

# Jesus' Several Visits to the Earth Prior to His second advent in the future

## Introduction

**T**o talk of Jesus' coming to the earth people would readily think of His second advent in the future. Thus they would have known that His first advent was in the year 31, when He came for the first time to build the Christian Church in Palestine, and then died in the process of paying the price to redeem the mankind of His creation from all their death penalty for transgressing the law of God.

Jesus is the Founder of the Christian Church on earth. What is meant by the Church in the Bible is none other than the people or the congregation. Due to the fact that there is only one people of God on the earth, let us be fully aware that by so many Christian Churches exist today in the world, it is unavoidably to conclude that not all of them would have gained the approval of God to be as His true Christian Church for today. To this end the servant of the Lord had ever warned us in the following words :

"God has a church upon the earth who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people."-- **Testimonies to Ministers, p. 61.**

And regarding His Church in this time of the end, John the Revelator said :

*"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."* – **Revelation 12 : 17.**

### **Note :**

The woman = the Church. Her Son = Jesus, because Jesus was born in the Church in the Palestine. Her seed = the Christians. The remnant of her seed = All Christians who are the last now living in the time of the end. The dragon = Satan.

The law of God is the Ten Commandments of the basic Law of the Kingdom of Heaven and all its Rules of implementation in the Bible and in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. As well as the Lord God is everlasting and immutable, then is His character and will, shall be everlasting too and immutable. However the Rules of implementation of the Law in the Bible and in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY would have been developing on and on periodically commensurate with the development of men and women on the earth up to the end of time.

We have been now in the time of the end, and we could also be categorized to be in the Church of God, if all the spiritual identities of all those Christians ahead of us could be ours too, which is to keep the commandments of God, and to have the testimony of Jesus Christ or the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

### **This Earth Planet ever since the beginning**

This earth planet ever since the beginning was created by the Lord Jesus Himself in the year 4004 BC. Adam and Eve as our ancestors had ever enjoyed all the atmosphere of holiness in Eden for about 35 years before their fall in sin for transgressing the law. Of how could we come up to the figure 35 years, let us find the answer from the following statements by Mrs. White here below :

*“During the first twenty-five hundred years of human history, there was no written revelation. Those who had been taught of God, communicated their knowledge to others, and it was handed down from father to son, through successive generations. The preparation of the written word began in the time of Moses. Inspired revelations were then embodied in an inspired book. This work continued during the long period of sixteen hundred years, -- from Moses, the historian of creation and the law, to John, the recorder of the most sublime truths of the gospel.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 7.***

Since the time of the writing of the book of Revelation is known to fall in the **year 96**, then for us to find the year of the beginning of creation of the earth could be calculated as follows :

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| From world creation up to Moses        | = 2.500 years |
| From Moses up to John the Revelator    | = 1.600 years |
| From world creation up to John the Rev | = 4.100 years |

Creation of the earth began in :  $4.100 - 96 = 4.004$  BC

And due to the fact that Adam and Eve had stayed in their beautiful Eden home for **only 35 years**, then according to Mrs. White's statement here below we could have made our calculation to come up to the figure as follows :

*"Satan led men into sin, and the plan of redemption was put in operation. For four thousand years, Christ was working for man's uplifting, and Satan for his ruin and degradation. And the heavenly universe beheld it all."* -- **The Desire of Ages, p. 759.**

*"In the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." In A.D. 31, three and a half years after His baptism, our Lord was crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which for four thousand years had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblation of the ceremonial system were there to cease."* - -- **The Great Controversy, pp. 327, 328.**

The year of the fall of Adam and Eve in sin is :  $4000 - 31 = 3969$  B.C. And so their condition of holiness in their Eden home would be only  $4000 - 3969 = 35$  years.

### **Within the 35 years of holiness, they frequently got the visit of the Lord**

In their absolute condition of holiness during the 35 years stay in Eden the Lord God or Jesus had frequently visited them. And since they as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven are of free and independent creatures of God, as well as all the people of God in the earth today, then they were free to communicate with whomsoever they like without any restriction as long as the Law and its Rules of implementation could still be maintained. That is just the reason why for a long period of 35 years they had successfully enjoyed their beautiful home in Eden up to the time when they at last should have been driven out, only for falling in sin for failing to maintain the holiness of the law in their practical religion.

### **Of how the Lord Jesus had visited Abraham and Lot**

The Bible told us that in the time of Abraham the Lord Jesus Himself, accompanied by an angel, had ever descended to visit Abraham. The purpose of the visit was to tell Abraham of the sins of the people of the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah that had reached the top of God's forbearance. That they should be destroyed. Due to his love and kindness to the inhabitants of the cities, and even to Lot and his household, who had ever since the beginning been living there, there had been a bargaining between Abraham and the two dignified guests: should there be found only 50 good people, that the cities could be saved? The bargaining were continued up to a number of only 10 good people if they truly still existed in both the cities, and the Lord Jesus had assured him to let them saved. The story was narrated by Moses for us in his book : **Genesis 18 : 20 – 33.**

The wickedness of both the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah had actually reached more above the tolerable limit of God's forbearance, so that the Lord Himself should have come to make it clear right to Abraham personally. The wickedness of the people of both the cities had been documented specifically for us in this time of the end that we too have to know them as narrated here below :

*"The Redeemer of the world declares that there are greater sins than that for which Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. Those who hear the gospel invitation calling sinners to repentance, and heed it not, are more guilty before God than were the dwellers in the vale of Siddim. And still greater sin is theirs who profess to know God and to keep His commandments, yet who deny Christ in their character and their daily life. In the light of the Saviour's warning, the fate of Sodom is a solemn admonition, not merely to those who are guilty of out breaking sin, but to all who are trifling with Heaven-sent light and privileges.*

*"Said the True Witness to the Church at Ephesus : "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first work; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Revelation 2 : 4, 5. The Savior watches for a response to His offers of love and forgiveness, with a more tender compassion than which moves the heart of an earthly parent to forgive a wayward, suffering son. He cries after the wanderer, "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you." Malachi 3 : 7. But if the erring one persistently refuses to heed the voice that calls him with pitying, tender love, he will at last be left in darkness. The heart that has long slighted God's mercy, becomes hardened in sin, and is no longer susceptible to the influence of the grace of God. Fearful will be*

*the doom of that soul of whom the pleading Saviour shall finally declare, he “is joined to idols: let him alone.” Hosea 4 : 17. It will be more tolerable in the day of judgment for the cities of the plain than for those who have known the love of Christ, and yet have turned away to choose the pleasures of a world of sin.” – Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 165.*

## **Jesus First Advent in the Palestine**

This is the official advent of Jesus for the sake of all mankind of His creation. And this is His first official advent to the earth. For 33 years long Jesus had to live here on earth to accomplish all the work of redemption of all His created beings, whose death penalty for transgressing the Law must be borne to Himself. During His mission here on earth He has founded the Christian Church, teaching people of how to love God by obeying the Law of His Ten Commandments, and to be faithful and true up to His death on the Cross of Calvary in the year 31. He had then returned to His Father in Heaven in the same year after accomplishing all the work for which He has to come.

## **His coming to stand on the Mount Sion in the Palestine**

This coming is very specific, because He comes only for the sake of purifying His own people of the Laodicean Church of this time of the end. So all other Christian denominations of this time of the end would have no chance to gain any benefit from this coming. And though the coming is yet future, we all should have been positively assured for the surety of the coming long ever since has been prophesied for us not only by John the Revelator, but also by most of the Old Testament prophets and the parables of Jesus in the New Testament. Let us first read from John the Revelator when he said :

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father’s name written in their foreheads.” – **Revelation 14 : 1.**

Jesus in the future coming mentioned by John above was yet in His status as a Lamb of God. This means that the coming should have to take place before the close of probation in the heavenly court of justice in the heavenly sanctuary. For

after the close of probation Jesus would have changed His status to be the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Even long before John wrote the above statement (Rev. 14 : 1) the Lord God Himself through His divinely appointed servant, Malachi, the prophet had ever said :

*“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in : behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.”*  
– **Malachi 3 : 1, 2.**

### **JESUS as the messenger of the covenant will be preceded by an ordinary messenger to come to us**

It is clearer now that Him who spoke in Malachi 3 : 1, 2 will be none other than the Lord Jesus Himself. Jesus would have sent His messenger to come to us ahead of His own coming suddenly to the Mount Sion of the purified temple of the Laodicean Church in the Palestine. The messenger of Jesus would be none other than His divinely appointed prophet that should emerge from within the Laodicean Church of SDA in this time of the end.

As we must also know that the divinely appointed prophet of Jesus must unavoidably be one from among the prophets mentioned by prophet Amos in Amos 3 : 7, because they are the end time prophets, who are to interpret all the secret things of the Bible into the so-called THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY of Revelation 19 : 10. Thus at last the name of the messenger would have been mentioned by Jesus Himself as here below :

*“Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.”* – **Malachi 4 : 5.**

The fact that the emergence of the 144.000 elected saints of God in the future would be a great day for those who escape, but a dreadful day for the rest who are to be slaughtered in the prophecies of Ezekiel 9, Isaiah 66 : 16 – 20 and Malachi 3 : 1, 2. Then Elijah the prophet should have to represent Bro. Victor T. Houteff and his Shepherd’s Rod message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1, and none other. Because this is the only message of this time of the end very badly

opposed by the Organization of the Laodicean Church up to this very moment. Bro. Houteff as the author was dismissed for good of his Church membership. Even all his followers should have lost their Church membership for good and forever. But that is only to meet the Bible prophecy when Sister White said :

*“Ahab regarded Elijah as his enemy because the prophet was faithful to rebuke the king’s secret iniquities. **So today** the servant of Christ, the reprove of sin, meets with scorn and rebuffs. Bible truth, the religion of Christ, struggles against a strong current of moral impurity. Prejudice is even stronger in the hearts of men now than in Christ’s day.” -- – **The Desire of Ages, p. 587.***

As well as how Ahab king of Israelite kingdom of old had ever hated Elijah the prophet, so today Bro. Houteff and his Shepherd’s Rod message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 should have experienced the same thing from the present General Conference of SDA as leadership of the Israelites of today.

### **With the coming of the Messenger of the Covenant then is the Laodicean Church to be purified**

*“..... and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in : behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.” – **Malachi 3 : 1, 2.***

Note : The church = the temple or the people of God. Not the building of the Church nor the Organization of the Church.

Jesus said : “..... the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in.”

Since this prophecy should meet its fulfillment in this time of the end, in the near future, long before the second advent of Jesus in the air. Then the Lord who is very much delighted by the people who seek Him day and night, would be none other than Jesus Himself. And the 144.000 elected saints of God in the future would be His purified temple into which He would suddenly come as those prophesied by John the Revelator in Revelation 14 : 1.

Nevertheless from the same prophecy of Malachi 3 : 2 Jesus asked :

“But who may abide the day of His coming ? And who shall stand when he appeareth ? for He is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap.”

It is clear now that our Laodicean Church today which had ever since been divided into the five wise categorized virgins on the one side and the five foolish categorized ones on the other side, and even the five wise virgins who have been again divided into the so-called wise virgins on the one side and the wise virgins with guile in their mouth on the other side (Read Revelation 14 : 4, 5.); all such conditions of the virgins of the Laodicean Church today should have been settled and be purified by the Lord Jesus Himself, when the prophecy of Malachi 3 : 1, 2 shall meet its fulfillment in the future.

That is, as soon as the Lord Jesus would have successfully gathered His 144.000 elected saints on the Mount Sion in the Palestine, then is the prophecy of Ezekiel 9, and the prophecy of Isaiah 66 : 16 – 20, and the one in Malachi 3 : 1, 2 would have been fulfilled in force. And all those who fail to be purified would be slaughtered and completely erased from the face of the earth.

## Conclusion

Long beforehand the Lord Jesus had Himself informed us through His servant Malachi the prophet in the following words :

*“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in : behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming ? And who shall stand when he appeareth ? for He is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap.” – Malachi 3 : 1, 2.*

*“Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says : ‘Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.’ **S o m e b o d y** is to come in **the spirit and power of Elijah**, and when he appears, men may say : ‘You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.’ — Testimonies to Ministers, p. 475.*

The servant of the Lord Bro. Victor T. Houteff, the prophet, has come in the spirit and power of Elijah, which is the message of Elijah the prophet, a message that deals specifically on the purification of the Laodicean Church by calling the people to return to the observance of the Ten Commandments of the decalogues,

which had ever been handed down by the Lord God Himself to Moses on the Mount Sinai. To this end the Lord said :

*“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.*

*“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” – Malachi 4 : 5, 6.*

Victor T. Houteff was the only prophet who came up with the Elijah message to lead us back to the observance of the Law of the Ten Commandments and its Rules of implementation in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. Only through him and his Shepherd Rod message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1, united with the Spirit of Prophecy of the third angel’s message of Revelation 14, into the so-called THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY of Revelation 19 : 10, that our people could be made to see eye to eye, to have the same mind, and to speak the same things. Thus it is of how Elijah shall turn the heart of the fathers to their children, and the heart of the children to their fathers. And with one mouth to praise the Lord in unity. Then is the 144.000 elected saints of God to come up in the future.

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