

DISK 11

A GIFT OF PROPHECY

Part 1

Prophecy is being marketed as a way of weighing how 'close' someone is to God. But what does the Bible mean with prophecy? What does it mean to prophesise – especially about the future?

False prophets are well known and recognised in the world.

This 'gift' of the Holy Spirit of prophecy needs to be looked at closer.

The New Agers and other secret societies are busy planning a cataclysmic event or maybe a couple, which will shake this world to its core. When this happens, the **pope** will be recognised at the **spiritual leader of the planet**. He will **call the world together to pray to God for his protection**. In order to **unite humanity**, he will call for a **single day of worship**. The day chosen will be **Sunday**. This day of rest will be **legislated** worldwide and **enforced by the USA**. This day of rest will suit the pagans, Hindus, Muslims, the Christians and even the Jews. The **Biblical Sabbath keepers will be identified as separatists, full of hate, the ones who are responsible for the disaster because they refuse to capitulate. And this will initiate the persecution.**

We only need to wait for another 9/11 type event – it will possibly be a couple of events. If you go and have a look on the internet, you will see that they're currently fiddling with the weather ([HAARP](#)) – not only is it being used for visual effects in the ionosphere, but also for changing weather patterns, creating earthquakes and volcanoes etc. things which are going to drive humanity to think that **God is sending out this curse** across mankind – all that is going to be the **marketing** that they put together. The world is going to be **called together**, to worship God in unity and that **unity** will be on the **Sunday** – to the command of the Catholic Church, who says that their religion is an east-facing religion. These people standing apart keeping the **Sabbath** day is going to stand out like a sore thumb, and the rest of the world is going to say, *'but it's these people that are causing this, God is cross with them – let us get rid of them so that we can help God with these final events to secure the world'*.

Exo 5:4-5 'But the king of Egypt said to them *'Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.'* And Pharaoh said, *'Behold, the people of the land are now many and you make them rest from their burdens!'* – The problem in Egypt was rest. The 'Shabbath' was a problem to the pagan kings in the olden days – just as it is going to be a problem to the kings in the end days. Just like God called his people out of Egypt, He is calling His people out now.

Matt 24:37-39 *'As were **the days of Noah**, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.'* – a **judgement** was issued on the **whole world**, everything was done away with as proven by fossil records – this was a worldwide flood.

Gen 6:5-17 *'The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...(11) 'Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and the earth was filled with violence. (13) 'And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'* (17) *'And behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.'*

Saturday is the biggest business and shopping days in the world, and yet, there's a group of people that stand on God's Word and keep the Sabbath.

Keeping the Sabbath - [Dr Martin Luther King](#) – **'Cowardice** asks the question – is it safe? **Expediency** asks the question – is it politic? **Vanity** asks the question – is it popular? But **conscience** asks the question – **is it right?** And there comes a time when one must take the position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular; but one must take it because it is **right.**'

Amos 3:7 explains the importance of prophecy in God's Word *'Surely the Lord God will do **nothing**, but He **revealeth** His secret unto his servants the **prophets.**'*

Anything big that ever happened in this history of the world was **prophesised before** hand in the Bible. Why then would God let this take place – these final **cataclysmic** events – before **revealing** it through prophecy? One of the **identifying characteristics** of a prophet is that **every prophecy must be fulfilled** – then you know that it comes from God. 2 Peter 1:21 *'For the **prophecy came not in old time by the will of man**: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the **Holy Ghost**.* Numbers 12:6 *'If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will **make myself known unto him in a vision** and will speak unto him in a **dream.**'* Wherever something is about to take place – the Lord will show you ahead of time. Acts 3:21 *'God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.'* The **reason** for prophecy was to **pull people closer to God**. John 12:32 *'And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself.'* Thess 5:20, 21 *'**Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**'* Don't push prophecy aside – embrace it – contrary to what Rick Warren said about it! Luke 1:76-79 *'And thou child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord (1) to **prepare his ways**; To (2) **give***

*knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to (3) **give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.***' Thus, ask yourself, did a specific prophecy draw you closer to Christ, did it give you more knowledge of salvation from the Word and do they give you light if you are sitting in darkness? 2 Chronicles 20:20 '*Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.*' Matt 24:24 '*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*'

If the Bible says we **must believe** the Bible and there will be **false prophets, the Bible should show us how to identify a false prophet.** 1 John 4:1 '*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*' What are the **characteristics** of a true prophet?

1. A true prophet's message must be in **harmony with the Word** of God and the **Law** of God: Isaiah 8:20 '*To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*' That alone (God's law) eliminates 99.9999% of all false prophets today. Lamentations 2:9 '*The law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.*' In other words, where the **law is taken away, the prophets find no more vision.**

If the law is taken away – the Lord cannot pour out His prophecies.

2. A true prophet's predictions **must come true**: Deut 18:22 '*When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*' Take for example the Jehovah's witnesses – Russell, Mormons, Charismatic movements.

3. A true prophet **edifies God's people**: 1Cor 14:3,4 '*But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation and comfort..he that prophesieth edifieth the church.*' (**edify** means to **teach**, enlighten etc to come closer to God).

4. A true prophet **exalts Christ as the Son of God**: 1 John 4:15 '*Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*' Luke 24:27 '*And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*'

5. A true prophet **speaks with authority**: Matt 7:29 '*For he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.*' (no might, maybe, i think etc)

6. A true prophet will **bear good fruit**: Matt 7:20 '*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*' (Just watch the [video evidence](#) of **Benny Hinn** giving a cocaine pipe to his friend who died of an overdose that night. Is this good fruit? And looking at **Kobus van Rensburg** chopping up the covenant of the ark in front of his people, is that good fruit?

7. A true prophet will exhibit definite **physical signs** when in vision: The prophet's **eyes are open** during vision: Numbers 24:4 KJV '*He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a **trance**, but having his **eyes open**:* (NKJV) '*the utterance of him who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open.*' (NIV) '*The oracle of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision of the Almighty, who falls prostrate and whose eyes are **opened**.*' Their eyes are **open**, not **opened**, another corruption of the original Word in the **New International Version**. What is a trance? It's got specific characteristics – explained shortly.

8. A true prophet first falls down and has **no strength**, is then strengthened, but has **no breath** (even whilst speaking) whilst in vision. Daniel 10: 7-18 '*And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision..there remained no **strength** in me..and I kept no strength..when I heard the voice of his words, then I was in a deep **sleep** on my face..nor is there **breath** left in me. Then again one like a man in form came and touched me and he made me **stronger**.*' - God will take your breath away (no matter how long) – while you are in vision, you will remain alive – you will be speaking through the breath of God and thereafter continue as normal. This is the clincher of all clinchers.

What does the new Bible say? '*And behold, **one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth and spake** and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows are turned upon me and I retain no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord: for as for me, straightway there remained **no strength** in me, **neither was there breath left in me.***'

NKJV 'As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is **any breath** left in me.'

NIV '*My strength is gone and I can **hardly breathe.***' **No!** – there's no breath left in him.

Therefore, the four main physical signs of a true prophet are:

- Falls down weak
- Is raised up and strengthened by God
- Has eyes wide open during vision
- Does not breathe during vision, but can speak

If they don't have **ALL** of these characteristics – they are **false**.

Eph 4:8 *'Wherefore he saith, when He ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.'* (Jesus was going to keep the delusions in the church captive for a while, but in order for Him to 'keep captivity captive' He's going to give gifts to the His church – pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Therefore he strengthens and stabilises His church through these gifts of prophecy, evangelism, pastors and teachers. Eph 4:12, 13 *'For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.'* Why does Jesus give these gifts? – For the *'perfecting of the saints'* (to bring them in line with **His law**), work a work in the ministry to take this testimony to the world, to do the work of the body of Christ and to bring us in unity in the faith and truth of Jesus.' 1 Cor 12:28 *'And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, **'diversities of tongues.'*** – all aren't apostles, all can't prophesise, all can't speak in tongues. Eph 4:14 *'that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.'* In other words, these gifts are there to keep us **SAFE** from **deception**.

[Ecclesiastical Research](#), pp 51: *Toward the latter end of the second century, most of the churches assumed a new form; the first simplicity disappeared as the old disciples retired to their graves.*

[Centuries of Christianity: A concise History](#), pp 68: *The new Christians were, as far as thinking and habits went, the same old pagans. Their surge into the churches did not wipe out paganism. On the contrary, hordes of baptized pagans meant that paganism had diluted the moral energies of organized Christianity to the point of impotence.*

History tells us that prophets were given to guide people to the future, but already at the end of the first century, people started to fall back into paganism.

Proverbs 29:18 *'**Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.***' Until the Lord restores a church where in its **entirety** it speaks according to the Law and to the testimony, there is light and there is also a vision.

Joel 2:28 *'And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.'* Prophets are coming back. Rev 12:17 *'And the dragon was 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.'*

What is the testimony of Jesus Christ? Rev 19:10 *'And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of they brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.***'

According to the Bible, the testimony of Jesus Christ is the gift of prophecy. This is going to be restored in the last days.

1 Cor 1:6,7 *'Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:'*

At the same time this church (Adventist) is called, William Miller stands up and says "*the end of the world is coming in 1843*" – discussed). Within the group of people discussed earlier who initially misunderstood the prophecy as the Lord's return, was **William Foy** – called by God to be a prophet. He decided against it and thought it was too heavy, the consequences too big. Prophecy was then given to **Hasen Foss** – he also rejected it. This prophecy was then accepted by **Ellen White** – born in 1827 in Maine, California, and she passed away in 1915. She was given the gift of prophecy. In [Letter 3](#), 1847 she writes "*After I had the vision and God gave me light, He bade me deliver it..but I shrank from it. I was young, and I thought they would not receive it from me.*" [Hasen Foss](#) then wrote a letter to her "*The Lord gave me a message to bear to His people and I refused after being told the consequences. I heard you talk last night. I believe the visions are taken from me and given to you. Do not refuse to obey God, for it will be at the peril of your soul. I am a lost man, you are chosen of God: Be faithful in doing your work, and the crown I might have had, you will receive.*" ([Ellen G White Letter 37](#), 1890). When she was very young, one of the pupils threw a rock in her face and she was very ill, suffered for many years. She had a 3rd grade education but when God calls you, he can teach you more in 1 second through the Holy Ghost than a lifetime of studying can bring. He taught her about the sanctuary, the 3 angels messages, etc.

Are there female prophets in the Bible? – absolutely. (Nathan and Gad – did not add to the scriptures) Miriam, Huldah, Deborah. Examples in the NT of prophets and prophetesses not taken up in the Canon include: Simeon, Anna Agabus, Barnabas and Phillip's four daughters – you don't need to be a male to be a prophet. 2 Pet 1:19-21 *'We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.'*

Ellen White has become a bone of contention. That's one of the reasons why 7th Day Adventists are members that are part of a **cult** – "*they worship Ellen White*" they say – they do not worship her – they did do a complete Biblical analysis to find out whether she was a true prophet.

Part 2

Analysing Ellen White and disproving the lie that the 7th Day Adventist Church worships her.

The 'lesser light' referred to in the Bible does not refer to Ellen White – it refers to the moon, as the moon only reflects light, it has none of its own and in the same way – Ellen White only reflects what has been given to her by God.

[MS 88a](#). (1900) *"The Lord has said, 'write out the things, which I shall give you.' And I commenced when very young to do this work. My hand that was feeble and trembling because of infirmities became steady as soon as I took the pen in my hand and since those first writings; I have been able to write."* Remember she only had grade 3.

Did she edify and exalt the Word of God? – [Selected Messages](#) Vol 2, pp 48 *"The **Holy Scriptures** are to be accepted as an **authoritative, infallible revelation of His will**. They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines and the test of experience."* Why is this quote important – because people suggest that the 7th Day Adventist claims her writings are **equal to the Bible** and that members **worship her writings instead of the Bible** and that she claims to have **added chapters** to the Bible? These are all lies and the internet will display the most poisonous rubbish about this woman. The same happened with Jeremiah. Did she consider the Law of God in the Scriptures to be more important than her own writings? [Selected Messages](#) Vol 1, p 18 *"**Cling to your Bible** as it reads and **stop your criticism** in regard to its **validity** and **obey the word** and not one of you will be lost."* (p418) *"The Bible and the Bible alone is to be our creed, the sole bond of union. God's word is **infallible**..lift up the banner on which is inscribed the Bible, our rule of faith and discipline."* It's very clear that she does not make any attempt to compare her writings to those in Scripture.

In [ST 665.1](#) – *"The written testimonies are **not to give new light**, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man's duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God's word, yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. **Additional truth is not brought out**; but God has through the Testimonies **simplified** the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse."* The reason why she was raised as a prophet, was to edify the church, to bring people in line with the Word of God, to raise it to say the Bible and the Bible alone – but many people can't understand it, so the Lord has simplified it so that you have **no excuse**. No additional truth is going to be added, in other words *'I have no light, I can only reflect.'*

[15 Manuscripts Received](#), pp 351 *"Then present to them the prophecies; show them the purity and binding claims of the law of God. Not one jot or tittle of this law is to lose its force, but hold its binding claims upon soul to the end of time."*

[ST 01-25-05](#) *"Cannot men see that to belittle the law of God is to dishonour Christ? Why did He come to this world to suffer and die, if the law is not binding upon human beings?"*

[Testimonies to ministers](#) (PP118, 1903) *"**Called to Expose Man of Sin** – In the very time in which we live, the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. He has*

*called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has **made the Sunday law** a distinctive power, who has thought to **change times and laws**, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honour Him by keeping the **only true Sabbath**, the Sabbath of creation as holy unto the Lord." Our calling in this separate group is to warn the huge mass of people who are in the unity in error – be careful, God is warning us about it, expose the man of sin.*

Did her predictions come true? – don't be misled by poison on the internet. Not only did they come true – she predicted the **San Francisco Earthquake**, April 18, 1906; she predicted **Hitler and the War in Europe** and the rise of **Nazism**; she even predicted **September 11th**:

Feb.15 1904 ([LS 413.4](#)) *"When I was last in **New York**, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings **rising story after story** toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be **fireproof** and they were erected to **glorify the owners**. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most **costly material** was used..'The scene that next passed before me was an **alarm of fire**. Men looked at lofty and supposedly fireproof buildings, and said, 'they are perfectly safe.' But these buildings were **consumed** as if made of **pitch** (ash). The **fire engines could do nothing** to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines."*

[Letter 278](#) (1905, EV 29.1) *"**A View of Great Destruction**. – "Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. **Great balls of fire** were falling upon houses, and from these balls **fiery arrows** were flying in **every direction**. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time, I awoke and found myself at home."*

[EV 618.1](#) *"There are those who question whether it is right for Christians to belong to the **Freemasons** and other **secret societies**. Let all such consider the scriptures just quoted. If we are Christians at all, we must **be Christians everywhere** and must consider and heed the counsel given to make us Christians **according to the standard of God's Word**." Jesus spoke openly and we must speak openly.*

[14 Manuscripts Received](#) (152.2) *"This terrible picture, drawn by John (In Revelations) to show **how completely the powers of earth will give themselves over to evil**, should show those who have received the truth how dangerous it is to link up with secret societies or to join themselves in any way with those who do not keep God's commandments."*

*"All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth's history. God's presentation of the detestable works of the inhabitants of the **ruling powers** of the world who bind themselves into **secret societies and confederacies**, not **honouring the law of God**, should enable the **people who have the light***

of truth to keep clear of all these evils. More and more will all false religionists of the world manifest their evil doings; for there are but two parties – those who keep the commandments and those who war against God's holy Law."

2 Selected Messages: "In the revelation of His righteous judgements, God will break up all these associations; and when the judgement shall sit and the books be opened, there will be revealed the un-Christ likeness of the whole confederacy. Those who choose to unite with these secret societies are paying homage to idols as senseless and as powerless to bless and save the soul as are the gods of the Hindus."

"In the world, **gigantic monopolies** will be formed. Men will bind themselves together in **unions** that will wrap them in the folds of the enemy. A few men (i.e. Bill Gates) will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business. **Trade unions** will be formed and those who refuse to join these unions will be marked men." (4Message Received 75.1) once again, this was written in the late 1800's – Big banks take over little ones, big business taking over little ones – Microsoft, Chase Manhattan bank, City group, Barclays bank etc. Trade unions are certainly not creating peace. Just have a look around you and in the newspapers. In Letter 200, (1903, 2SM, 142.1) "The trade unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a **time of trouble** such as has not been since the world began."

Letter 21 "We do not go deep enough in our search for truth. Every soul who believes present truth will be brought where he will be required to give a reason of the hope that is in him. The people of God will be called upon to stand before kings, princes, rulers, and great men of the earth and they must know that **they do know what truth is**. They must be converted men and women. God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth. The universe is looking upon the controversy that is going on upon the earth. Those who stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel, cannot be united with the Freemasons or with any secret organisation. The seal of the living god will not be placed upon anyone who maintains such a connection after the light of truth has shone upon his pathway. Christ is not divided and Christians cannot serve God and mammon. The Lord says, 'Come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters' saith the Lord Almighty (2 Cor 6:17, 18)."

Review and Herald (February, 18, 1890 – TM 119.1) – "At an infinite cost, God has provided for every man an opportunity to know that which will make him wise unto salvation. How eagerly do angels look to see who will avail himself of this opportunity! When a message is presented to God's people, they should not rise up in opposition to it; they should **go to the Bible, comparing it with the law and the testimony**, and if it does not bear this test, it is not true. God wants our minds to expand." She said – test everything I say – and if it's not from God – get rid of me. She never called herself a prophetess, but a messenger and a part of her responsibility was to be a prophetess.

People also say that they (Adventists) eat weird things! God is starting to restore all things to the way they used to be before sin – vegetables, herbs, fruit etc. A big part of Ellen's ministry was a health vision and she speaks about things which make this group of people who follow this, seem even more like outsiders. [CD 384.2](#) *"Flesh was never the best food; but its use is now doubly objectionable, since **disease in animals is so rapidly increasing.**"* [MH 302.1](#) *"If milk is used, it should be thoroughly sterilized; with this precaution, there is less danger of contracting disease from its use, but is less harmful when eaten on cold bread than when used in cooking. But, as a rule, it is better to dispense with it altogether. Cheese is still more objectionable; it is wholly unfit for food. Cheese should never be introduced into the stomach."* Today cheese and milk are seen as the main sources of calcium. If you want more info on that – study this woman's writings. Scientists are in awe. (Bovine disease, Mad cow disease, bird flu etc. – she warned about these things a hundred years ago).

[CD 356.2](#) *"Let the diet reform be progressive. Let the people be taught how to prepare food without the use of milk or butter. Tell them that the time will soon come when there will be no safety in using eggs, milk, cream or butter because **disease in animals is increasing in proportion to the increase of wickedness among men.** The time is near when, because of the iniquity of the fallen race, the whole animal creation will groan under the diseases that curse our earth. Flesh was never the best food; but its use is now **doubly objectionable**, since disease in animals is so rapidly increasing. Those who use flesh foods **little know what they are eating.** Often if they could see the animals when living and know the **quality of the meat** they eat, they would **turn from it with loathing.** People are continually eating flesh that is filled with tuberculous and cancerous germs. TB, cancer and other fatal diseases are thus communicated." Prepare for a new diet!*

[Unpublished Testimony](#), July 25, 1898 (PUR, Nov 7, 1901, par 1) *"There is no safety in eating of the flesh of dead animals and **in a short time the milk of the cows will also be excluded from the diet of God's commandment-keeping people.** In a short time it will not be safe to use **anything** that comes from the animal creation."*

[2BIO 405.4](#) *"You cannot live too plainly when you are studying so constantly. Your father and I have dropped milk, cream, butter and I have dropped milk, cream, butter, sugar and meat entirely since we came to California. We are far clearer in mind and far better in body. We live very plainly. We cannot write unless we do live simply." Processed foods cloud our mind.*

She warns not to 'speed' of these foods – if you're watching this dvd and you decide no more milk, cream, butter, sugar etc. – don't become fanatical, just take one thing at a time. [2T, 368, 369](#) *"Now in regard to milk and sugar: I know of persons who have become frightened at the health reform, and said they would have nothing to do with it, because it has **spoken against a free use of these things.** Changes should be made with **great care** and we should move cautiously and wisely. We want to take that course which will recommend itself to the **intelligent men and women** of the land. Large quantities of milk and sugar*

*eaten together are injurious. They impart **impurities** to the system. Sugar **clogs** the system. It **hinders** the working of the living machine."* (Watch the movie Supersize it).

Every one of these things can be replaced –just not by openly marketed products. She wrote [The Ministry of Healing](#), [Councils on Diet and Food](#), Temprens. Once again – she had no education, nor insight into these subjects.

Did she edify / teach the church? [Selected Messages](#) (Book 1 page 34) – *"To claim to be a prophetess is something that I have never done. If others call me by that name, I have no controversy with them. But my work has covered so many lines that I cannot call myself other than a messenger, sent to bear a message from the Lord to His people and to take up work in any line that He points out."* [Letter 55](#) (1905, 1SM 35, 36) *"During the discourse, I said that I did not claim to be a prophetess. Some were surprised at this statement and as much is being said in regard to it, I will make an explanation. My work includes much more than this name signifies. I regard myself a messenger, entrusted by the Lord with messages for his people."*

Did she exalt Christ as the Son of God and our Saviour? *"The world's Redeemer was treated as we deserve to be treated, in order that we might be treated as he deserved to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins upon his own divine soul that we might receive his imputed righteousness. He was condemned for our sins in which he had no share that we might be justified by his righteousness, in which we had so share. The world's Redeemer gave himself for us. Who was he? The Majesty of heaven, pouring out his blood upon the altar of justice for the sins of guilty man. We should know our relationship to Christ and His relationship to us."*

[The Great Controversy](#), [The Desire of Ages](#), [Christ's Object Lessons](#), [Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings](#), [Steps to Christ](#)– all these books and more, she wrote – a woman with only 3 years of education, messages that she could only have written if she had an extremely high education, or an extremely High source. In all these books – she is lifting up Christ. Her writings have been received worldwide and are the basis on which the 7th Day Adventist Church has been built.

Did she speak with authority? [4 Message Received](#) (246) *"I am instructed to say to those who endeavour to tear down the foundation that has made us Seventh-day Adventists: We are God's commandment keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to beclouds our minds regarding the teaching of the Word. He calls upon us to hold firmly with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon **unquestionable authority**."*

Did she bear good fruit? From a very young to a very old age, she travelled the world, setting up health centres, religious and Bible schools, setting up hospitals and methods of healing where only natural medicines and water and hydrotherapy have been used to cure

diseases. Did she give a cocaine pipe to her friends (Benny Hinn, or leave a legacy of chopping up the covenant of the ark (Van Rensburg) – NO!!!

Did she depict the 4 physical signs of prophecy? It would have been one thing if she had had them in private. But the Lord knew that in the end time, this would be questioned. She has her visions in public. In passing into vision, she gives three enrapturing shouts of "Glory!" which echo and re-echo, the second and especially the third, fainter but more thrilling than the first, the voice resembling that of one quite a distance from you and just going out of hearing. **For about four or five seconds, she seems to drop down like a person in a swoon, or one having lost his strength;** she then seems to be instantly **filled with superhuman strength**, sometimes rising at once to her feet and walking about the room. There are frequent movements of hands and arms pointing to the right or left as her head turns. All these movements are made in a most graceful manner. In whatever position the hand or arm may be placed, it is impossible for anyone to move it. **Her eyes are always open, but she does not wink;** her head is raised, and she is looking upward, not with a vacant stare, but with a pleasant expression (1BIO, 122).

[An Eyewitness account of June 12, 1868 vision:](#) *"She walked back and forth and talked to us and as she walked, she fell right down. She fell down gently. She went down as if an angel's hands were under her. Sister White lay perfectly quiet and unconscious. Her **eyes were open**, with a **pleasant expression** on her face - nothing unnatural or unusual. Brother White said to these large men, 'Take her hands apart. You have two hands to her one. Just pull her hands apart.' So they tried. They pulled and pulled till some of us got anxious that they would hurt her. Brother White said 'Don't be anxious; she is safe in God's keeping and you can pull until you are perfectly satisfied.' They said, 'we are satisfied now. We don't need to pull anymore.' He said, 'Take up one finger at a time.' That was impossible. They could not do so much as move a finger. **It seemed like a block of granite.** Brother White said to these men, 'Now, hold her.' I think they thought they could. They grasped her by the wrists, but **they could not retard the motion.** It looked like any child could hold her, but she went on just the same. Now we must see if her eyelids will close. There was a large Rochester [kerosene] lamp close by on the stand. He removed the shade and put this light right in front of her eyes. We thought she would move her eyes to protect them. She didn't. She was perfectly **unconscious..the eyes did not close.** 'Now' Brother White said, 'we must see if there is any **breath** in her body.' There didn't seem to be any. Everything looked all right, only there was **no breath.** Brother White said, 'Now we will send out and get a mirror and we will test it.' So someone went to the next door and got a mirror and it was held close to her face, but no moisture gathered. So there was no breathing.."*

Prophecy comes from God and you will know and people around you will know if you are one.

"Two physicians came in, an old man and a young man. Brother White was anxious that they should examine Sister White closely, which they did. A looking glass was brought and

*one of them held it over her mouth while she talked; but very soon they gave this up and said; 'she doesn't breathe. Then they closely examined her sides as she spoke, to find some evidence of deep breathing, but they did not find it. As they closed this part of the examination, she arose to her feet, still in vision, holding a Bible high up, turning from passage to passage quoting correctly, although their eyes were looking upward and away from the Book. After Mrs White rose to her feet as they have stated, quoting the texts of Scripture, doctor Fleming called for a lighted candle. He held this candle as near her lips as possible without burning, and in direct line with her breath in case she breathed. There was not the slightest flicker of the blaze. **The doctor then said, with emphasis, 'That settles it forever; there is no breath in her body.'**" (David Seeley in [GSAM](#) pp 208, 209 [1BIO 303])*

The gift of prophecy was restored in the church (1844-1915), just like it says in the Bible that in the end of time, to the commandment-keeping people, there will be given a message, but it's not an easy message, it's a hard message. It's either black or white – no in-between compromise. She was recognised as someone who really spoke with authority. [The New York Independent](#) (August, 23, 1925) "*She showed no spiritual pride and she sought no filthy lucre, she lived the life and did the work of a worthy prophetess, the most admirable of the American succession.*"

Today, she is seen as some dumb old woman who has some or other supernatural vision. If you do a Biblical analysis of it, you have to acknowledge that God has given this group of people a true prophetess. At the same time, you've got the rise of all the false prophets coming up. After two people rejected the Lord's calling, He decided in his infinite wisdom, to give this gift of prophecy to the weakest of the weakest, someone with only a 3rd grade behind her name, basically no education, almost half of her face damaged, someone who was looked down upon in public like Lazarus. And today, her manuscript stands as a pillar of strength to people who are searching for the truth in the commandments, people that are searching for truth in this confused and muddled world.

The prophet says "*I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen and is become the habitation of devils' (Rev 18:1,2). 'This is the same message that was given by the second angel. Babylon is fallen, 'because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'* What is that wine? – her false doctrines. She has given to the world a **false Sabbath instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment** and has repeated the **falsehood** that Satan first told Eve in Eden – the natural **immortality of the soul**. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, 'teaching for doctrines the **commandments of men**' (Matt 15:9).

In one of her greatest books – [The Great Controversy](#) (p588) – "*Through the **two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness**, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of **Spiritualism**, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with **Rome**. The Protestants of the US will be foremost in stretching their*

hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience."

What does it take to be a true prophet? – All of the Biblical characteristics. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are very serious callings. You can only acknowledge that she was a true prophetess after Biblically analysing her characteristics. Don't listen to poison on the internet.

FROM CREATION TO RESTORATION

This is the last lecture in this series. We have the opportunity to land back on the Word – *'Thank you Lord, for being the Rock in which we can find our comfort, peace and stability.'*

John 2:19-21 *'Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.'*

Today, looking around in the middle-east, there are a couple of sites where they say that Jesus' grave was – a photo is shown of the Garden Tomb – probably the most likely site of his grave. The front of it is completely flat, with a furrow – perfect for it to have a stone rolled in front of it.

John 2:22 *'When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.'* – Now we get it – we often need physical/sensory stimulation to believe something.

1 Cor 15:14, 17-18 *'And if Christ be **not risen**, then is our **preaching vain** and your **faith is also vain**. And if Christ be not raised, your **faith is vain**; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.'* Our faith is based in the power of the Resurrection.

A satellite photo is shown of the world at night – we've discussed how the world has been permeated with these false doctrines, especially the false doctrines of Rome. Protestant Churches often say 'ag it's not necessary to have church on the Sabbath' – but why then would God command it? [Dr RW Dale](#) (Congregationalist) in [The Ten Commandments](#) (page 100, 101) *"It is quite clear that however rigidly or devoutly we spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath. The Sabbath was founded on a specific divine command. We can plead no such command for the obligation to observe Sunday."* Why would we accept Sunday?

Sabbath is a commemoration to God's creation work. God knew if he didn't give us a day or rest, man will work and work and work..people may say 'but if I close down my business on

a Saturday, I'm going to go bankrupt'. Mark issues a challenge to every business man to do this. The Lord says '*put your feet into the Jordan before the waters part.*'

Mark speaks of the many friends he's come to know that have closed down their business on Saturdays to observe the Sabbath – including hairdressers, mines, shops inside bustling shopping centres and the Lord is blessing them to such an extent that they have more business now than ever before.

Matt 5:19 '*Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and taught others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*'

Isaiah 58:13 '*If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honourable and if you honour it by not going your own way not doing as you please or speaking idle words.*'
God just says, spend 24 hours with Me.

Isaiah 66:23 '*And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord*'

An invitation and a challenge, base your beliefs on the Word of God – he's calling you back to His truth: This Friday evening, when the sun goes down, go down on your knees and thank the Lord for a Sabbath Day. 'It was evening and it was morning; (evening to morning is one day) – as you start out this day with rest.

But, also a word of warning, just as Angela Monet said "Those who danced were thought to be quite insane by those who could not hear the music." Those that can't see the deception, see the people keeping the Sabbath, quite insane. That is why it's our responsibility to share this truth with others. Understand though, that you will probably be standing quite alone..

He gave satan a period of time – 6000 years to expose his true character – giving him enough rope to hang himself. All the diseases on earth today, cancer, pestilines, famine, arthritis comes from satan.

Rev 1:7 '*Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him and they also which pierced Him. For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*' This is a day that's going to shake the foundations of the world, it's going to turn the mountains into liquid – and if you're not ready, you're going to be shaken too. 1 Thess 4:16 '*For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.*'

And then people say.."but the Lord has been saying this for so long.."

Remind them of 2 Peter 3:9 *'The Lord is not slack concerning His promise..but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.'*

He's holding back, so you've got the opportunity so that you can share some of these truth's with your friends, your neighbours. And if you don't do it, God says *'He'll raise the stones to speak.'*

So what is heaven really like? Just imagine, if you have to, close your eyes for a moment. No artist could ever actually depict what it was like. He remembers hearing a story once of a wealthy guy that died and went to heaven, and as he got to the pearly gates and pressed the buzzer, Peter came down and asked, can I help you? He's holding 2 gold bars under his arms and said 'yes, I'd like to come in please, I've just passed away.' Peter said 'no you cannot bring anything into heaven, you've got to leave all your possessions behind' and the man said 'he says no, i'm not going anywhere without these 2 bars, they are my fortune' and Peter debated with him on this, but he was so stubborn and St Peter picked up the phone (probably a mobile phone ☺ and explained all this to the Lord. 'this guy has got two brick paving stones and I don't understand why he wants to bring them in, but would you please allow him in?'

We don't really understand what it's going to be like, not in our wildest imagination can we fathom it, yet the Word gives us a revelation:

God revealed where Heaven will be, what it will be like, where its capitol will be and what people will do there, what the people will be like there, where the saved will live and what the capitol city will look like.

Rev 21:1 *'No I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.'* Everything is going to be perfect.

Heb 11:13 *'These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, were assured of them, embraced them. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.'*

Acts 3:20 *'And that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the time of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.'* Restore the fact that there'll be no death, no animals killing one another, we will go back to our original diet, He will restore the creation back to what it was – Lions will eat grass. Fruit-bat, panda – they all have sharp teeth- they all eat grass/fruit. Imagine your daughter walking next to a leopard, a lion, the peace and tranquillity that was there in the beginning.

Isaiah 65:17 *'For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.'*

Isaiah 11:6 *'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and a little child shall lead them.'* The character which is seen in the animal kingdom today comes from sin, not from God.

What about arthritis, cancer? The Bible speaks of the inhabitants being healed. Isaiah 33:24 *'And the inhabitants shall not say, 'I am sick', then the eyes of the blind shall be opened..the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb sing.'* All illness will be removed.

What about the barren and dry places (deserts)? Isaiah 35:1 *'The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.'* Wonderful.

And the houses. The UN nations being built according to the communist manifesto of Russia, they've got certain things being initiated and enforced, even in SA, that if I have two houses and one of them stands empty, and somebody moves in, I cannot get rid of them. That's how it's going to become worldwide.

Isaiah 65:21 *'They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat. For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.'* Imagine walking over to Paul and to ask him 'what it was like'?. Or walking over to Moses and Abraham – putting your arm around him and most of all you'll be able to go to Jesus and say thank you.

John 14:1 *'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.'*

1 Kor 2:9 *'Eyes has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit.'* Eternal bliss! (Disproving all the after-death experiences)

Rev 21:11 *'her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Then he measured its wall: 144 cubits [66 meters thick!]. The twelve gates were twelve pearls..a great and high wall..and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.'* Gold like glass! – please! Mark explains about the little windows in front of an aircraft where the pilot

sits, the composition – they are reinforced (stuck together) and there's something in the middle called transparent gold – science have discovered it and it is unbelievably expensive. Still, the entire street in the kingdom will be made of it.

Rev 21:23 *'The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and **the Lamb is its lamp.**'* Just as written in Genesis 1:1 *'and God said, **let there be light**' – that was not the sun, it was God's light. The sun was only created on day 4.*

Rev 21:14 *'Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones..a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.'* (2) *'On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit,, yielding its fruit every month. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. There shall be no night there..'*

Rev 21:16 *'The city is laid out as a square, its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs..'* (A furlong is 1/5th of a kilometre. 12 000 furlongs = 2 400 km's).

Galatians 3:29 *'And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.'* What does God require for this to happen – to become Abraham's seed? Gal 6:15-16 *'[For in Christ Jesus] Neither circumcision nor un-circumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation.'* How do we have a new creation? 1 Cor 7:19 *'Circumcision is nothing and un-circumcision is nothing, but the **keeping of the commandments of God.**'*

Gal 3:26-29 *'For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been **baptized** into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all **one in Christ Jesus.** And if ye be Christ's, then **are ye Abraham's seed** and heirs according to the promise.'* Through baptism do we become Abraham's seed.

Matt 28:19-20 *'Go ye therefore and **teach all the nations, baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them **to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.'* Not 'teach them to observe some of the things, but **ALL** things whatsoever I have commanded you.'

John 3:5 *' I tell you the truth, unless a man is **born of water and the Spirit,** he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'* Is it really important? Baptism is mentioned **80** times in the New Testament. It is a critical thing! He wants us to understand it. (23) *'And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was **much water** there..'* So what does baptism really mean? The greek word 'baptizo' means 'to **dip**' to 'immerse', to 'plunge

under water'. There was '**much water**' so that he could fulfil the '**baptizo**'. Matt 3:5-6 '*Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the region about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.*' And when Jesus came to be baptized, and John felt inadequate to do so, Jesus said: Matt 3:15 '*Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness. Then John consented.*'

Did Jesus need his sins to be washed away? No, he said about Satan, Satan has got nothing on HIM. 1 John 2:6 '*He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*' Jesus is our example, what Jesus did, we should do.

How was Jesus baptised? Matt 3:16-17 '*He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased'.*' So if He 'came up out' of the water, He was 'in under' the water. He was not baptised by sprinkling.

Acts 10:38 '*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with them.*' This is what the Lord says, be baptised and you'll receive the Holy Spirit. You don't receive *THE* Holy Spirit, you receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in order to fulfil your commission (unlike what the Apostolic Church preach).

One of these people who struggled with the idea of Jesus Christ was a Eunuch – he was like a treasurer, a minister of finance for Queen Candace – a Jewish man (probably a black man) because he came to Jerusalem to worship. Here's a man, sitting on the chariot, studying the book of Isaiah, and Philip comes to him and starts to explain certain things to him. Notice that he came to Jerusalem – he's a Jew – he's got the one pillar (uphold the commandments) – yet he does not know Jesus. So he's studying:

Acts 8:26-28 '*And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning and sitting in his chariot read Isaiah the prophet. And Philip ran thither to him and hear him read the prophet Isaiah and said, '**Understandest thou** what thou readest? And he said, **How can I**, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? For his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, **of whom speaketh the prophet** this? Of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same Scripture and **preached unto***

him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?'

Notice something, the chiasmic style of writing – it means that there's a certain format (question / answer)

If you have the **NIV** (New International Version) or any of the newer Bibles, read it now - Acts 8:36. You will see – **it's not there!** The key verse regarding Baptism has been taken out! There is no answer to the last question.

Answer: (KJV) Acts 8:37, 38 *'And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still.'* What is the **requirement for baptism?** You have to be able to **acknowledge Jesus Christ**. The reason it has been **removed** is so that we **cannot prove adult baptism**. With this text in place, you have to be **cognitive** and of sound mind to make that decision. An infant cannot make that decision, the parents make that decision.

Acts 8:38 *'And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.'*

Photo's are shown of the baptismal fonts to have baptism by emersion. Another one is shown in the desert and one from the First Century Church in Phillippi, Capadocia – Turkey, John's Basilica Sbeitla in North Africa, Jerasj in Jordan, even in the Holy Land and on the top of Mt Nebo (where Moses died), Ephesus (where Paul, John and others must have baptised many Christians), Khumran, Masada. Question – if archaeology doesn't speak about infant baptism and the Bible doesn't speak about it, where does it come from? You probably guessed it – The Catholics!

[The Question Box Answers](#), BL Conway, New York, The Columbus Press, pp 65,66: *"Why do the protestants take the Scriptures to be inspired? Why do they honour the **first day instead of the seventh?** Why do they **baptise children?** Against their principles, they have to look **outside the Bible..** Because it was guaranteed by the **godly, infallible witness of the Roman Catholic Church.**"*

Where does it come from? Around the 6th century AD (**Janush** – god of re-incarnation/sungod...) Janus was twice born. Holy water used for baptism was made by plunging a torch from the altar into the water as the sungod plunged into the water and the womb. The following **curse** was pronounced on **Roman Catholic Church defectors**: *"May the Son who suffered for us curse him! May the Holy Spirit who suffered for us in baptism curse him! Let him be accursed who says **adults must be baptized.**"* ([History of Romanism](#), pp 510).

[James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of our Fathers](#) (110th ed, p277) "For several centuries after the establishment of Christianity, baptism was conferred by immersion, but since the

twelfth century, the practice of baptizing by **infusion** has prevailed in the catholic church, as this manner is attended with **less inconvenience** than Baptism by immersion.' INCONVENIENCE! Can you imagine Christ saying '*please don't nail me to that cross, I don't feel like having that 'inconvenience'!*' '*Don't whip Me, because it might be 'inconvenient'!*' And here, all we are asked to do is to go into the water – this is disgusting!

John 3:3 '*Verily verily I say unto thee. Except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven.*' How much water is there when a woman's water breaks – a LOT of water. It's got to do with the birthing process – coming out of the water..

Acts 2:38-39 'And Peter said to them '*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.*'

This does not prove infant baptism. What is the promise? The promise of baptism – can't be, because that is your indication that you are submitting to God. The promise refers to the gift of the Holy Spirit. The idea of baptizing children was not even considered in the olden days – it was mostly adults. When you are baptised, the blessings of the gift of the Holy Spirit will extend to all associated with you.

It was not until the Council of Ravenna in 1311 AD, that sprinkling and pouring were officially accepted as equally valid as immersion in the rite of baptism. This is not Scripture – it is tradition – Roman Catholic tradition.

Today it's claimed that infant baptism brings the infant into the fold of God. The problem with this is that the new covenant is said to cover the whole family and that this brings the child into the fold of God. However, baptism comes as a **consequence** of accepting **Jesus Christ** as your personal saviour – it's **not a prerequisite**, it comes as a consequence! When you believe that Jesus Christ is your personal saviour, you've made a cognitive decision and you should be baptized. God knows when you are old enough to make that decision. In 1 Cor 7:14 '*For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.*' Speaking about baptism and sanctification, if an unbelieving wife marries a believing husband – the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the believing husband, so that their children can be clean. You're the one that have to make the decision to be baptised, and the blessing will be poured onto your children, until they can make that decision for themselves. Acts 16:31 '*And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*'

A photo of an infant font in the Vatican is shown. It was bigger – obviously for immersion, and then closed off to have a smaller opening for infusion or sprinkling. How many types of baptism is there in the world today?

- By immersion

- Infant by sprinkling
- Infant by infusion
- Infant with crosses on forehead
- No baptism/spiritual baptism
- Some say there are 2 baptism – water and spirit
- By dunking once
- By dunking 3 times
- By dunking 7 times

Ephesians 4:5 **'One Lord, one faith, one baptism.'**

What does Baptism symbolize? Romans 6:3 *'Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his **death**? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.'* – It symbolises the **death**, **burial** and the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:21 *'And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not by the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**'*

Biblical truth is that you celebrate the Sabbath and through the baptism, we remember the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Going **under the water** – it symbolises/commemorates '**death**' because for a moment you stop breathing, death to our sinful way of life, **burial** by the immersion under the water and the **resurrection** into a new life in Christ.

2 Cor 5:18 *'Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become **new**.* Romans 6:6 *'Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be **destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.'* Mark 16:16 *'Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.'* Acts 2:37,38 *'Brothers, what shall we do? Peter replied, **Repent** and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.'* Acts 2:41 *'Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.'*

Does baptism mean that I'm becoming part of Christ's Church? – yes, it does. Is re-baptism called for? Acts 19:1-5 *'Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have no so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ*

Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.' They realised that something was lacking from their previous baptism. Then it is called for. Many people request to be baptized on their own, out of the church. God always works through His church – not outside the church.

This is a very hard teaching to accept. John 6:60 '*Many therefore of his disciples, when had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?*' Don't worry if you don't understand everything yet. Pray to God and He will reveal it to you. Proverbs 4:18 '*The path of the righteous is like the first glimpse of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.*' Psalm 112:4 '*Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness.*' Those searching for the truth, will be given insight.

"But my pastor disagrees, my minister disagrees – he calls your church a sect, says that you're a cult. You're doing all weird things.." well, just check if it's Biblical. The 7th Day Adventist Church is the most inhabitable place for people of the World – the place that satan hates most – and that's what Mark loves about it most. Pastors and ministers disagreeing will be nothing new. Have you also been deceived about the Sabbath? Matthew 10:34-37 '*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*' God knows that this is going to cause division – because most of the world are unifying in error, and here you are, stepping out to one side saying '*I'm sorry, I can't be part of it.*'

I'm not ready yet...I'm too young, too old.. Philippians 4:13 '*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*' Acts 22:16 '*And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*'

Will you listen to His call?