

Which one is the fortress of defense mentioned in the prophecy of Ezekiel 4 : 1 – 3 ?

**“The Lord has a people, a chosen people, His church, to be His own, His own fortress, which He holds in a sin- stricken, revolted world; and He intended that no authority should be known in it, no laws be acknowledged by it, but His own.” ---
Testimonies to Ministers, p. 16**

I n t r o d u c t i o n

The people of God as a church is a fortress of defense of His own, which He holds tightly in this world ever since the beginning when sin entered the mankind. So when we want to talk specifically on the Laodicean church of this time of the end as a fortress of God mentioned in the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 4, let us limit our investigation on the events which have occurred during the period of the Laodicean church only, ever since the beginning in 1844 even up to the establishment of the Davidic Kingdom of God in 2027 in the future.

Due to the fact that there are many prophecies of the Old Testament prophets, even those things mentioned in the prophecies of the book of Revelation, and

there are parables of Jesus in the New Testament, all of which did prophesy to show us the events to take place in this time of the end, they then would have complemented each other's events to show us both of those events which have been fulfilled in the past and the still-to-be until the end of time in the future.

This prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 4 has been revealed by prophet Victor T. Houteff in his Shepherd's Rod publications. Therefore, our deliberation here below shall be limited to only the first three verses of the Ezekiel chapter 4.

Ezekiel 4 : 1 – 3 :

“Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, even Jerusalem : And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it, set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. Moreover, take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city : and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shall lay siege against it. **This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.**” – Ezekiel 4 : 1 – 3.

In the prophetic language God has spoken to prophet Ezekiel, then due to the fact that prophet Houteff who had himself the experience of the prophecy to be delivered directly to us, then Houteff should have unavoidably been the antitypical prophet Ezekiel for us in this time of the end.

Since this prophecy has never been revealed in the Old Testament period of Israel, the phrase that says: *"Let this be a sign to the people of Israel!"*, must unavoidably be addressed to the end-time Israelite only, who are now found in the **Laodicean Church of Seventh day Adventists**.

The end-time Israelites were foretold In the Revelation chapter 7 and chapter 14

The end-time Israelites who were prophesied in the book of Revelation are the candidates of the 144,000 elected saints of God in the future. Those are the ones who have obeyed the call from the servant of God Mrs. White: "LET US STRIVE WITH ALL THE POWER GOD HAS GIVEN US TO BE AMONG THE 144.000." -- Review and Herald, March 9, 1905.

Since the majority of the Laodicean church of SDA today are not the descendants of Israel, whereas they have fully dominated the Laodicean Church denomination from the beginning until now, then what is prophesied in Ezekiel chapter 4 : 1 - 3 above should have unavoidably be fulfilled today.

The angel of the Laodicean Church who had been spewed out of Jesus' mouth in 1935 and all his diehard followers on the one side, have been mentioned in the prophecy of Ezekiel 4 : 1 as the c i t y o f J e r u s a l e m depicted on the tile. Whereas the Laodicean Church comprising the candidates of the future 144.000 elected saints of God as God's defense camp on the other side.

Meanwhile the Lord's Laodicean Church, as God's defense camp, comprising the future candidates of 144,000 elected saints of God of the Israelites, who from the very beginning were built by the prophet Houteff, from now on has to struggle and to fight against the city of Jerusalem with all their might using various weapons of God, until the city is overcome.

N o t e : Laodicea comes from two syllables of the Greek language: "Lao and Dekei." The Laodicean Church means the people who preach the judgment. Thus said Bro. Houteff the prophet.

Thus, only in the Laodicean Church of SDA as the last of the seven prophetic Churches mentioned by John the Revelator in his book Revelation chapter 2 and 3. will all the events prophesied by prophet Ezekiel come to pass. Thus in the history of present world, the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 4 will be fulfilled. The city of Jerusalem symbolizing the angel of the Laodicean Church and his diehard followers on the one hand is now being tightly besieged and attacked by prophet Houteff and his followers as the anti-typical of prophet Ezekiel and his army prophesized above.

After the death of Bro. Houteff, the Laodicean Church should have to fight her own fellow evangelists who are no less pious than were the priests of Jesus' day.

(Read the White House Recruiters, pp. 34, 35)

Mrs. White had ever said :

"We must be alert, too, to realize that the blow is to come from surprisingly unsuspected foes ---- from professed friends of the gospel, who are no less pious than were priests in Christ's day. It is, moreover, but to be expected that the Adversary will employ every agency possible to prevent the Lord from disclosing to view His now obscure 144.000 first-fruit servants, who are to go gather in the second fruits (Rev. 7 : 9). 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, p. 32.**

The servant of the Lord had affirmed, that "The Lord has a people, a chosen people, His church, to be His own, His own fortress (of defense), which He holds in a sin-stricken, revolted world." When Bro. Houteff died in 1955, he was survived by His Laodicean Church, consisted of the General Association of Davidian SDA or the Mount Carmel Center of DSDA in Waco, Texas, USA, and all the Associations of Davidian SDA scattered in many places in the world up to this day. Due to the fact that the Lord God ever since did no more willing to work with the Organized body of His own, then accordingly as those prophesied in Zechariah 13 : 7, Micah 7 : 14, and through Mrs. White statement in the Testimonies to the Ministers, p. 300 the Lord should have taken the reign in His own hand, and through "t e a c h e r s" of His own appointment to feed the flock wherever they are scattered in Bashan and Gilead in the whole world.

But what is now being promoted by the Organization of the anti-typical Sanhedrin of today, which is the illegal Organization of Davidian SDA in Waco, Texas, USA ?

The Vice President of the illegal Organization keep on emphasizing time and again in all his sermons that the purpose of repurchasing and the reestablishing the Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, USA, in 1991 is none other than for keeping on fighting the city of Jerusalem of those prophesied in Ezekiel 4 : 1 – 3 up to the time of her fall, when the kingdom of David is established in the Palestine. Every wise Davidian would have questioned within himself : Suppose the Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, USA, which was ever established by Bro. Houteff mainly for being a fortress of defense as those prophesied in Ezekiel 4 : 1 – 3, why was Mrs. Houteff as Vice President could not defend the Mount Carmel Center up to the end ? Why was the Mount Carmel Center should be sold to the public, and then being in the hand of the Presbyterian Church for about nearly 30 years?

Could it be that such Mount Carmel Center be deemed the fortress of defense of God to fight the modern city of Jerusalem, representing the General Conference of SDA and all its diehard followers today ?

Let us beware, Brothers and Sisters, for such acts of manipulations of the Shepherd's Rod message are now rampant in among all of us. Beware, for those who had re-established the mount Carmel Center in Texas, USA in 1991 were committed in the act against the law, which is against the Constitution and the By-laws of the Leviticus of Davidian SDA. Even against the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY as rules of implementation of the Basic Law of the Ten Commandments. Because there is no single rule could be found in the message to justify them to re-establish the Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, USA to fulfill the prophecy of Ezekiel 4 : 1 – 3 as the fortress of defense to fight the city of Jerusalem as those prophesied in Ezekiel 4 : 1 - 3.

The Lord God never taught us that Organization as the angel of the Church is the fortress of defense of God in this time of the end. Let us, therefore, keep in mind that the Organization of Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, USA ever since its establishment in 1991, besides being the anti-type of the Organization of Sanhedrin in the time of the Lord Jesus in the Palestine, it is also an antitype of the angel of the Laodicean Church, who had been spewed out of Jesus 's mouth in the year 1935. Basically the Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, USA. is the re-organized body of the General Conference of SDA in 1935. It is, therefore, no wonder if the present illegal Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, USA should also be deemed the antitypical angel of the Laodicean Church.

Summaries and Conclusion

From the fact that **“city of Jerusalem”** mentioned in the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 4 also represents the Church, it must then unavoidably represent the lukewarm angel of the Laodicean Church and all his diehard followers, who had been spewed out of Jesus' mouth ever since 1935. They are still now in existence and they are yet to stand regally up to the time of the end when the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 9 meet its fulfillment to purify the Laodicean Church in the future.

At the fulfillment of the prophecy of Ezekiel 9 in the future not only the Laodicean Church of SDA represented by E D O M is to be purified, but also the Laodicean

Church of Davidian SDA represented by B O Z R A is to suffer the same purification process. Thus the purification predicted in the prophecy of Ezekiel 9 is to take place in two different places. This is the message taught by prophet Houteff in his Rod publications.

But the Laodicean church in real sense should unavoidably mean only the five wise virgins of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who are no more having guile in their mouths. Or in other word, they are the Laodicean Church of Davidian SDA.

The Laodicean Church of such was ever under the direct leadership of the prophet Houteff ever since 1935 up to 1955. During the 20 years long Bro. Houteff had laid the foundation of the “house”, which is the Laodicean church of Davidian Seventh day Adventist in Waco, Texas, USA as those prophesied in Zechariah 4 : 9. The world had ever witnessed by themselves the facts, so that not only the name of Mrs. Ellen G. White was found amazing to the world, but even Bro. Victor T. Houteff’s, that the great names of both the servants of the Lord have now being put to abide in the World history books, such as in the Encyclopedia etc. as men of extra ordinary talents the world had ever had on this earth.

So the Laodicean church as a fortress of defense of God, mentioned in the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 4, should be none other than only the Davidian Seventh day Adventists, who are no more having guile in their mouths. They are the Davidian SDA who are of the WHEAT categorized ones, who are no more having CHAFF categorized ones in their midst.

The Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, USA today is no longer possible to fulfill the prophecy of Ezekiel 4 : 1 - 3, because there are now many conflicting isms found there in among them. So how could they possibly consider themselves to represent the Laodicean Church of Davidian SDA at this time as a fortress of defense belonging to God that later they could have subdued “the city of Jerusalem” which was before ever carved on the tile by Ezekiel the prophet ?

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