. 2:44; Isa. 2:1-4; Mic. 4; Ezek. 37), wherein the 144,000, those who follow the Lamb ‘whithersoever He goeth’ (Rev. 14:4), shall stand with Him on Mt. Zion (Rev. 14:1), and there ‘receive the forces of the Gentiles.’ Isa. 60:5, 11.

“10. That with this **sequence of events** will ensue the Loud Cry of the angel that lightens the earth with his glory (Rev. 18:1), as that other Voice cries, ‘Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.’ Rev. 18:4.”

Jacob’s time of trouble is not before Ezekiel 9, as some teach, but after the destruction of the tares, and before the 144,000 get to the Kingdom.

Let us illustrate what we have gleaned thus far:



No other sequence will do; with any other sequence you will not end up with the Loud Cry but will end up somewhere else; see point #10.

Now that we know when the four winds are let loose, and that they cannot be let loose

before the slaughter as 11 Symbolic Code 7 suggests, what about the confederacy of 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4? According to 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4, page 10, the confederacy is to take place “...before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9” and “...after the sealing and perhaps just before the slaughter of Ezekiel 9.” Since no time exists between the sealing and the slaughter, because the sealing overlaps into the time of the slaughter, this confederacy cannot happen.

13 Symbolic Code 3, 4 was supposedly given on September 30, 1939 and also on June 22, 1940. If Brother Houteff did give this address, there are plenty of instances to be found to prove that he did not yet fully understand the events then taking place, for the word “if” is used, showing uncertainty.

On September 1, 1939, World War II began; 29 days later, the first address was given and also again eight months later. Questions were arising in everyone’s minds as to what was going to happen in world events. And as “TIME AND CHANCE SOLVE MYSTERIES,” these questions were answered. (See the end of Tract 14, beginning on page 51.)

In 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4, chapters 7 and 8 of Isaiah are brought in as a possible explanation as to what might happen. Quoting from page 4: “How would we feel if a like experience [“an alliance” of our “brethren” “joined heathen forces to fight against Judah”] should befall us now?” Tract 14, page 33, par. 2 through page 34, par. 0, explains the only such confederacy in the Christian era: “Necessarily, then, there must be found in the Christian dispensation a backslidden Christian power (Israel) confederated with a pagan one (Syria), to the end of assimilating or annihilating the orthodox Christians (Judah). And the only such confederacy in the Christian era was the unholy union of Church and State which ruled during the Dark Ages, and which sought the destruction of the ‘born again,’ who refused to depart from the Apostolic faith and submit to a Christian-Pagan (Israel-Syrian) confederacy.”

Clearly, if such “an alliance” (a church and state confederacy, government) were to arise, there would be trouble for God’s people. And it would be a second church and state government in the Christian era. However, God’s Word declares in the authorized publications that the second church and state government takes place after the church is purified, and this second church and state gov-

ernment is “The Image of the Beast,” known as Babylon. Jezreel Letter 8, page 12, par. 2.

13 Symbolic Code 3, 4, page 6, par. 1: “Isa. 8:9—‘Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.’”

“God here is challenging a move toward a federation of nations.

“With World War I we began to hear serious proposals for the associating of nations into a single league. Today the proposal is revived, and efforts are being made toward forming a strong and workable union of nations. Indeed, not only is the idea of international federation growing more and more prevalent, but in the minds of many great men, there is the positive conviction that the successful continuance of their nation’s way of life is utterly dependent upon the closest association and cooperation of all those nations which share their way of life.

“The warning given in this chapter to nations and peoples is not to associate and gird

themselves or take counsel together, as it would only come to naught. There may be some significance in the repetitions of the warning. If so, it would indicate that either two or possibly three attempts would be made among nations to associate and gird themselves, and it would only end in complete failure. If there should yet be another attempt and there be involved a war against Judah, then Judah, having no adequate means of defense among themselves, will have to let God be their means of deliverance.”

When this address was given, the League of Nations (the first attempt) was still in existence and seen as too weak to prevent the coming conflict of World War II. So, “another attempt” was made and which came into existence in 1945, and is known as the United Nations. With it came no war against Judah. Just as the first confederacy, the League of Nations, failed, so will the second attempt, the United Nations. Out of the two will a world government, a church and state confederacy, arise, and then there will be war against the saints. See 2 Timely Greetings 17, page 12.

So we see from the information given that if Brother Houteff did indeed give these sermons, he did not yet know the outcome of events; he

did not fully understand the subjects presented as he did later on in the authorized publications. Time and chance solved the mysteries to him. We need not be deceived, nor led astray by what brought Davidia to its knees, but we can arise and know the Truth for this time by studying in the light of the authorized publications—endorsed by the prophet and by God (the Golden Bowl—Zechariah 4). Clearly, the small Codes were published with one reason in view — to give credence to a false understanding of the 42 months, of trouble coming to the church before the fulfillment of Ezekiel 9. We need not be led astray by false theories, as were the first born, but as the second born, we can arise and see eye to eye, not only between us as a people, but most importantly with our God. The second born are destined to triumph. (5 Symbolic Code 1-5, page 7)

To summarize:

1. V. T. Houteff did not authorize the “new” publications (small Codes) after his death; therefore, they are not “official publications of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association” and cannot be taken as such, nor trusted. 5 Answerer, page 55.

“Teachers of Present Truth, having before them the example of the tragic results caused by con-

flicting teachings by the S.D.A. ministry and, in addition to this, having been repeatedly warned to teach only that which has been revealed, and published, stand in great condemnation before God when they set forth conflicting or unauthorized views on any subject. *Be absolutely certain* that you are teaching according to that which is written, and not according to that which you may think should be [as the D.S.D.A. leadership after V. T. Houteff's death did] or will someday be written.” 3 Symbolic Code 5, 6, page 14 (brackets ours).

2. To show, even more so, how the small Codes cannot be considered part of the “Golden Bowl,” we would need to show how it is not in harmony with the official, written *Rod*.

a. 12 Symbolic Code 2 says the sixth trumpet has not sounded and is yet to sound, as of 1946. The official *Rod* says it began sounding before 538 A.D. Final Warning, pages 80, 111.

b. 11 Symbolic Code 7 and 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4 say that there could be intervening time between the sealing and the slaughter, while the official *Rod* says the sealing is not yet complete when the slaughter begins. 1 Tract page 38, and 15 Tract

page 61. Therefore, there is no intervening time.

c. 11 Symbolic Code 7 indicated that the four winds could be let loose before Ez. 9, while the D.S.D.A. fundamental beliefs state that they are loosed after the slaughter. 2 T.G. 10, page 29.

d. 13 Symbolic Code 3, 4 states that there may be “another attempt” and “a war against Judah,” resulting in a church and state confederacy (a second church and state confederacy in the Christian era) preceding the “Image of the Beast” (making the “Image of the Beast” the third church and state confederacy in the Christian era), while the official *Rod* says that the second church and state government (confederacy) is the “Image of the Beast,” Babylon. Jezreel Letter 8, page 12.

“I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, ‘Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should **engross the whole mind, the whole attention.**’ ” Early Writings, page 118.

(All bold-faced words ours)

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