# THREE ANGELS OVER AFRICA

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IF THERE WERE NOTHING IN THE SCRIP-TURES HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD, MAN, IN SEARCHING ITS PAGES, WOULD BECOME LIFTED UP IN PRIDE AND SELF-SUFFI-CIENCY.

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## **Edward Katiba: For Such a Time**

Years ago I was doing much missionary work in Africa. Having gone to Kenya with my family in 1997, I was sending large amounts of literature and financial support to various workers there. Around 2004, a pastor in Kenya told me about four pastors who had been fired and asked if I would support them. I started sending financial help to these ministers through this pastor. After a few months, I requested feedback from the four pastors because I had heard nothing from them. I was told that the four pastors had received no money. Rather, the Kenyan pastor had pocketed the money for himself and his family. The relationship between me and the pastor ceased immediately.

I contacted a returning missionary from Zambia, David Wilson, and asked him, "In all your years in Zambia, have you ever met any that are utterly honest and committed to the work of God for this time?" He gave me the names of two men to contact. One of them was Edward Katiba. The other man never responded to my inquiries.

I have been working closely with Edward for the past 14 years. Over the years, Edward has sent me numerous reports, updates, and stories to keep me updated on what is transpiring in the work in Africa. In all the experiences and all the people that I personally have worked with in Africa, no one is like Edward. He gives detailed reports; puts them into the form of stories, and leaves the reader wanting more. These stories of Edward's are the basis for this book.

Over the years, our church group in Central Florida would say, "Pastor Bill, these stories coming from Edward are awesome. You need to put these missionary stories into a book. These will encourage and bless many people all over the world." I hesitated because of time and energy restraints. However, time opened up and so the book has come to fruition. The hope of Edward and me is that these stories

will inspire, encourage, and energize you to engage with even greater devotion in the proclamation of the 3 angel's messages of Revelation 14. The Lord is ready to move this work forward with greater and greater power and with lightening speed. May God richly bless you as you read about "Three Angel's Over Africa".

#### Mr. Gordon Brown-A Tribute

If Gordon Brown were here today, he would feel deeply humbled that a chapter in a book is about his experience. He would want all the glory to go to Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior. Mr. Gordon Brown recognized his own deep unworthiness and the greatness of God. He freely confessed his own frailty and the wonders of God's love to him. He was a humble, lowly child of God who desired nothing more than to see the truth of God triumph in this world. Some of the characteristics of his life may have lain dormant for a time, but when the chips were down, they showed forth with such firmness and determination that he marveled at the power of God in his life. There is a saying that crisis does not develop character; it exposes it. In the case of Gordon Brown, this was truly the case as this chapter will reveal.

Mr. Gordon Brown owned a very powerful radio station in Zambia. His station covered all of Central and Southern Africa, reaching 15 to 20 countries with a total population of about 150 million people. With that kind of facility, Mr. Brown could have been very protective of his interests and not really known words like sacrifice, kindness, or integrity. Sometimes, earthly goods and power can make people unkind, and ready to sacrifice anything to maintain worldly prosperity. Mr. Gordon Brown laid everything on line that the truth of God could go far and wide across Africa and finally, paid the ultimate price for his devotion to the truth of God.

Mr. Brown was a white Anglican from the Republic of South Africa. He was born an Anglican, raised as an Anglican, and figured he would die an Anglican. Sometimes, what we plan for our lives changes according to circumstances and opportunities. He came into our lives around 2010. We contracted with him to begin sharing messages using his station. He had no idea what he was getting himself

into nor did he care. His concern at that time was the prosperity of his station. We made sure that payment was made on time with each passing month. Things began to change though as Mr. Gordon Brown began not only to broadcast the programs, but to listen to them as well.

What struck him with such force was the series on the book of Revelation. All his life, Mr. Brown had been taught that Revelation was a sealed book that no one could understand. There were mysteries in that book that no human being could ever understand or let alone explain. How does one make sense out of beasts, trumpets, horses, 144,000, pure and impure women, and Babylon the great? As the series began, Mr. Brown probably figured this program would be a great big flop. To say the least, Mr. Brown was stunned, and humbled by the amazing revelations that spoke to his heart. Revelation could be understood. What amazed him most was that the entire book of Revelation could be understood by using Old Testament stories to explain the symbols of Revelation. He contacted his family in the Republic of South Africa and gave his friends, family members, and neighbors the exact time when the Revelation series would be on and told them to listen to the truth of the book of Revelation. This started a revival in the hearts of Mr. Gordon Brown and his contacts. They would never be the same again. The Bible was now a new book to them. It was alive.

The listeners heard such things as:

- 1. Revelation chapter 1 reveals pictures of Christ as Savior, Coming King, Lord of the Sabbath, Great High Priest, and Victor over sin and the grave.
- 2. Revelation chapters 2 and 3 look at the history of the church from 31 AD to the close of time, starting with Ephesus in 31 AD untill Laodicea, the church under judgment since 1844.
- 3. Revelation chapters 4 and 5 look at a heavenly court room scene where the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are engaged with the angelic hosts in seeking the salvation of humanity. Only Christ can open that Book of Destiny.

- 4. Revelation chapter 6 looks at the seven seals. These explain the ways God seeks to save fallen humanity through messages, martyrdom, and natural disasters.
- 5. Revelation chapter 7 looks at the 144,000, the group of people who will be translated to heaven without dying at Jesus 2nd Coming.
- 6. Revelation chapters 8 and 9 and the end of chapter 11 look at the seven trumpets which are warnings to apostate groups that have rejected God's amazing grace.
- 7. Revelation chapter 10 discusses the Great Disappointment in the 1840's when people expected Jesus to come. God's judgment had begun in the Heavenly Sanctuary in 1844.
- 8. Revelation chapter 11 looks at the fearful results of rejecting God's word and His law as the world beheld events during the the French Revolution from 1789-1797.
- 9. Revelation chapter 12 looks at the great controversy between Christ and Satan from the war in heaven down to the war against God's remnant people who keep all His commandments and have the *Spirit of Prophecy*.
- 10. Revelation chapter 13 looks at the two mysterious beasts the papacy and the United States of America.
- 11. Revelation chapter 14 discusses the 3 angel's messages and the dreadful mark of the beast. Christ invites our everyone to love and surrender to Him. The papacy enforces Sunday the mark of her power with the aid of Apostate Protestant Churches.
- 12. Revelation chapter 15 sees the victorious ones on the sea of glass who rejected Rome's supposed authority and begins to discuss the pouring out of the plagues.
- 13. Revelation chapter 16 describes the terrible plagues that will fall on those who follow the papacy and Sunday worship.
- 14. Revelation chapters 17 and 18 discuss the papacy, babylon the great and her harlot daughters, apostate protestantism, the kings of the earth, and those united against the truth.
- 15. Revelation 19 portrays the glorious coming of Jesus in the clouds of Heaven.
- 16. Revelation 20 describes the millennium in which the righteous

see that God has fairly judged the planet. The wicked are resurrected at the end of the 1,000 years, and then perish in the lake of fire.

17. Revelation chapter 21 and 22 look at the new earth when sin and sinners will be no more forever.

Mr. Gordon Brown and his contacts rejoiced in truth they had never seen or ever thought they would ever see in their lifetime. How far reaching the truth has spread through these folks will never be known this side of heaven. Mr. Brown made it clear that his contacts alone were making detailed notes of these studies and were sharing them in their churches in South Africa. However, Mr. Brown was not the only one listening to these programs. The Roman Catholic Church leaders were also listening to these programs and they were not pleased. Catholic leaders began to see priests, nuns, and lay members leaving their churchs in droves. This must be stopped.

To the leaders of the papacy in Lusaka, it seemed like a pretty simple thing. Go and talk to Mr. Gordon Brown, bribe him if necessary, and the American will be off the air. There was one problem they didn't expect; Mr. Gordon Brown had been touched by the Holy Spirit and there was no way he would stop the broadcasting of these programs. He, his family, relatives, and neighbors had been touch by the Lord and they were thrilled with what they were learning. Three Catholic Cardinals visited the radio station and discussed the situation with Mr. Gordon Brown. They diplomatically discussed the need to shut down the American immediately. Mr. Brown responded, "Gentleman, those programs are blessing thousands and thousands of people across Africa and the Lord has given me this station to promote his truth. The programs will continue as long as I am in charge here."

The Catholic Cardinals were furious. They stormed out in a huff, defeated in their efforts to stop the programs. Sometimes, people come to a special moment in life and sense this deep, unstoppable conviction that God has called them to perform a certain task. Mordecai had come to that moment and felt Esther had too and he verbalized it in words that will never be forgotten. "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall their enlargement and deliverance

arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy fathers house shall be destroyed; and *who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this*?"—Esther 4:14 Mr. Brown had been called to use his station to broadcast the truth and nothing would turn him from this purpose.

The arrogance of Rome abounds. When rebuffed, they simply step back, look at the situation and plan their next move. They can justify any act as long as their plans will be carried into operation. They will kill, rape, plunder, steal, destroy, and maul anything in their way and justify it because it serves their purposes. "For the greater glory of God," they demonically proclaim. Well, step one was unsuccessful. Step two was to attack the radio station with fire. Several months after their first visit, there was a terrible fire at the radio station. Fortunately, Mr. Gordon Brown escaped and was able to put out the flames with minimal damage.

However, the die had been cast. Mr. Gordon Brown realized that neither he nor his family would be safe around vicious animals like this. He confided in Edward that it was time for him to relocate his radio station in another country because the animals of Rome would stop at nothing to stop the radio station in Zambia. A family trip and fact finding venture was scheduled and Mr. Gordon Brown and his family made their way to family and friends in the Republic of South Africa. After a good visit, the family headed back through Zimbabwe to look at possible sites for a new radio station. Several opportunities presented themselves so the family headed back toward Zambia with the plan to move the station to Zimbabwe with the full intention of broadcasting the studies of the American still.

These plans never reached fruition. On the way home, going through Zimbabwe, the Gordon's were in a car crash and they were killed. The details have remained unknown till this day. Because of what had occurred with the Cardinals and the fire left many people feeling that it was not an accident. This remained a mystery until one day....

Within a year of the fatal crash, Edward was returning home from a mission trip. He was on a bus and just so happened to be sitting next to a nun. The nun was sitting there reading a small paperback book entitled 'Secret Terrorists." Edward noticed the book with a little shock that she would be reading it. Edward asked her what she thought of the book. Her response was very, very revealing. "This book sounds so much like the American that used to speak on Mr. Gordon's radio station. It is really sad that Mr. Brown died. Did you know it was not an accident? Our leaders had him killed because he refused to take that American off of the radio."

Edward told her, "The reason the book and the American on the radio sound so much alike is because it is the same person. If you would like more materials from the American, give me your address and I will send them to you." The nun was thrilled to hear this news. She had been a keen listener to the American. She had to listen in secret because otherwise she would be severely punished. To get more materials would not be easy but she gave Edward a discreet place where to send the materials and she got them.

Mr. Gordon Brown died for his faith in Jesus Christ. He was willing to pay the ultimate price that the truth of God's Word might go all over Africa and to the ends of the earth. Because of his heroic stand, Mr. Gordon Brown belongs with those in Hebrews 11:35 of whom it is written, "and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that *they might obtain a better resurrection.*" Mr. Gordon Brown died a martyr for the cause of Christ and truly he will obtain a better resurrection.

# Priest Joseph Bwalya

In March of 2014, a stunning news report shook the Catholic world in Zambia. The major newspapers in Zambia; *Times of Zambia, Daily Mail*, and *Post Newspaper*, all covered this terrible tragedy. Priest Joseph Bwalya was found dead in his bedroom of an apparent suicide. He was found in a kneeling position with a rope tied to the ceiling of his room. Great sorrow has been expressed over this tragedy. Priest Bwalya had been working in the Charles Lwanga Catholic Seminary School as a professor for many years and was scheduled to retire at the end of the current term. His expertise was in Roman Catholic theology. He was 60 years old. The reason for his passing is not known. The newspapers have emphatically declared that Bwalya committed suicide, but another story has also come forth and will be the subject of this chapter.

This story of Priest Bwalya actually begins several years before this and centers on a radio station in Zambia. This station was owned and operated by a South African by the name of Mr. Gordon Brown.

Bwalya started tuning into the radio programs and was particularly interested in the broadcasts of one American. The American did several series on this station. Those series included studies in Revelation and Daniel: *The Closing Scenes of Jesus' Life, The Jesuit Agenda in History, current events, Bible prophecy, and Amazing Grace.* 

The priest developed a keen interest in the radio programs, learning things he had never heard before in all of his 60 years. He listened to the programs privately in his apartment so as not to upset any of his fellow teachers or superiors. Over several years, he evaluated the lessons for himself and found out that what was being said was true and correct. While he was ecstatic over his new found understandings, he did not show nor indicate to anyone that he had found great

truth that had never been spoken or revealed to him in Catholic circles.

Priest Bwalya could not keep this burning light to himself. After quite some time, the priest began quietly sharing with some nuns at the college that their church, Roman Catholicism, was not following the Bible and that the reformers, like Luther, Huss, Wycliffe, and Tyndale had been right along; the papacy was the Antichrist of Bible prophecy. Due to these startling revelations, the nuns asked Bwalya for the radio program so they could hear for themselves. After listening for quite awhile, the nuns were also convinced that the priest was indeed correct.

One day, in March of 2013, there were some young men on the streets of Monze who were passing out tracts and DVDs. One of the tracts was called *Who Changed it?* This tract discussed the little horn symbol in Daniel 7 and all of its characteristics. Some of the characteristics include:

- 1. Claiming to be God on earth and God's vicar
- 2. Claiming power to forgive sins.
- 3. Persecuting people that want to follow the Bible.
- 4. Ruling through the Dark Ages for 1,260 years.
- 5. Seeking to changes the day of worship from Saturday/Sabbath to Sunday.

While handing out the tracts and DVDs, the young men came upon Priest Bwalya. As the priest looked over the tracts and saw the titles of the DVDs, he became so happy because the tracts and DVDs sounded just like what he was hearing on the radio. He was thrilled to take several tracts and DVDs from the young men for himself and those in the seminary with whom he had spoken and were in agreement with him. Priest Bwalya confided in the young men that he was a Catholic priest and teacher for many years, but had been studying with an American on the radio and found Bible truth for the first time in his life.

Seeing others sharing the truth of God on the streets of Monze seemed to have galvanized Priest Bwalya to see his own responsibility to share the truth with others. Boldly, at the seminary, he began to tell his students that the papacy was not ordained of God. This was too much for the other leaders at the seminary. They immediately contacted the hierarchy of the Catholic Church in Lusaka and a group of men were commissioned to go and speak to Priest Bwalya. They emphatically told the priest, "You must recant your new beliefs that you have gotten from the American."

Priest Bwalya knew that his time had come. He knew these men were powerful and influential and could fire him, or even worse. But, like Luther of old when told to recant at the diet of Worms, Bwalya replied, "There comes a time in life when people have to make right decisions and what I have come to know to be truth is my decision." Here I stand, I can do no other.. Thus stood this man of courage and faith who would not be frightened or coerced by threats or demands, but firmly stood on the truth of the Bible. The warnings and threats of priests and prelates were as nothing beside the truth of the Word of God..

Now, there were no holds barred. The priest started openly telling every one of his new found beliefs. He started telling students, colleagues, and fellow teachers that they should tune in to the radio and listen to the American. Knowing that he would not be at the seminary much longer, Priest Bwalya applied for retirement. Shortly after this, he had yet some more visitors, 4 in number, who came to visit him from the Catholic hierarchy in Lusaka. This time, though, they came for a different reason..

During the daylight hours, they were cordial and friendly in a formal way as fellow Catholic workers, but as the evening approached, three of the visitors left to return to Lusaka. The other visitor remained behind, hiding in Priest Bwalya's room. The next morning, Priest Joseph Bwalya was found in a kneeling position in his apartment with a rope tied around his neck that extended up to the ceiling. There was no blood on the floor; his bedroom door was locked normally and looked clean.

Between the first and second visits of the leaders from Lusaka, Priest Bwalya had seen those young men on the streets of Monze and told them of the visit by those cruel and dangerous people from the Catholic hierarchy. These dangerous leaders were used by the Catholic hierarchy as their informants or enforcers. They had demanded of the priest that he immediately cease and desist from talking to stu-

dents, nuns, and colleagues. They insisted that he quit encouraging people to listen to the most wanted American on the radio. The Catholic hierarchy hates the American for teaching the great message of all the reformers that the papacy is the Antichrist of the Bible.

Priest Joseph Bwalya died for his faith in the Bible. His love for Jesus and His truth nerved him to defend his faith even to the death. Great will be the priests reward one day very soon in heaven. The apostle Paul walked in similar shoes, suffering for his faith. He left

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*"— 2 Timothy 4:6-8

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;* Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."— Titus 2:11-14

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."— 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

#### From Mecca to the Messiah

For as long as I can remember, Africa has been torn apart by war. Whether it be Rwanda, Somali, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, or South Africa, the story is always the same. A powerful warlord wants more control and dominance, so he creates a civil war in his country, and the common people suffer the consequences of his selfish, vicious acts. This story comes from the Eritrean highlands. Eritrea is a small, east African nation that borders with Ethiopia. As late as October of 2017, Eritreans have been brutally slain by Ethiopian soldiers. One such man who has suffered in this conflict is Muhatu Mumad.

Muhatu was on the brink of suicide because of personal losses suffered at the hands of Ethiopian soldiers. In 2016, Muhatu, his wife, and daughter were traveling in the Eritrean highlands on their way to the mosque. They had been Moslems for a long time. On their way, the Ethiopian militia in masks stopped Muhatu's car at gunpoint. They forced the family from the car and made Muhatu watch as they raped and then killed his wife and daughter. Muhatu was taken to a military camp where he was tortured for several weeks until he was finally released into the hands of the Eritrean government.

Taken to a hospital, Muhatu slowly healed from the physical torture he had suffered. He was tormented day and night by the terrible scenes of that final day of his wife's and daughter's death. These memories haunted him until he felt that death would be preferred to life. In his extreme mental suffering and anguish and with nowhere to find relief, Muhatu made plans to avenge the deaths of his loved ones. He decided to become a terrorist. He would get bombs and explosives and would detonate them in the barracks of the Ethiopian soldiers. He felt this would be the only solution for his pain. He would get revenge.

He started making contacts with several Muslim men of the same ilk, but was having difficulty acquiring the necessary weapons of destruction. One day, as his heart was breaking over failed plans and lost loved ones, Muhatu thought of taking his life. What was the use? Life no longer seemed worth living for this man from Eritrea.

In this awful state of mind, Muhatu entered a store and asked the clerk if he had any bombs or explosives to sell. The clerk saw the look in his eyes and knew that Muhatu was dead serious. Instead of giving him explosives, the clerk, who was a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, handed him a small radio, tuned to the Zambian radio station Kavu, and told Muhatu to listen to the American each day.

The first program he heard that evening was part of a series called *Amazing Grace*. The series was based on the song written by the famous slave owner, John Newton, who had his own life changed from taking slaves to the New World to bringing people to Jesus Christ. In the series, a number of Bible characters lives are studied. It is seen how people like Aaron, Nebuchadnezzar, Simeon, Rueben, Moses, Saul, Rahab, and Rebecca had only to offer the Lord misery and pain, but the Lord offered them His amazing grace that He purchased for lost humanity at Calvary's cross. Muhatu listened as the American talked about the love of God for guilty, hurting people and His never changing character. Muhatu was riveted to the program.

Day after day, he listened till the series was over. He was becoming attracted to a new Man named Jesus who kept forgiving and who offered another chance to hurting people. He continued to listen to other series like on Daniel and Revelation and his mind was changing. His heart was warmed by the Man from Calvary and for the first time in a long time, Muhatu actually started smiling. In fact, this was the first time he had smiled since the death of his wife and daughter. He was so happy to hear that Jesus died and rose again. He especially loved the studies in revelation, 12, and 21 that discuss the final, everlasting victory of God's people in the heavenly Canaan.

He started telling his friends about the lovely Jesus who lived for them. He invited people to tune into the Kavu radio program and learn from the American. Muhatu learned about the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath which is Saturday and has been keeping it for several months now.

All that he has learned has saved him from being a terrorist devil.

Currently, Muhatu is in a hospital where he is receiving treatment for a heart condition. He rejoices today in his new found faith and wonderful friend, Jesus. Jesus took a suicide bomber and turned him into a child of the King. He is thankful that God used the lowly American in his life. As a result, Muhatu has learned to forgive. He no longer is full of hate, but has learned to forgive like his wonderful Savior, Jesus. He hopes that the American will never shut his mouth, but will continue to share the great truths of the Bible as long as he can. The radio programs had been to Muhatu as living manna from heaven..

The series that hit Muhatu the hardest focused on the Jesuits in history, current events, and Bible prophecy. It helped him to see that evil people seeming to be religious, dressed in the garb of sanctity, and wearing a cross around their neck does not keep anyone from doing evil things. He knew that only Jesus could keep a person from hatred and wickedness. Muhatu longs to share with his family and friends the great truths he has learned from the American on the Kavu radio program. As long as he lives, Muhatu wants to spread the good news of Jesus amazing grace. Along with John Newton, he will sing:

"Amazing grace. How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

"Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home."

Muhatu learned about the amazing grace of God in Jesus Christ and his life was transformed. Today, this man has a new focus because of the manifold grace of God that seeks to restore and not to destroy, that seeks to build and not tear down.

#### A Cardinal Addresses the Nation

Thousands and thousands of Roman Catholics have been blessed by the radio programs from the American. Many have left the Catholic Church and their traditions and have found abundant life in Jesus Christ and His truth. For these reasons, the papacy has had to go to extraordinary measures in order to stop this mass exodus. About four years ago, the bombshell exploded on the national television of Zambia.

On that particular evening, the newscaster announced that the Catholic Church was building a new television station and that it would open sometime in the year of 2014. A Catholic cardinal came on the live program and announced, "We are so happy to tell the Catholics of Zambia that we have received a great blessing from our holy father. He is supplying us with the necessary funding in order to have our own television station here in Zambia. He wants us to be able to explain the true gospel and the true teachings of the Bible. This has become very necessary because there are false men out there who are speaking anything in their head and condemning the church."

The newscaster was surprised to hear such a statement, so he asked the cardinal, "Do you know of people here in Zambia who say such things?" The cardinal was quick to respond, "Oh yes, there is one American we know very well and he is misleading a lot of people. We do not know where he is, but he most assuredly speaks against the church, and we intend to tell the people the real gospel." The newscaster was probing for more information, asking, "Tell us more about this American; what is he saying?"

The declaration about a new television station was now over and the focus of the broadcast was now on a certain American on the radio. The cardinal continued, "We, the Catholics of Zambia, have been listening to the teachings of a certain American who does not show up anywhere and for a long time now, we have not known where he lives. He is causing great confusion within our church. Some of our priests have been disturbed by his false and misleading teachings. Some of our members have even agreed with this American's teachings. We appealed to the government to stop him, but he still speaks on some privately owned radio stations."

For the leadership in the Catholic Church in Zambia to speak to government officials about shutting down the American would indicate that the problems within the church because of priests, nuns, and lay members responding to what they are hearing is rampant and the papacy fears losing many, many members to the truth.

The cardinal continued, "Because of this American, the holy see decided to set up our own television station so that we can speak to the world and correct the situation." The newscaster was not satisfied at all with the cardinal's response, so he asked again, "What does the American teach that is misleading so many in your church and causing such confusion?" Again, the cardinal skirts the question and goes down another tangent. At this juncture, the once happy cardinal is getting very angry. "We know that the American guy is a bad Seventh-day Adventist. We know the Seventh-day Adventists to be good people, but that American speaks of hate and secret things about the church to which he knows nothing and we shall put a stop to that once we meet him."

Well, now, there is something we can look at from the mouth of the cardinal. He said there are good and bad Seventh-day Adventists. Clearly, the American is a bad Seventh-day Adventist, but most SDA's are good people. Let us look more closely at this very adroit statement of the cardinal. Within Seventh-day Adventism today, there are clearly two distinct voices. One voice is that of maintaining the truths that have made SDA s a distinct people since their beginnings in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The other voice in Seventh-day Adventism today is watering down the great truths that were given to us. This voice is very ecumenical in nature and purpose, seeking the friend-ship of the worldly churches and the destruction of the great truths of Scripture.

Let us look briefly at some of these teachings and show the clear distinctions between good and bad SDAs. The Bible clearly teaches that Christ took upon Himself the carnal nature of man in His incarnation. Romans 8:3, 4 states, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."— Hebrews 2:14-18 declares, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." In so doing, Christ overcame sin in our flesh so that through faith in His power, His children may overcome too. Within Adventism today, there are those who believe that Christ took the unfallen nature of Adam before his fall. Since the American believes that Christ took fallen sinful nature, without once sinning, then it becomes clear that, according to the cardinal, good Adventists believe that Christ took the perfect nature of Adam before his fall and cannot overcome sin through faith in Christ.

Seventh-day Adventists have always believed that the atonement was not complete at the cross. As great and wonderful as was the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, the Bible clearly teaches that there is more to atonement than just sacrifice. In Leviticus 4:27-31, we read, "And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty; Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. *And he shall lay his hand upon the head of* 

the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering. And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar. And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the LORD; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him." Clearly, when the animal, typifying Christ was slain, atonement was not made. It was only made after the priest mediated the blood. Thus, anything that is part of taking care of the sin problem is atonement. Christ's work in the sanctuary above is just as important as His death upon the cross. As long as there is sin and a priest, atonement is possible. There is still sin today, and there is still a priest; therefore, atonement continues on.. Numbers 25:11-13 looks at this, "Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel." Phinehas killed an Israelite who was fornicating in the camp and by so doing, he dealt with the sin problem in the camp. The Bible says he made atonement. There was no altar, no sacrifice, no sprinkling of blood, BUT there was a taking care of sin in the camp. Atonement is way more than sacrifice. Since the American believes in the Biblical teaching of a continued atonement, then, according to the cardinal, a good Adventist believes that atonement was finished at the cross, but the American believes in the Biblical teaching that atonement is taking care of the sin problem.

Since the time of the Reformers in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, those who have studied the Bible are convinced that the papacy is the antichrist of the Bible. Martin Luther, William Tyndale, Ulrich Zwingli, Menno Simons, John Knox, and many others from all over Europe preached

this truth. The Catholic Church system is clearly laid out as the little horn of Daniel 7, the final king of the north of Daniel 11, the Jezebel that plagues the church of Thyatira in Revelation 2:20, the first beast of Revelation 13, and the great whore of Revelation 17. Since these truths are extremely unpopular today, the papal hierarchy brands anyone who proclaims these truths as full of hate and cruelty. They are desperately seeking to hide these truths from the world and when someone, like the American declares these things, he is branded as evil and hateful.

Having declared the papacy as antichrist, does this somehow confine to hell all the followers of Rome? Heaven forbid. There are many lovely, and precious Roman Catholics who are living up to all the light they know. In His infinite love for them, the Lord Jesus will cause rays of eternal truth and light to shine across their paths and many Roman Catholics will yet take their stand with the Lord and His people.

The truth of the matter is that Romanism is the most cruel and hateful entity on the face of the earth. It is she that has persecuted people for centuries who simply wanted to follow Jesus and the Bible. It is she that has burned millions at a stake for refusing an arrogant man's usurped demand for worship. The system of Romanism is full of hate for all who oppose her pompous claims for worship. Hatred and cruelty lay at Rome's door and not at the feet of humble Christians who want to follow the lowly and majestic Jesus.

For many decades within Seventh-day Adventism, voices have arisen to squelch this belief among us. Books of a new order have been written to paint the papacy as a 'Christian' church and one worthy of our admiration. For decades, Adventism has sought to placate Romanism in joining up totally with her in the drive for an ecumenical, world, church. Those doing this are classed as 'good' SDA's. Shame on them. God will have a people who will continue to declare the evils of alliance with Rome and who will declare the age old truth that Rome is still the antichrist power of Scripture. Anyone, like the American, who declares this truth, will continue to be branded as hateful, but that will only be used to carry the truth further.

Seventh-day Adventists have always held dear the 7th-day of the week which is Saturday. Good Adventists, in the eyes of the cardinal, are those Adventists who will toss aside the Sabbath for the sake of ecumenical unity. Those in Adventism who continue to lessen the importance of this day and finding more and more excuses to set the day aside are setting themselves up to bow to Rome. Since the Sabbath is a sign of dependence on Jesus for victory over sin, all Adventists who do not believe overcoming is possible anymore are already paving the way to fall into Rome's arms. The Sabbath, or Saturday, remains as the seal of God, as found in Exodus 20:8-11 and as the sign of God's power to save us from our sins. Ezekiel 20:12

Finally, "good" Adventists today are rewriting the books of Ellen White. Instead of the *Great Controversy*, it is the *Great Hoax*, I mean, the *Great Hope*. All is being done to water down what she said and to deposit her somewhere back in the corner of Adventist book centers and put ecumenical, evangelicals to the forefront. A "good" Adventist gives lip service to Ellen White's books, whereas a "bad" Adventist, according to the cardinal, still holds her works dear, seeking to uphold the principles in those books and to share them with others by the grace of God.

The cardinal's assessment of Adventism was very true. He reads what is going on in Adventism and says it like it is. So, what are you; a good Adventist or a bad one?

The cardinal was not finished on the broadcast on national, Zambia television. "Let the American leave the church alone and never speak against the holy see again. His sin is that he is causing confusion in our members. He is bringing secrets from the past that only apply to Nero and not to now." The secrets of Rome's involvement and perpetration of war and terror; the secrets of Rome's responsibility and culpability in the homosexual wickedness that is destroying millions must and will be exposed. The cardinal seeks to sweep everything under the rug and keep the world locked in papal darkness and deception.

The interview was not over. The newscaster was not satisfied by the cardinal's responses. He then asked a very pointed question. "What has the American said that is false? Why would people be convinced to accept what he says?" This was too much for the cardinal. Now, he turned on the newscaster and demanded, "Are you one of the populace that has also been confused by the American's falsehood?" The newscaster was not to be denied and he retorted, "I have listened to the American on many occasions and all he has said has been true. It is well documented and supported from solid sources. His grasp of the Bible is clear and simple, showing from the fountain of truth what it says. The dark secrets of the Jesuits that he has exposed are also well documented. You say the American is misleading people in your church and many of us believe he is opening the eyes of the people to what has been hidden for a long time."

The cardinal was not to be outdone. He cut off the newscaster with "I came on this national television station to announce to the nation about our soon coming new station and not to be embarrassed by you. Clearly, you are one of his followers. Beware.."

That segment in the news broad cast that evening did not go as planned. What was to be a time of rejoicing for Rome turned into an argument over the radio programs of one American. The Lord Jesus used this interview to seek to reach lost and blinded souls with new light. Because of programs like these and the radio programs, tens of thousands of slumbering Catholics are waking up to the dawn of a new day into the truth of Jesus Christ.

# **Bully in Angola**

His name is Peritoz Kozhi. He lives in Luena, Angola. His profession was Roman Catholic, but that was soon to change. He had given himself a nickname called "Seven Spirits." He was going around Angola teaching the prophecies in the book of Revelation. Anyone who didn't agree with him would go straight to hell and "Seven Spirits" would help them on their way there. He got his nickname from Revelation 1:4 where the Bible says there are Seven Spirits before the throne of God. Of course, the passage was talking about the perfect work of the Holy Spirit in a person's life, taking them from sin and selfishness to humility and surrender to Jesus. But Peritoz, under the influence of marijuana and alcohol, had come to a false understanding and was forcing people to follow him, or else.

A meeting was convened in Luena with about 40 people coming to study the book of Revelation through the DVD series done by the American. Word had gone out about these meetings and a nice crowd assembled. "Seven Spirits" had gotten word of such a meeting too and no one would teach the book of Revelation on his turf. He organized a group of 16 young men to go and disrupt the meeting. Everyone in attendance would be beaten for listening to someone giving something other than his interpretation of the book of Revelation. "Seven Spirits" arrived with his entourage ready for combat and a down home bloodbath.

Tense moments ensued as "Seven Spirits" confronted Brother Edward Katiba and demanded, "Who are you, and what are you doing playing these DVDs on Revelation? This is my turf and no one teaches anything but what I say." The people in the room were very afraid because everyone knew "Seven Spirits" was about to unleash his young men on the meeting. Edward, who had prayed for the Lord's protection responded, "The great God of heaven has brought me here to

share these DVDs on Revelation through our pastor in America. The mysteries in this book will be made plain."

"Seven Spirits" had never in his life heard anyone explain the glorious truths of Revelation. He was touched when Edward mentioned the Holy Spirit speaking to the seven churches. "Seven Spirits" was very interested to hear about another Spirit speaking to someone other than himself. This pricked his mind and he started to back down. He wanted to know more. Edward asked them to all sit down and listen. To the amazement and joy of everyone, "Seven Spirits" told his men to sit down and listen. Since they did not understand English, Edward would translate what was being said into the Mbundu language of Luena, Angola.

After a short break the meeting continued with Revelation, chapter 13. This chapter describes two beasts that have enormous control over the whole world. A beast in Bible prophecy, according to Daniel 7:17, 23, represents a political entity such as a world power. The first beast of Revelation 13 has these characteristics:

- 1. It claims to be God on earth.
- 2. It claims power to forgive sins.
- 3. It changed the day of worship from Sabbath, Saturday, to Sunday.
- 4. It ruled the Dark Ages for 1,260 years.
- 5. It persecutes those who do not agree with her.
- 6. It seeks to turn people from Jesus as our great High Priest.
- 7. It gets its power from the dragon, the devil.

Clearly, the first beast of Revelation 13 is the papal system, the Roman Catholic Church.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> beast of Revelation 13 begins its meteoric rise to power around 1798. It starts off with representative government where the power rests with the people. It also guarantees civil and religious liberty to its inhabitants. Locked into its founding documents is the separation of the church and the state. Tragically, this world power eventually removes these freedoms from its people and power rests more and more with the leaders. Finally, this power sets up a pseudo

religious power (apostate Protestantism) and in conjunction with the first beast (the papacy) sets up Sunday laws requiring it's citizens to keep and observe Sunday as the Sabbath and attend church on Sunday. The second beast of Revelation 13 can only be the United States of America.

As "Seven Spirits" watched and listened, the Holy Spirit humbled him in the dust. He was visibly moved and shaken by the presentation. No one ever, had made so clear to his mind the true meaning of this chapter. 'Seven Spirits" believed that he was the greatest of all spirits, but as the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead spoke to his heart, he was visibly humbled. A mightier Spirit than he was in that room.. For nearly 2 hours, the onlookers were spellbound.

As the group broke up for a meal, "Seven Spirits" and his entourage remained. They were starving for the truth so Edward played for them the DVD on the 7 Churches of Revelation chapters 2 and 3. "Seven Spirits" and his group were amazed to find out what they had never known and were speechless. The Lord loved him and was there to point him Heavenward.

When the evening meeting commenced, the room was now packed to overflowing. 80 people jammed themselves into the hall of meeting. From Revelation 13 to Revelation 17, the people sat and listened. By the end of the meetings, "Seven Spirits," along with his young men, was converted into the truth of God, having surrendered themselves to Jesus Christ as the only King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Holy Spirit had touched their lives and they were ready to witness for Him of His power in their lives. They would now begin worshipping every Sabbath day with the group there in Luena, Angola.

Peritoz Kozhi, humbled by the Lord Jesus and at peace with his Maker for the first time in 35 years of life, was not satisfied with this. He wanted to know more. He requested the full sets of the Daniel and Revelation DVDs so that he might learn them for himself and teach them to others. He also wanted every series of DVDs that Edward offered from the Jesuit Agenda in world affairs to the final scenes of Jesus life. This was the beginning of a new life for Peritoz Kozhi. He has since been used by the Lord in the building up of the work of God in Angola and especially in Luena.

Mr. Ndumba lives in the region of Luena, Angola. He met Peritoz handing out tracts and DVDs in this area. Mr. Ndumba was so happy to receive the tracts from Peritoz because this confirmed him in the faith that he had been learning on the radio from the American. As a result of their meeting, Mr. Ndumba is now worshipping with Peritoz and the Luena brethren every Sabbath.

This was not always the case with Mr. Ndumba. He and his family of six had been Jehovah's Witnesses for many years. He began listening to the radio programs of the American and learned some wonderful things from the Bible about Daniel and the Revelation, the final scenes of Jesus life, and the Amazing Grace series. He was convinced of the truth as presented on the radio. He told his family that the Lord has been speaking to him in very direct ways and that changes were forthcoming in their home.

The first thing Mr. Ndumba discovered was that his World Translation Bible left out many words that should be in the Bible. He realized that the King James Bible is the most authentic Bible translation available. He bought a King James Version and has used it ever since. He realized that the American was teaching him Bible truth that he was not hearing in the Jehovah Witness Church.

Mr. Ndumba found a fellow leader in his church and told his friend that there were things Jehovahs Witnesses were not being taught in their church. He told his friend and fellow leader that their church was keeping hidden the great truths of the Bible; things like righteousness, or obedience to God's commandments comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10 They saw that the commandments of God, all ten of them, are still binding upon the human race and that through Christ, the commandments were to be obeyed. "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."—1 John 2:3-6 They both listened to these words from 1 John 5:2-4 "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." As the evidence mounted, both men and their families began keeping the Sabbath of the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment and worshipped quietly at home together.

After a few weeks, Mr. Ndumba and his friend were together listening to the radio programs when a knock at the door revealed their pastor. He questioned them as to who they were listening to on the radio. Mr. Ndumba told the pastor that they were listening to an American explain the grand, yet simple truth of Scripture that NO ONE in the Jehovahs Witnesses church had ever proclaimed. As one can imagine, that was the beginning of trouble for Mr. Ndumba and his friend.

Two weeks later, the men were summoned to appear before their church board. The pastor demanded that they make a decision; either stay in the Jehovah's Witness church and submit to their teachings or relinquish their positions and go follow the teachings of the American. Ndumba asked the board members to show him where the American was wrong in his clear, crisp teaching of the Bible. He further declared that the Bible had become a new book to him and that Jesus was truly "the chiefest among ten thousand...he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend,"— Song of Solomon 5:10, 16

This interrogation went on for two hours. In the end, Mr. Ndumba and his friend were disfellowshipped from their church and were happy to openly continue worshipping in their home, listening to sermons on the radio and recordings. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon

you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."— 1 Peter 4:12-14

It was shortly after being disfellowshipped that Mr. Ndumba met Peritoz Kozhi and realized that they had a whole lot in common. After their meeting, Peritoz introduced Mr. Ndumba and his family, along with his friend and their family and invited them to join the Luena group in learning the truth straight from God's word every Sabbath. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."— James 1:2-4

# Calling the Congolese.

This story comes from the war torn region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. A Mr. Bundu moved to Kisangani, Congo in 1996 because of clashes in Rwanda between the Hutus and the Tutsi's. His prized possession was his little radio with which he listened to news about his war torn homeland and other things. One day as he flipped through the various stations, he came across a talk on the closing scenes of Jesus life.

He was so happy to realize that Jesus suffered on his behalf and was willing to walk with him through his very difficult life on earth. Thereafter, he tuned into the same program every day and was abundantly satisfied as he listened to simple, straight, clear messages from an American speaking foreigner. He studied with the American through the book of Revelation and he was thrilled with what he learned. He was especially touched by the series called *Amazing Grace* in which he saw the greatness of God in helping frail humanity to find hope again after failure and heartache.

He would use many of the lessons learned in his radio listening with his family in their worship at home. Mr. Bundu and his wife had one little girl named Mutasa who was just 6 months old. He would often speak to his fellow Rwandan refugees of Jesus and His power to save them and aid them in their time of difficulty in their foreign home of Congo. He also encouraged them to tune into the programs on the radio which was precious water to a thirsty soul. Many refugees were wonderfully enriched by tuning into the broadcasts of the American.

Tragedy soon struck the refugee camp. A false report was circulated that the Rwandan refugees were actually training Congolese men to fight against the government of Congo. So, the president of the Congo, Kabila, ordered his soldiers to wipe out the Rwandese

who were in the camp. What a terrible tragedy occurred. Mr. Bundu, his wife, and 200 Rwandan refugees were slaughtered by the soldiers of the Congo. However, miracle of miracles, one person survived the youngest of them all.

Mutasa was thought to be dead by the soldiers, but she was not. In the morning, long after the soldiers had gone, the baby began to cry. A couple, who had fled when the soldiers had approached, and had escaped, returned and heard the babe's cries. Since they had no child of their own, they decided to adopt little Mutasa and raise her as their own. The couple had been close to Mr. Bundu and had worshipped with him and wife in their home.

The Rwandese couple could not return home to war torn Rwanda nor could they remain in the Congo. They hoped to reach Zambia where there was no war. After several months of a hand to mouth existence, getting odd jobs here and there for survival, they made it to Lubumbashi. Here, they worked for a wealthy Congolese man and the tide seemed to be turning in their favor. But, alas, tragedy struck again. This time the husband of the young couple contracted malaria and died, leaving the young adopted mother and little Mutasa to fend on their own.

After getting through this awful time in losing her husband, this brave, determined, and faithful woman, trusting in the power of Jesus to see her through, finally arrived in Chililabombwe in Zambia. She made her way with Mutasa to a relief organization that takes care of orphans and misplaced peoples. This orphanage is run by the Roman Catholic Church.

The woman and Mutasa were treated well and were happy to finally be in a stable place after so long a time of being on the run. The woman often thought of her deceased husband and the good times they shared. She was thankful for the blessed hope that Mr. Bundu often talked about in their meetings. Jesus was coming again, graves would be opened, and the dead in Christ would rise again. She rejoiced in this truth.

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."—1 Thess. 4:15-18 "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."— Job 19:25-27

She remembered the lessons she had learned from the radio programs too. She often thought on the final scenes of Jesus life and was so thankful for the comfort knowing that He understood her sorrows and carried her grief's. She was not alone. One day, she decided to buy a small radio so that she might hear the welcomed voice of the American again. Se tried many frequencies to locate him, but was unsuccessful. As she came up empty on several attempts, she decided to ask the nuns if they knew the American speaker. They knew of him but knew nothing about him.

The nuns were stunned to find such a one in their orphanage who knew the American radio man. The nuns thought she was mistaken so they warned her to be aware of an American who teaches on the mysterious book of Revelation and who hates the Holy Father and the entire Catholic Church. The woman said, "No, no, if you would only hear the American speak about the wonderful love of Jesus and His suffering and death in our behalf, you would know of His love and compassion for you."

The nuns saw the woman before them speak with such earnestness and sincerity that they decided to give it a try. They had never actually listened to the American; they were simply parroting what their mother superior and priests had said about the American. The nuns tuned in and listened as the American talked about the amazing grace of God that can change a sinner into a saint; how the goodness of God can take a broken life and make it new again. The nuns were shocked to hear such wonderful news about the great God of Heaven. Having heard with their own ears, they now were fully distrustful of their superiors who had obviously lied to them..

The woman was so excited to hear the American again. After a time, she began to cry because a tide of memories came back to her of the time in the Congolese refugee camp and the fellowship with Mr. Bundu and his wife. This was the beginning of something very special.

The nuns were astir. The priests and mother superior had flat out lied to them. They were furious and defiant. They continued to listen to the American and learned some wonderful things about God's love for them. A new life was opening up to them that they never knew existed because no one had ever opened the Bible to them. After many days, a priest came to the orphanage and discovered in horror that the nuns were listening to the American on the radio. The nuns were reported to the mother superior and while one of them confessed to her "wrong", other nuns did not. They demanded to hear from the mother wherein the American was wrong in his teaching.

For defying the authority of the mother superior, the nuns were dismissed from their job. The nuns and the woman from the refugee camp decided to move to a neighboring town on the Copper belt called Chingola. Th women and little Mutasa are very happy in their new, little home where they can worship God in peace and learn of His goodness and power in their lives. The nuns and the Congolese-Rwandan refugee woman want to study and learn all they can. They contacted Edward and requested tracts of DVDS so they can learn of Jesus and His truth. Edward sent them a large packet of materials from which they can learn.

The women want to return to the refugee camp in the Congo. The nuns are familiar with that relief station and want to take materials with them to bring hope, light, and truth to those encamped there. The nuns know various routes to get there that are the safest and have friends along the way with whom they can stay. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, And lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world."—

Matthew 28:18-20 The Lord has given to these women a commission and by His grace, they will fulfill that command..

"Among earth's inhabitants, scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan's supreme effort is made to cause "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a false rest day. These faithful ones, "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke," will "shine as lights in the world."— Revelation 13:16; Philippians 2:15. The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine."— Prophets and Kings, pp. 188, 189

# Chapter 8

## **Lights Shining in Namibia**

David Kamulyatoh and his family live near the western border of Namibia. They have been Jehovah's witnesses for many years. At school their 14-year-old son heard about an American on the radio who spoke on the beasts of Daniel 7. That evening David's son listened and was deeply impressed by hearing the study on Daniel 7 for himself. He thought it was very strange to have a chapter in the Bible that talked about animals, some with strange appearances. He heard that:

- 1. The beasts actually represented world powers—nations. (Daniel 7:17,23)
- 2. The lion represented Babylon which ruled from 605 to 539 B.C. (Daniel 7:4) (Jeremiah 4:6,7, and 13)
- 3. The bear represented the united kingdom of Media and Persia which ruled from 539-331 B.C. (Daniel 7:5) (Daniel 5: 28,29)
- 4. The leopard represented Greece which ruled from 331-168 B.C. (Daniel 7:6) (Daniel 8:20,21)
- 5. The beast without description represented Pagan Rome which ruled the world from 168 B.C. to 476 A.D. (Daniel 7:7)
- 6. The little horn that follows Pagan Rome is the Roman Catholic Church which ruled the world from 538-1798. (Daniel 7:8, 24,25)
- 7. The investigative judgment began sometime after 1798 in the heavenly sanctuary. (Daniel 7:9,10)

David's son was amazed at how beautiful this mysterious chapter had become. Each evening, David's son would listen by himself as the American unfolded the beauty of the book of Daniel. In all the years as a Jehovah's Witness, he had never heard anything from the book of Daniel.

David wondered what his son was listening to with such delight and earnestness. He was very happy to hear his son listening to a Bible study on Daniel 11. A few nights later, he was surprised to hear the American discussing the book of Revelation. David had been taught that Revelation was a sealed book, and nobody could understand it. But the American was explaining it quite clearly. David was thrilled.

David and his son were enthralled to hear and see the beautiful pictures of Jesus in Chapter 1. In chapters 2 and 3, they saw how Jesus tried to help His people through time from the 1st century church of Ephesus all the way to last church of Laodicea representing the church today at the end of time. This was so new and wonderful. They could understand this secret book. Not everyone, though, was pleased. David's wife was upset. She said that they should not learn anything outside of their church. They should only follow what their pastor was telling them. David disagreed. He said that it was necessary to accept light from wherever it was coming. God used a donkey to try to save Balaam from his perversity. He had used shepherds and heathen, Gentile wise men to proclaim the birth of His son. The Lord bypassed the church leadership and used the willing to proclaim the truth; might He be doing the same with this American?

Tragically, David's wife did not listen to her husband's wise advice. Instead, she reported David and her son to the local leaders of the Jehovah's witnesses. She told the leadership that her husband and son had apostatized from the truth and were following the teaching of a strange American on the radio. David was brought before the church board and told to stop listening to the American. David refused because he had found nothing wrong with what the American was teaching. "The American has been used by God to bless me and my son. Until you can show me from the Bible where I am wrong or where the American is wrong, then I will continue to listen to him."

David stood for the truth. At the diet of Worms in 1521, Martin Luther made a similar stand on a wider scale. Luther was told to forsake his studying of the Bible and to submit his mind and conscience to the leadership of the church. Like David, Luther refused, declaring, "I cannot submit my faith either to the pope or to the councils, because it is as clear as day that they have frequently erred and contradicted each other. Unless therefore I am convinced by the testimony of Scripture or by the clearest reasoning, unless I am persuaded by means of the passages I have quoted, and unless they thus render my conscience bound by the word of God, I cannot and I will not retract, for it is unsafe for a Christian to speak against his conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other; may God help me. Amen."— *Great Controversy*, pg. 160

Three weeks later, David and his son were disfellowshipped from the church. This did not stop them from continuing to listen to the radio and learning from the American. They started telling their friends and neighbors to tune into the programs. For those who didn't have a radio, David and his son would set their large radio in their open window and turn it up as loud as it would go so that all the neighbors could hear the American. David's wife was still not reconciled to her husband and son listening to the radio.

On this particular evening, David's son was playing the radio for all the neighbors. David was on a business trip. As David's wife approached home, her blood began to boil. She would halt the American once and for all. As she came through the door, her frustration led her to pick up a metal object and strike her son on the forehead. Tragically, the young man fell to the floor in a pool of blood.

Realizing what she had done, she screamed for the neighbors to come and help. Her son was rushed to a nearby clinic and upon examination, the doctor in charge declared the young man dead. The woman was utterly devastated to think that her blind rage and anger had led to such a tragic end. News quickly got to David that his beloved son was dead. David rushed home quickly and when he learned that it was his wife who had killed his son, he was uncontrollably disturbed. The only thing brought him any form of courage was the promises of God that he remembered from the Daniel and Revelation series. Precious promises flooded his mind. "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."—

Daniel 3:25 "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."— Revelation 1:17,18 "My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt."— Daniel 6:22

The police arrived the same day to arrest David's wife. David pleaded with the officers not to do so. What a terrible situation. He had just lost his son and now his wife. He was at the breaking point. He offered to give the officers anything they would ask on his wife's behalf. David went to the police station after his son's burial on his wife's behalf. David told the officials that the devil had taken the life of his son, but God had allowed his son to sleep and that he would rise again when He comes again. David told the officers that his whole perspective on life had changed and that he had been taught to forgive from one certain American. David gave the frequency of the radio programs to the officers.

The officers listened for themselves and became regular listeners of the programs. Their lives are changing. David's wife was allowed to go free. When she saw the tender forgiveness of her husband, she went to the Jehovah's Witness leaders and told them she would be not be coming to church anymore, but would be worshipping every Sabbath at home with her husband. She openly confessed that all former behavior on her part was utterly false and wrong and now she would be following the Lord Jesus.

David and his wife, along with neighbors and friends, have a very strong home church in Namibia. They have requested for every DVD that we have ever aired on the radio. They are so willing to help their neighborhood, friends, and relatives to know the blessing of living in submission to Christ and His commandments.

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From another corner of Namibia comes the story of a Seventhday Adventist minister. This minister is always looking for evangelistic materials to share with people far and near. Recently, he came across two tracts; one was entitled *Who Changed it?* and another one called *Connecting Islam, ISIS, and Ishmael.* The pamphlet *Who Changed it?* analyzes the Roman Catholic Church and their attempt to change the day of worship from Sabbath to Sunday. They readily admit to that fact.

"Prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The Catholic Church says, 'No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week.' And lo. The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Catholic Church." — Thomas Enright, *CSSR*, President, Redemptorist College (Roman Catholic), Kansas City, MO., February 18, 1884.

"The observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] church." — Monsignor Louis Segur, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today* (1868), p. 213.

If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath Day [Saturday]. In keeping the Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic church. — Albert Smith, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, replying for the Cardinal in a letter of February 10, 1920.

"The State, in passing laws for the due sanctification of Sunday, is unwittingly acknowledging the authority of the Catholic Church, and carrying out more or less faithfully its prescriptions." — http://www.geocities.com/thesecretterrorists/book/ch12.html (7 of 10)2.12.2005 16:37:09, *The Secret Terrorists*, chapter 12, Religious Terrorism in America.

"The Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God, to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor, trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is purely a creation of the Catholic Church." — *The American Catholic Quarterly Review*, January, 1883, pp. 152, 139.

"Protestants... accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change.... But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that...in observing the Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the church, the Pope." — *Our Sunday Visitor*, February 5, 1950.

"It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other Christians, that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church." — Priest Brady, in an address, reported in the Elizabeth, N.J. "News," March 18, 1903.

From the tract about Islam, ISIS, and Ishmael, the pastor realized many things.

- Ishmael was Abraham's first son. Forced from home as a young man, Ishmael nevertheless came back to his father and his father's God later on in life.
- 2. The true children of Ishmael, the modern Arab world, will follow in his footsteps and follow Abraham's God, exercise faith in Christ as Ishmael did, and keep the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath as he did.
- 3. Islam was created by the papacy to unite the Arab world in an attempt to regain control of Jerusalem for the papacy. Mohammed was set up by Rome, under Khadijah's control, to unite the Arab world.
- 4. When the Arab world took control of Jerusalem, they reneged on their agreement with the papacy and told Rome 'no deal'.
- 5. Thus, the Crusades were fought on behalf of the papacy to gain control of Jerusalem from Islamic control.
- 6. ISIS is derived from Al Qaeda. Al Qaeda is a group created, funded, and armed by the CIA in order to drive Communism out of the Middle East. ISIS was also created and funded by the CIA for the same purposes.
- 7. The CIA was created by Roman Catholics in America. Bill Donovan was knighted by Pope Pius XII in the 1940's for that purpose.

The SDA pastor was very impressed with these tracts. He contacted Edward through other contacts, requesting 500-1000 tracts on

a monthly basis for distribution all over Namibia. Unfortunately, one elder in this local SDA church was very upset to be receiving materials from an offshoot group and not from the mainstream church. The elder had no problem with the truthfulness of the tracts or their effect in the community, but just that they were not officially put out by the SDA headquarters. He contacted the headquarters, relayed the situation, and the headquarters sent a man to the church to find out for themselves what was happening.

The pastor explained to the representative that the tracts were Biblically based and historically sound with solid documentation. He explained that the tracts were not from Catholicism or from a bad place, but rather from a 7<sup>th</sup>-day Adventist believer who was wrongly disfellowshipped from the mainstream church. Regardless of the truthfulness of the local pastor, he was dismissed from his job. The pastor is undaunted by this turn of events. He is committed to the promulgation of the truth in his community and throughout Namibia.

The church has been split over the pastor's dismissal. He is a beloved man who has been teaching for the truth and standing for what he knows is right. Several members have decided to leave the mainstream church and join with their maligned pastor so that they can continue to listen to his solid sermons and work with him in evangeling Namibia. The pastor also wants to get full sets of DVD sermons that are played on the radio. The pastor is not interested in fluff or foolishness. He wants to learn, know, and proclaim only the truth of God for this time as found in the 3 Angel's messages of Revelation 14:6-12.

#### Chapter 9

## **Prisoner with New Purpose**

"For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;"—Ps. 102: 19,20

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, *to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound:* To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified."— Isaiah 61:1-3

Kamfinsa State Prison has prisoners of all kinds. Some are there for a short time for less serious crimes and some are there for long periods of time for more serious offenses. John had been there for the past 18 years doing hard labor and would one day soon be executed by hanging. He was there because he had been caught strangling a visiting family from Canada and throwing them into an acid pit.

In a condition like this, John had no hope for anything. He had done wrong, was convicted of his crimes, and awaited execution. He passed his miserable life doing hard labor with no hope for anything in this life, and surely no hope in the life to come. If only, John thought, I could somehow have peace of mind? It was not so much the work that was hard, but it was the agonizing anguish of mind that tormented him day and night. Shut out from humanity with no hope, John was truly a pathetic human being.

On several occasions, Edward had taken tracts and DVDs to the

prison to try and give hope to the hardened inmates. He had never met John. Due to John's crimes, he was not allowed visitors from the outside. About the only thing that John was allowed to have was a small radio to help pass the miserable hours. At first, John listened to the loudest, fastest music he could to try to drown out the voices that terrorized his mind. This brought no lasting peace or contentment. Finally, one of the prisoners suggested to him that he listen to the American on the radio.

Reluctantly, John tuned in, but wasn't impressed by what he heard. He did not know why, but he continued to listen. For 2 years, he listened and slowly, imperceptibly, John started having a few good days here and there. He had days when the demons did not torment his mind and heart. Then, he heard it. "Jesus died for us. If we could understand and accept the truth that the pain and the anguish He went through in the Garden of Gethsemane and upon the cross were because of our sins, we could know forgiveness. Jesus is so willing to forgive and accept all who shall by faith repent of all their known sins and let Him come into their life."

John listened as the American read Bible passages that fell like water to a thirsty soul. "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."— Isaiah 53:3-6 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."— 1 John 1:9 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him,

and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."— 1 John 2:1-4

He listened to the words: "Turning away, Jesus sought again His retreat, and fell prostrate, overcome by the horror of a great darkness. The humanity of the Son of God trembled in that trying hour. He prayed not now for His disciples that their faith might not fail, but for His own tempted, agonized soul. The awful moment had come—that moment which was to decide the destiny of the world. The fate of humanity trembled in the balance. Christ might even now refuse to drink the cup apportioned to guilty man. It was not yet too late. He might wipe the bloody sweat from His brow, and leave man to perish in his iniquity. He might say, Let the transgressor receive the penalty of his sin, and I will go back to My Father. Will the Son of God drink the bitter cup of humiliation and agony? Will the innocent suffer the consequences of the curse of sin, to save the guilty? The words fall tremblingly from the pale lips of Jesus, "O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done." Three times has He uttered that prayer. Three times has humanity shrunk from the last, crowning sacrifice. But now the history of the human race comes up before the world's Redeemer. He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world rise before Him. He beholds its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself. He accepts His baptism of blood that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life. He has left the courts of heaven, where all is purity, happiness, and glory, to save the one lost sheep, the one world that has fallen by transgression. And He will not turn from His mission. He will become the propitiation of a race that has willed to sin. His prayer now breathes only submission: "If this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done."— Desire of Ages, pgs. 692, 693

The Holy Spirit was in John's cell. He was impressing John that even he could find forgiveness and peace with God. The Holy Spirit was allowed in, and John cried like a baby. Even I, John was so happy, happier than he had been in a long time. He asked God to forgive him

for the heinous acts he had committed nearly 20 years before this moment. John heard the voice of God speaking, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."—Revelation 3:20, 21 John humbled himself before the Lord and asked Jesus to be the Master of his life. For the first time in many years, John had peace with God and with himself.

Edward visited John in the Kamfinsa Prison and assured him of the wonderful grace of God that forgives and gives new life to fallen humanity. John was openly weeping as they visited together. John said, "I heard God speak to me through the radio. Jesus loves me, even me. I want to serve Him. I have never known of God's love to me until I heard it for myself on the radio from the American." This was the beginning of a new life for John. Yes, he was still a prisoner on death row; he was still confined within four walls of isolation, but his spirit was free. He who had been enslaved by shackles of guilt and fear was now a free man in Christ Jesus. Ps. 102, Ps 119, 2 Cor. 3:17

John made an open and public apology to the state and asked that the state would make an apology to the surviving members of the Canadian family that he had killed. Things began to change dramatically for the man on death row. He had peace and a cheerful countenance. He was kind to others and showed genuine compassion to all. He was loved, so now he could love. To all in the prison, the change was obvious. John was a new man. John requested of the prison officials if he could see Edward.

Edward came to the prison and brought with him his DVD player and a small TV, hoping he could show John the DVD that God used to reach him. The request was granted and John was ushered into a room with maximum security. With several of the top officials in the prison looking on, Edward played the DVD on the closing scenes of Jesus life in Gethsemane. With John looking on with such peace, the top officials in the prison were deeply touched as well. They made a very surprising decision. They decided to postpone John's execution.

John's behavior had so dramatically changed that they felt impressed to make this decision.

Since the prison officials were so impressed with the program, Edward shared with them several other DVDs and tracts that he had brought and promised to send them the whole series on the closing scenes of Jesus' life. They were also very happy to learn they could tune in and hear Bible messages every morning at 10:30 am.

Currently, John is still on death row, but the prison officials are petitioning the state of Zambia to pardon John for his crimes. Whatever happens to John, in life or in death, he is content with God's will for his life. He now has peace with God and is free in his spirit. He knows that in life or in death, he is with Jesus and that is all that matters. In closing this chapter, John would like to share this paragraph with you about the Man who changed his life and can change yours too. "The spotless Son of God hung upon the cross, His flesh lacerated with stripes; those hands so often reached out in blessing, nailed to the wooden bars; those feet so tireless on ministries of love, spiked to the tree; that royal head pierced by the crown of thorns; those quivering lips shaped to the cry of woe. And all that He endured—the blood drops that flowed from His head, His hands, His feet, the agony that racked His frame, and the unutterable anguish that filled His soul at the hiding of His Father's face—speaks to each child of humanity, declaring, It is for thee that the Son of God consents to bear this burden of guilt; for thee He spoils the domain of death, and opens the gates of Paradise. He who stilled the angry waves and walked the foam-capped billows, who made devils tremble and disease flee, who opened blind eyes and called forth the dead to life, —offers Himself upon the cross as a sacrifice, and this from love to thee."—Desire of Ages, pg. 755

#### Chapter 10

## Stories from Cape Town, South Africa

Edward has a co-worker in Keimoes, South Africa and his name is Bezil Maclob. The following two stories come from his outreach efforts

This is the first story: He gave out the dvd series on the book of Hebrews by the American to a white couple travelling to Cape Town to visit family. They are Baptists and were very blessed by the studies. Their church rarely speaks on this book anymore. Since they were so blessed by the DVDs, they decided to take them to Cape Town to share with their relatives.

Their relatives in Cape Town were Catholic. They told them they had brought with them some wonderful studies on the book of Hebrews and would love to share them. They were all very happy to watch these potent messages on subjects rarely discussed. They were learning such things as:

- 1. Christ took upon Himself our fallen nature so that He might reach us where we are and empower us with the same power He had while here on earth. (Hebrews 2:14-18)
- 2. Christ is our great High Priest in the Heavenly sanctuary, waiting to provide us with strength to resist sin and mercy to receive forgiveness if we fall. (Hebrews 4:14-16)
- 3. The mysterious Melchizedek is looked at in Hebrews 5-7 and His identity is clearly revealed. He most surely is a Member of the Godhead. (Hebrews 7:1-3)
- 4. Christ's High Priestly ministry in the heavenly sanctuary consists of two parts just as the Old Testament priests carried on dual ministries. From 31 AD, Christ worked in the first com-

- partment, the Holy Place, and since 1844 has been working in second compartment, the Most Holy place. (Hebrews 8:1-5) (Hebrews 9:22-25)
- 5. The great Hall of Faith of Hebrews 11 looks at frail men who laid hold on the power of Jesus and were conquerors through faith in Him. (Hebrews 11)

Finally, Paul concludes this great book with these words of hope, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."— Hebrews 12:1-4

While everyone was being richly blessed, one person was stirring and getting very upset. The owner of the house was a devout Catholic. He heard the American before and was angry and unwilling to listen to anymore. When questioned why he would not watch the wonderful studies, the owner went to his bedroom and brought out a series of DVDs of the American on the book of Revelation. He played the specific DVD on Revelation 13 and 17. After playing it, he demanded of the listeners, "Judge me now, do you really believe the American is being fair?" The people all declared, "The American is being fair and has ample support for everything that he says." The owner was furious. At this juncture, everyone requested to listen to the entire Revelation series. As they did, they were amazed and very much appreciated the truths they were learning. They told the Catholic owner, "Even though most of us are Baptists and some Catholics, the truth presented has so much clear support from the Bible and history that it is irrefutable."

This was more than the Catholic owner could handle. He demanded that all the visitors leave his house and that the DVDs be turned off. He even threatened to harm them if they continued to talk to him

about what the American had said against the Catholics and the entire leadership of the Catholic church. The relatives were shocked by this man's attitude. He even threatened to shoot them if they talked like the American. The visiting white couple left immediately as the scene escalated.

The wife of the Catholic owner of the house was very upset by the blind hatred of her husband. Later in the day, the two quarreled, and as a result, the Catholic man grabbed a pistol and shot his wife in the arm. The neighbors close by heard the quarrel and the shot and immediately called the police. The man was arrested and his wife was taken to the hospital. The man remained in prison until his case could be brought before the judge.

When his case was presented before the judge of Cape Town, he was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison. While in prison, he was asked by the inmates why he was there. He told them it was because of the hatred he had for the American who dared to speak against his church. The inmates were surprised to hear that a man would get so upset and shoot his wife from hearing some DVD programs. The Catholic man promised to ask one of his relatives to bring the DVDs of the hated American so that the inmates could hear them for themselves.

The Revelation DVDs were brought and the prison guards set up the programs for the inmates to watch. Amazingly, the Catholic man, several inmates, and even some of the prison guards were convicted by the truth presented. What the inmates primarily watched centered on the first beast of Revelation 13. In these verses, it is clear that:

- 1. A beast represents a world power. (Rev. 13:1) (Daniel 7:17,23)
- 2. This religious, political, world power commits blasphemy. (Revelation 13:2)
- a. Blasphemy is a man claiming power to forgive sins. (Mark 2:5-7)
- b. Blasphemy is also a man claiming to be God. (John 10:30-33)
- 3. This religious-political world power rules the Dark Ages for a

- period of 1,260 years. (Revelation 13:5)
- 4. This religious-political world power sets up a false worship system, telling the world to follow their Sunday tradition rather than the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath in the Bible, which is Saturday. (Revelation 13:4)
- 5. The devil gives this religious, political, world power their authority. (Revelation 13:2)
- 6. This religious, political, world power tries to turn people from Jesus Christ as man's only intercessor and to turn everyone to earthly priests.
- 7. This power receives a deadly wound in 1798 and appears about to collapse, but it recovers.

As the onlookers watched, it became obvious to almost everyone that this religious-political, world power is the Roman Catholic Church. Even the Catholic man that shot his wife saw it. The high tempered Catholic man was so sorry for his actions. He saw his mistakes and asked God for forgiveness and his wife too. He sent a word of apology to the Baptist couple who brought the DVDs on the book of Hebrews. He has promised that when he leaves the prison that he will scatter the DVDs all over Cape Town.

As for the Baptist couple, they want to receive DVDs from all the series done by the American. They have learned so much already and want to learn more things that no one is talking about today. Not only do they want to learn, but they want to share the messages with their fellow church members and their relatives. For the Lord God works in mysterious ways; His wonders to perform.

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In the second story Bezel met a Canadian couple who were on holiday in South Africa. Their names were Mark and Jane. Mark was driving their car and they began to have engine problems, the last thing you want to have when travelling. They had no choice but to pull over and park the car. Where they pulled over was not very far from Bezel's residence. While Mark and Jane were having troubles with their car, Bezel was on his way to visit a friend who was having

a hard time understanding Daniel chapter 11. Bezel took DVDs from the Daniel series done by the American, along with DVDs on Revelation, Hebrews, and Elijah.

As Bezel was walking to his friend's house, he noticed an elderly couple pulled over to the side of the road. He stopped to see if he could give any assistance. Bezel noticed, upon inspection, that the radiator had a hole in it and that all the water had leaked out. Therefore, the engine had stopped and would not start again. Mark realized that the problem had begun when they travelled through a forest and a stick punctured a hole in the radiator.

Bezel is the kind of guy you want to run into when travelling and you get car problems. He offered to help Mark and Jane repair their car in two days without any cost to them. Bezel's kindness triggered some strange thoughts in Mark, but he said nothing. They appreciated Bezel's gracious offer. Bezel contacted his mechanic friend who took the car to his shop for the repairs on the radiator. The next day, Mark visited the mechanic shop and found him and Bezel working on the car. Mark asked Bezel, "Who are you and what do you do for a living?" Bezel replied, "I am a gospel worker who shares good news to people straight from the Bible."

Mark wondered what this good news might be for he was a Roman Catholic. Bezel gave Mark a complete set of the Revelation series on DVDs. No one had ever given Mark so many free DVDs before. Mark hastened back to his motel room to tell his wife all that happened. They immediately began watching the Revelation series and this is what they learned. They had been told that the book of Revelation could not be understood, that it was a sealed book, but Mark and Jane saw right away that the Revelation could be readily understood just by deciphering a few of the symbols. They were amazed to see that the central focus of the book was Jesus. In chapter 1, they saw:

- 1. Jesus is the Savior of the world, freely offering forgiveness to all who come to Him. (Revelation 1:4,5)
- 2. Jesus is coming again and when He does, it will be visible to all

- and not in secret. (Revelation 1:7)
- 3. Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath day, which is Saturday, the seventh day of the week. (Revelation 1:10)
- 4. Jesus is our great High Priest, ministering in the Holy Place in the sanctuary in heaven. In Revelation 1:12, 13, they saw Jesus in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary.
- 5. Jesus was victorious over the grave. We have nothing to fear. (Revelation 1:18-20)

Mark and Jane were amazed as they continued watching the DVDs. They are serious Roman Catholics who want to know the truth. They are living up to all they know, and the Lord graciously granted them new light. They called Bezel and told him how much they appreciated the good news in the DVDs. They finished the first several chapters that first day. That night, Mark dreamed that someone with great light and understanding was telling him to keep the Sabbath, Saturday.

In the morning, Mark told his wife about his dream and they did not know what to do. They asked Bezel about the dream. Bezel declared, "The Lord is calling you to keep His day of rest which is Saturday, the Sabbath of the Lord and to honor His 4th commandment and not Sunday." That was the first time in nearly 70 years that Mark and Jane had heard about this. They had always been devout Sunday worshippers. They pondered on this during the day while they continued to watch the DVDs.

Finally, Mark and his wife came to Revelation 13 and that was the turning point. They clearly saw that the papacy was the world power of Revelation and they saw that Roman Catholic pontiffs have tried to change the day of worship for their aggrandizement and not for the glory of God. They saw that the great battle at the end will be between the commandments of God and the traditions of men. They saw that the Sabbath, Saturday, and Sunday would be the final point of contention in the world and that the Lord was calling them to keep His day holy.

The Canadian couple knew that this whole meeting with Bezel had been orchestrated by the Lord. Their car was fixed and, in appreciation, gave Bezel and his mechanic friend some funds. They told Bezel they were on their way to Cape Town to see their daughter who is a medical doctor, and then they will return home to Ontario, Canada. They asked Bezel to send as many DVDs as he could to their daughter in Cape Town so that she could learn the truth as well.

The couple praised the Lord for the clarity and truth they learned in the DVDs. They were so happy to take with them many DVDs that they can share with friends, family, and church members back home in Canada. For the Lord God works in mysterious ways; His wonders to perform.

#### Chapter 11

## **Highlands of Ethiopia**

Two of the many stories that have come to us from the lands of Ethiopia will be the focus of this chapter. To think that the work of the gospel in Africa actually began with the Ethiopian eunuch is remarkable. Acts 8:27,28; 38,39: "And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of *Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians,* who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.... And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." The work he started is still going forward some 20 centuries later.

There is a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist in the highlands of Ethiopia that has received many tracts, books, and DVDs from Edward Katiba. Now, this evangelist has been trained to preach ecumenical unity, love, and that everybody gets along and nobody stands for anything. The materials stunned the evangelist. It took him several weeks to ponder, digest, and realize his responsibility to humanity in the light of the material. He learned that the papacy was working behind the scenes to gain control of every aspect of life and of every human being. He saw that the Catholic Church was using terrorism and war, politicians and people with money, to lead all the churches and inhabitants of the earth into a one-world dominion.

Mike, the evangelist, read *The Secret Terrorists*, *When the US Passes the National Sunday Law*, and *The Enemy Unmasked*. He listened to DVDs on Daniel and Revelation, and his mind was made up. He needed to tell people what he learned and demand decisions

from them. He asked God to give him great wisdom to share what he learned to as many people as possible.

Two months later, Mike began having studies with the village people of his area. The people were enthralled with the studies. The news spread throughout the villages in the area and to a nearby college where the students wanted to know more. Mike's meetings enraptured the students. They learned of the Catholic Church and how Rome tried to change the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. They learned of Christ and His power to save them from their sins.

The material from these books and DVDs was unknown to these people in the highlands of Ethiopia as it is to people all over the world. You see, after the Reformation and Luther's protest, many Protestants rose up to rebuke Rome for her apostasy.

Unable to stop it, the Jesuits were created to undue all Protestantism had done and to bring the papacy back to power. "The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of papal supremacy."—Great Controversy, pg. 234

Two Jesuit priests, Alcazar and Ribera, created two diametrically opposing views of prophecy. The intent was to get people to stop looking at Rome as the antichrist. Alcazar created the preterist view

of prophecy, taking all the passages in Daniel and Revelation that talk of the papacy as antichrist and saying they were all fulfilled in the first century. Ribera came along and said that view was wrong because all those passages point to an antichrist in the future and thus, futurism was born.

These two views fit almost all classes and churches today. Mike was tearing the mask away from the Biblical antichrist power, showing clearly that the papacy is:

- 1. The little horn of Daniel 7:8,24,25
- 2. The little horn of Daniel 8:9-12,23-25
- 3. The final king of the north in Daniel 11:40-45
- 4. The man of sin of 2 Thessalonians 2:2-4
- 5. The Jezebel of Revelation 2:20
- 6. The power that attacked God's true church for 1260 years in the Dark Ages. (Revelation 11:2, 3; Rev. 12:6, 14)
- 7. The first beast of Revelation 13:1-10
- 8. The whore of Babylon in Revelation 17

Many people, students and village folk alike, started attending the local Seventh-day Adventist Church because they were convinced God wanted them to rest upon the Sabbath, Saturday, according to the fourth commandment in God's law. (Exodus 20:8-11) When they attended the SDA Church, they were disgusted because the pastor and the members were not teaching or practicing the truth. They had gone the way of ecumenism, and the salvation in the sin gospel of today. Very frustrated by the apostasy in Adventism, the people asked evangelist Mike to form a church where they could worship.

This nice sized group of villagers and students evangelized the highlands of Ethiopia and many more people were added to the congregation. Not everyone was happy seeing all these on-fire people for God and His truth. The local Catholic priest was watching in utter shock as half of his membership had left and joined with Mike and his group. One day, disguised as a common lay member, the priest came into the meeting hall and sat in a secluded corner. He was shocked

to see Mike quoting from the books, and DVDs of the hated American.

Something had to be done. The priest's congregation continued to dwindle until nearly all were gone. The work was progressing in a mighty way. The priest visited Mike one day and demanded that he stop the work he was doing. The priest wanted the entire village to unite and listen to his traditions, silly stories, and deceptions; Mike rebuked the priest, telling him he was just jealous because he was losing all of his membership. The priest was furious because Mike was revealing the truth about God's holy law and the Sabbath. The priest was beside himself as his perfidious, and evil ways were being exposed. Mike's evidence from the books and DVDs was overwhelming. Another method had to be used.

The priest got some drunken thugs to go to evangelist Mike's home and stone him to death. Mike was alone at his home when this occurred. When the attack came, Mike screamed and three neighbors heard his cries. They came to his aid and found Mike to be seriously injured. They took him to the hospital. For ten days Mike struggled through pain and sleepless nights as he recalled the nightmare of the attack. Finally after ten days Mike was able to leave the hospital.

Because of the menacing stance of the priest against Mike, many were suspicious of him [the priest] after the attack. They even plotted to harm the priest, but Mike told them to leave the priest alone. Mike encouraged them to pray for that cruel man. Mike and his group continued to study and even one of the thugs involved in Mike's being hurt started attending. This thug became a child of God, accepting Christ, repenting of his evil ways, and seeking to bless others. This born again thug eventually told the police of the priest's role in the attempted murder plot. The priest was furious with the thugs for not killing Mike and in spite of his best efforts was finally arrested, but then discharged and finally moved out of the area.

Some may say, "Why, this sounds like the Dark Ages. Things like that do not happen anymore. The Catholic Church has changed. We are all brothers in Christ." Let me read to you the following from the Great Controversy. "The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties.

She has clothed herself in Christ-like garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of the papacy that existed in past ages exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none deceive themselves. The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High."— *Great Controversy*, pg. 571

The papists in town, who still opposed Mike, were utterly alarmed by his continued influence and they sought to silence Mike permanently. Again, the Lord intervened and Mike's life was preserved.

Just like the men of God of old, the Lord stopped the power of darkness and His children were delivered again and again. "Meanwhile, notwithstanding the efforts of the priests, there was for a season opportunity for the circulation of the word of God. Again the papal leaders plotted to silence the Reformer's voice. Before three tribunals he was successively summoned for trial, but without avail. First a synod of bishops declared his writings heretical, and, winning the young king of Germany, Richard II, to their side, they obtained a royal decree consigning to prison all who should hold the condemned doctrines. Wycliffe appealed from the synod to Parliament; he fearlessly arraigned the hierarchy before the national council and demanded a reform of the enormous abuses sanctioned by the church. With convincing power, he portrayed the usurpation and corruptions of the papal see. His enemies were brought to confusion. The friends and supporters of Wycliffe had been forced to yield, and it had been confidently expected that the Reformer himself, in his old age, alone and friendless, would bow to the combined authority of the crown and the Catholic church. But instead of this the papists saw themselves defeated. Parliament, roused by the stirring appeals of Wycliffe, repealed the persecuting edict, and the Reformer was again at liberty. A third time he was brought to trial, this time before the highest ecclesiastical tribunal in the kingdom. Here no favor would be shown to heresy. Here at last Rome would triumph, and the Reformer's work would be stopped. So thought the papists. If they could but accomplish their purpose, Wycliffe would be forced to abjure his doctrines, or would leave the court only for the flames. But Wycliffe did not retract; he would not dissemble. He fearlessly maintained his teachings and repelled the accusations of his persecutors. Losing sight of himself, of his position, of the occasion, he summoned his hearers before the divine tribunal, and weighed their sophistries and deceptions in the balances of eternal truth. The power of the Holy Spirit was felt in the council room. A spell from God was upon the hearers. They seemed to have no power to leave the place. As arrows from the Lord's quiver, the Reformer's words pierced their hearts. The charge of heresy, which they had brought against him, he, with convincing power, threw back upon themselves. Why, he demanded, did they dare to spread their errors? For the sake of gain, to make merchandise of the grace of God? "With whom, think you," he finally said, "are ye contending? with an old man on the brink of the grave? No. with Truth—Truth which is stronger than you, and will overcome you." — Wylie, b. 2, Ch. 13. So saying, he withdrew from the assembly, and not one of his adversaries attempted to prevent him."— Great Controversy, pp. 89, 90

Mike has continued to preach the truth, the great truths of Scripture, in spite of the continual plottings of the papacy to destroy him. The Word of truth, armed with mighty power, is going forward in the highlands of Ethiopia and many slumbering souls are being awakened to the great truths in the Bible. As a result of this mighty outreach, Edward has been very busy making 2,000 DVDs and copying many, many tracts to send to Mike in Ethiopia. Praise God.

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Here is the other story from the land of Ethiopia. Jalo was a Muslim by faith. He was an educated man who taught science in an educational institution. He was married to a woman professing to be a Christian. They are in their fifties today, and they raised two children. One day, on the way home from teaching, Jalo stopped in a store to

pick up a few items. A stranger walked up to him and handed him a tract and walked away without a word. The tract was entitled, "Islam, ISIS, and Ishmael." He quickly glanced at it, and then put it into his pocket.

When he got home he read the tract. He was amazed by what he read. The tract challenged him to the very core of his being. Ishmael, the father of the Arab world, became a follower of the God of the Bible and was an observer of the Sabbath like his father Abraham. Jalo was none of these. He had never read a Christian Bible. He had no idea what the Sabbath was. His idol, Mohammed, was actually raised by the Catholic Church to unite the Arab world and to oppose the Jews and Christians and drive them out of Jerusalem for the papacy. This tract astonished him. He could not refute it, but it created many questions in his mind for which he had no answers.

The tract and its claims haunted Jalo for several days before he decided to go back to the shop in town and look for the stranger who had given the tract to him. The stranger was in the store, waiting for Jalo. Jalo pumped the man with questions. The stranger smiled, handed Jalo a DVD, told him to watch it, and said all your questions would be answered. He hurried home in keen anticipation expecting that all his questions would be answered, and he would be at peace.

Jalo's wife sat with him as they watched the DVD. She had been praying for her husband that light would come to him. In the tract and DVD, she knew the Lord was answering her prayers. The title of the DVD was *The Islamic Connection* by Professor Walter Veith. All of Jalo's questions disappeared as one by one they were discussed in the DVD. His wife was so happy because she wanted Jalo to find peace, become a follower of Jesus, and join a solid, Bible based church.

The DVD answered all his questions, but it also left a huge void in Jalo's life. If Islam is wrong, then what is right? Where could he find the true answers for life and upon what could he base his faith? Where could he go for such information? After pondering this for a few days, his wife suggested he go back to the store in town and look for the stranger, which is what he did. As before, the stranger was ready for him. "Jalo, I have contacted a friend of mine and he is sending me some DVDs that will help you learn more."

A few weeks later Jalo and his wife had a packet of DVDs that had come from Zambia via the stranger, now his friend. The DVDs were a series on the Bible books of Daniel and Revelation. An American did them. The series was like nothing Jalo and his wife had ever seen in their lives. Everything started coming into focus. They learned in Daniel 1 the importance of following sound health principles in their lives; they saw the Lord answer prayer, and they saw an outline of history from Babylon in 605 BC all the way down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus in chapter 2. They watched the Lord protect His children in the fiery furnace in Daniel 3, and humble Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4. They could not get enough.

The turning point came in Daniel 7. The mysterious beasts were discussed, explained, and unfolded to the watching couple. Jalo realized the Bible contained truth like no other book. For the first time in over 50 years, Jalo went out and purchased his own Bible. His wife was amazed to see her prayers answered. Her husband now had a focus; the great God of heaven had touched her husband and she was thrilled. She told him that the Lord Jesus loved him and wanted him to be a Christian.

Jalo and his wife continued to study the DVD series. Jalo told his wife that the Lord has a special day that He wants kept, and it is called the Sabbath. This day falls on Saturday, the seventh day of the week. Jalo and his wife began observing the 7th-day Sabbath right there in their home. They knew of no one else who kept that day. They were sent another series of DVD programs entitled *Behind the Door*. This series looked at the history of the papacy and the Jesuits. It also thoroughly covered Bible prophecy and history. They were thrilled to see the hand of God portray in Scripture this great apostate power through time.

The couple's children were so happy to see the positive changes in their parents. They too appreciated the messages in the DVDs. All of them agreed that Islam was a misplaced religion and would not bring peace to the soul like Jesus and Bible truth. The realized there was a church that kept the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath called the Seventh-day Adventist church, and they started attending there.

But, Jalo perceived there was something wrong. The people at the church were not serious about their faith; they were careless and not focused on the mission. Jalo realized exactly what they needed. They needed to be refocused on the special truths of Daniel and Revelation.

Jalo perceived that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation reveal the rising up of a special people in the 1840s. This was clearly laid out in Daniel 7, 8, and Revelation 10. This people were called to give special messages, which are found in Revelation 14, called the three angels messages. This group was raised up to restore everything the papacy sought to destroy for over 1,000 years during the Dark Ages. This special people, with a special message, at a special time were Seventh-day Adventists, and God was calling them to call the entire world back to Jesus and to obedience to Him. Jalo felt this church had lost all of this, but that the Daniel and Revelation series would bring the focus back.

Jalo asked the pastor if he could show the DVD series to the whole church. The leader agreed and the next Sabbath Jalo brought in his DVD player and television. The people were thrilled to see things they had never heard. These truths had been lost sight of, but the DVDs have brought the focus back. For several months, the church watched the series on Daniel and Revelation. Revival came back to this church in Ethiopia. Jalo and his wife were thrilled. They wanted to be baptized and were baptized shortly thereafter by the pastor.

As a result, Edward has been asked to duplicate 430 Daniel and Revelation DVD packets to send to this church in Ethiopia. Jalo and the church family want to spread these DVDs far and near through the area and into foreign lands. This church family is on fire for God and His truth. Jalo and his wife have been and are being used by the Lord in a mighty way. Bit. it appears that their work there is done. Persecution has come to this faithful couple. Jalo's Moslem relatives have disowned him for him renouncing Islam and have threatened to kill him and his wife for their newfound faith in Christ and His truth. The relatives are furious with Jalo's wife for her Christian influence upon her husband. Soon the couple will be leaving Ethiopia for a place of safety in another country.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."— Matthew 5:10-12 Jalo and his wife rejoice today in what the Lord has done and is doing for them. They marvel today how the Lord used a simple tract to start them on a journey of discovery that has brought them to where they are today. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."— Hebrews 13:2

#### Chapter 12

## **Catholic Priests Respond to the Messages**

When the following paragraph was written, Catholics were not permitted to read a Bible. Now Catholics have a couple of versions they are allowed to read.

The best English version of the Bible is the King James version. Although the King James Bible dates from 1611 and there are many outdated words used, the King James Bible is the most accurate translation we have.

"It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed access to His word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between a living heart service and a round of mere forms and ceremonies. God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is delusive and unsatisfying. He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them. He will reveal to them the truth as it is in Jesus, and many will yet take their position with His people. But Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done."— Great Controversy, pp. 565, 566

Many priests in Roman Catholicism have responded to the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. They have seen the clear distinction between surrendering their lives to Christ in contrast with living in obedience to a man, a sinner, with like passions as they have. They have seen the futility of trying to obey a holy law in their own paltry strength and have seen that only Christ is righteousness. They have seen the beauty of the Sabbath in contrast with following man made traditions. In spite of losing their employment, their church and family ties; they have stepped out in faith and embraced the truth for this time. They have truly given up all for Jesus. The following are a few of their stories.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."— *Education*, p. 57.

This first report comes from the area of Northern Zambia. A Catholic priest contacted Edward from Mbala. He told Edward to say nothing about his whereabouts. He said, "I have suffered much for following the convictions of my heart. The American has spoken the truth and I must obey it. I was listening to the radio programs of Daniel, Revelation and the Jesuit Agenda. My superior discovered my terrible 'crime' of listening to the hated American, and I was punished for this. In spite of being punished, the hunger to know the truth was so overwhelming that I continued to listen to the American secretly."

Isn't the Holy Spirit wonderful? He arranges events in every human life to hear the truth as it is in Jesus. He breaks through the toughest barriers, overrides the deepest prejudices, and impresses truth upon the heart. He leads people along until the truth is so plain that submission to it is the only possible way to life and peace. John 16: 13,14 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." Praise the Lord for the Wonderful Power of the third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.

Knowing that trouble awaited him if he were caught, the priest

continued to feed on the truth he heard on the radio. Finally, he was discovered and turned in by a nun who caught him listening. He was exiled to South Africa for 9 months. When he was brought back to Zambia he was told the next time he listened to the hated American; he would be silenced forever. His life was now on the line. Realizing the precarious position he was in, he considered fleeing from the monastery and the country.

Some sympathetic relatives encouraged him to remain in Zambia, move to a rural area, change his name, and get married. He decided on this course of action and today resides somewhere in northern Zambia, rejoicing in the truth of God and in His great mercy toward him.

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Edward received another phone call from another Catholic priest. He was 69 years of age and had been a priest for a long time. All his life this priest wanted to understand the book of Revelation and to be able to teach it, but it has continued to remain a mystery to him. He prayed to the lord for many years that He would reveal the mysteries of Revelation to him. His prayers have been heard. For two years now, he has been listening privately to the radio programs of the American and has been learning the great truths of the Bible. He is now gaining an understanding of Revelation and he could not happier.

The priest called today to thank us for the study he heard today on Revelation, chapter 12. He had never understood who the mysterious woman was. Now he saw that the woman represented the church of God through the ages. The church has been under attack from the devil since the war in Heaven. This battle intensified when Christ came to earth the first time. Through the Dark Ages of 1,260 years, the papacy sought to destroy the true church of God as seen in the experiences of the Waldensees, the Albigenses, the Huguenots, Hussites, and the Lollards of England. The priest saw that the true church of God in these last days is described in Revelation 12:17 "And the dragon was wroth with the woman [the church] and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." He under-

stood that God's true people keep all 10 of the commandments and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. He saw in Revelation 19:10 that the testimony of Jesus Christ is the spirit of prophecy.

The priest saw that keeping the Sabbath commandment, the fourth commandment, is so important. He also understood that God's end-time church would have a prophet in their midst. The priest was humbled and amazed by what he called 'good news to his soul.' For 69 years, he had longed for truth, and now it was revealed to him. With tears of joy in his voice, this lowly man was humbled by the beauty of God's wonderful truth. "I have been so blind all these years," he said. "God is tenderly and mercifully revealing the truth to me and I am grateful to Him for His mercy. He is training me privately in my room for His service. Can you somehow help me to get all that the American is saying on the radio?"

Edward was so delighted and overjoyed, to the point of tears, to hear this amazing testimony. He promised the man that he would send many DVD series from which he could learn. The priest had counted the cost, "I am under oath to adhere to the Catholic faith, but I am ready to stand alone for the faith of Jesus. I am ready to face persecution and lose my priesthood for the wonderful truths I have learned." The priest was in tears on the phone. "I want to follow the only true and living God of the Bible and to obey all of His commandments." Praise the Lord.

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Edward receives all kinds of calls from all kinds of people. This call came from a Catholic priest in his hometown. The priest said, that the American and his radio programs are causing big problems in the Catholic Church. The priest said, "He is lying about us in what he says and what he has written. He cannot back up anything he says. You are being used by that evil American who has caused many, many of our members to leave our churches. The more he talks on the radio, the more people leave our churches to become Seventh-day Adventists, or the people stay at home and watch the hated American on DVDs."

"The Catholic leadership want to have a meeting with him. We want to tell him to stop speaking about the Catholic Church and stop giving out his DVD sermons to our members. The American needs to be taken to the confessional to confess his wrongs and pray that Mary would forgive him. We will never forgive the sins of the American. He has committed the same sins as Luther and other men of old who were punished by the church. We want this American to stop stealing our members. We are losing many, many people."

How sad that this man does not realize what he just said. Neither Mary nor any priest can forgive anything. This is a charade. Mary is sleeping in her grave, awaiting the return of Christ. "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. <sup>6</sup>Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, The Bible says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."—1 Timothy 2:5,6 "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."—Hebrews 4:14-16

The Bible says there is one mediator between humanity and God. It is not a frail, sinful priest. It is not Mary, who sleeps in her grave. Jesus Christ is the only person who can be our Mediator, our true great High Priest who alone freely forgives and empowers us for obedience. The priests of Rome are living a lie and their people need to know it.

The Lord is moving on people's hearts thru His truth, and people are seeing the beauty and simplicity of God's truth. The Lord is leading His children to green pastures, and He has nothing to do with thet the dung of Roman Catholic tradition. "I am the good shepherd, and

know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."— John 10:14-16 "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."— Psalms 23:1-3

Edward asked him a few questions, "What has the American done to cause your people to leave your church? Have you ever heard or seen the American's messages?" The priest replied, "The sin of John Huss is the crime the American has committed. He is turning our beliefs into a lie. He must stop handing out his DVDs for people to watch. I have listened to him speak on DVDs and on the radio; what he says is strange and new and cannot be understood by people. When he speaks on other Bible topics, it is good. I have enjoyed listening to him speak on Ezekiel, Elijah, Hebrews, and the final scenes of Jesus' life, and on health. When he talks from Daniel and Revelation, he speaks wrong and bad things about us. We want him to stop teaching from Daniel and Revelation."

John Huss was a priest of the Catholic Church back in the 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> Centuries. He studied the Bible and began to realize that the teachings of the Catholic Church were out of harmony with the Bible. He realized that indulgences, pilgrimages, praying to the saints, priestly intercession, purgatory and many other doctrines of Rome were not in the Bible. He began to fearlessly proclaim the truth as it is in the Bible. He began to see that Rome was the antichrist of the Bible. Huss recognized the papacy as the man of sin in, 2 Thessalonians 2. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he

who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way."— 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7. That word "letteth" is an old English word that means "to hinder." It was the Roman Empire that was "hindering" the pope's rise to supreme power.

John Huss was finally burned at the stake in Constance in 1415 for teaching the Bible and not Roman tradition. "When the flames kindled about him, he began to sing, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me," and so continued till his voice was silenced by the flames. Even his enemies were struck with his heroic bearing. A zealous papist, describing the martyrdom of Huss, and of Jerome, who died soon after, said: "Both bore themselves with constant mind when their last hour approached. They prepared for the fire as if they were going to a marriage feast. They uttered no cry of pain. When the flames rose, they began to sing hymns; and scarce could the vehemency of the fire stop their singing."—Ibid., b. 3, ch. 7. When the body of Huss had been wholly consumed, his ashes, with the soil upon which they rested, were gathered up and cast into the Rhine, and thus borne onward to the ocean. His persecutors vainly imagined that they had rooted out the truths he preached. Little did they dream that the ashes that day borne away to the sea were to be as seed scattered in all the countries of the earth; that in lands yet unknown it would yield abundant fruit in witnesses for the truth. The voice which had spoken in the council hall of Constance had awakened echoes that would be heard through all coming ages. Huss was no more, but the truths for which he died could never perish. His example of faith and constancy would encourage multitudes to stand firm for the truth in the face of torture and death. His execution had exhibited to the whole world the perfidious cruelty of Rome. The enemies of truth, though they knew it not, had been furthering the cause which they vainly sought to destroy."— Great Controversy, pp. 109, 110

The messages of Daniel and Revelation will go to the ends of the earth. They reveal the foolishness of man in exalting himself above God and His word. Nation after nation has arisen; Golden Babylon, Cyrus and Medo-Persia, Alexander and mighty Greece, Pagan Rome, Papal Rome and now the United States. All were granted Heaven's limitless blessings; each has had their day in the sun. On all of them,

save America, the sun has set and those kingdoms are mere pigmies of their mighty power. They all fell because they felt they could walk independent of the God of Heaven and His laws.

"Every nation that has come upon the stage of action has been permitted to occupy its place on the earth, that the fact might be determined whether it would fulfill the purposes of the Watcher and the Holy One. Prophecy has traced the rise and progress of the world's great empires—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. With each of these, as with the nations of less power, history has repeated itself. Each has had its period of test; each has failed, its glory faded, its power departed. While nations have rejected God's principles, and in this rejection have wrought their own ruin, yet a divine, overruling purpose has manifestly been at work throughout the ages. It was this that the prophet Ezekiel saw in the wonderful representation given him during his exile in the land of the Chaldeans, when before his astonished gaze were portrayed the symbols that revealed an overruling Power that has to do with the affairs of earthly rulers.

Upon the banks of the river Chebar, Ezekiel beheld a whirlwind seeming to come from the north, "a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber." A number of wheels intersecting one another were moved by four living beings. High above all these "was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it." "And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings."— Ezekiel 1:4, 26; 10:8. The wheels were so complicated in arrangement that at first sight they appeared to be in confusion; yet they moved in perfect harmony. Heavenly beings, sustained and guided by the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, were impelling those wheels; above them, upon the sapphire throne, was the Eternal One; and round about the throne was a rainbow, the emblem of divine mercy. As the wheel like complications were under the guidance of the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, so the complicated play of human events is under divine control. Amidst the strife and tumult of nations He that sitteth above the cherubim still guides the affairs of this earth. The history of nations

speaks to us today. To every nation and to every individual God has assigned a place in His great plan. Today men and nations are being tested by the plummet in the hand of Him who makes no mistake. All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes."—*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 535, 536

### Chapter 13

### Confrontation in the church

In 2104, Pope Francis, Kenneth Copeland, and Anglican Episcopal Bishop Tony Palmer declared that Protestantism is a relic of the past. "The protest is over," they declared. This was truly a wakeup call for concerned Christians all over the world. In this video, Anglican Episcopal Bishop Tony Palmer and Kenneth Copeland encouraged ecumenical unity with Catholicism. Tony Palmer also quoted an Elijah prophecy and *indicated that ecumenism was what the final Elijah would endorse*, and then he said: "I have come in the Spirit of Elijah...to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers...to prepare the way of the Lord...Elijah will come before the Second Coming..."

The prophecy to which Palmer is referring is found in Malachi 4:5,6 which says, "Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children..." That Elijah will appear before the 2nd Coming is without question, but Palmer's rendition of Elijah leaves much to be desired. Palmer declared that Elijah would promote ecumenism. Really? The Elijah of the Bible did no such thing. Elijah's messages are clearly found in 1 Kings 18:17-38. In these verses, Elijah laid out several clear cut messages, and none of them centered on ecumenism. His messages were:

- 1. Turn back to all ten of God's commandments.
- 2. Stop playing church and giving God lip service. Get serious about Jesus. Get off the proverbial spiritual fence. Make a firm decision for the Lord or else.
- 3. Baalim was the false creator, claiming power to grow and produce life and food. Clearly, the Israelites had forsaken the one

- commandment that pointed to God as the Creator, the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath, and were honoring the sun god of the Canaanites.
- 4. Return back to the sanctuary services and focus on the sacrifice of Christ and His priestly ministries in the sanctuary.

Elijah's messages demanded more than lip service Christianity. They demanded that people get off the fence and choose whom they would serve. It demanded a decision for or against the God of Heaven and His commandments. The story in this chapter centers around making decisions for God or for false religions. The main character is Kelly.

Kelly was a young man who grew up in a Roman Catholic family. His father was a Catechist in their church. Kelly spent many hours listening to the radio. One day he tuned into a station and heared a strange voice that was obviously coming from America. The man was speaking on the prophecies in Revelation. Kelly was astounded; this guy was saying things he had never heard before, and he had been in the church his entire life. He listened as the American discussed the beasts of Revelation 13. There are some books and chapters in the Bible that get lots of attention: the gospels, the teachings of the apostle Paul, but Revelation and especially, Revelation 13 are pretty much ignored.

Why? The book of Revelation is a sealed book, and no one can understand it anyway. God had it placed in the Bible, but He doesn't want anyone to understand it. Does that make sense to you? The very opening of the book says, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass..." (Verse 1) Verse 3 then says, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand." So, God gave the book of Revelation to Jesus, to give to us and promised a blessing to those who study it, but He doesn't want us to understand it because it is a sealed book. Ridiculous.

Kelly was all ears. As Revelation 13 was explained, he was amazed. Beasts represent world powers or nations (Daniel 7:17, 23) The first beast commits blasphemy which is claiming to be God on earth (John

10:30-33), and claiming the power to forgive sins. (Mark 2:5-7) This world power is both religious and political and the devil gave him his power. (Revelation 13:2) After ruling the world during the Dark Ages for 1,260 years, this power received a deadly wound in 1798 by Napoleon. This power set up a false system of worship, (Revelation 13:4), which consisted of man made traditions above God's commandments. (Matthew 15:2-9). This power set up a false mediatorial priestly system to oppose the ministries of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 13:6) He also persecuted God's people. (Revelation 13:7) Kelly was fit to be tied. All of these characteristics pointed to the antichrist system of Scripture which is the Roman Catholic Church. He was a Roman Catholic and had no idea how evil his church was.

Kelly first started discussing things with his dad. He asked his dad several questions for which his father had no answers. It was during this time that the father realized that Kelly had been learning from the American on the radio. The father questioned some Catholic leaders who also had no answers. It was decided that a general meeting be convened in which it would be determined how to deal with the radio programs and the much hated American. Kelly, his dad, and many Catholic members were very frustrated by the teachings of the American and had no idea of how to answer or deal with him.

Kelly longed to confront his parish priest and hoped for a day when he could engage him face to face. When he heard of this meeting and was not invited, Kelly decided to go anyway and confront the priest. Kelly entered the meeting when it was underway.

The priest and Kelly's father were at the front discussing the problem when Kelly asked the priest several questions.

- 1. Who is the first beast of Revelation 13:1-10? No answer.
- 2. From where did the papacy receive power in this world? Christ or Satan? No answer.
- 3. Why is Mary worshipped? The Bible says people that have died are sleeping in their graves and are conscious of nothing? No answer.
- 4. Why do we keep traditions like Sunday when nowhere in the Bible does it say to do so? No answer.

Kelly's father told him to sit down and tried to force him outside the church. The priest stopped the dad and gave Kelly opportunity to speak. Kelly said, "I have spoken to you, and I am demanding from you answers to these questions. You are the leader and claim to teach the Word of God. If you do not answer me, then your silence will mean you are guilty of all the falsehoods and accusations brought against you."

At that challenge, the priest responded, "We know who has poisoned your mind and who has misled you about this church. It is the dreaded American."

Kelly replied, "So, you have heard the man speak and have heard the real truth, and yet you keep it from all of us? How did you know who it was? So, for you to know who it was, then you have been listening to him like I have." Kelly turned from the priest and said to all present, "Did you hear that? Your parish priest whom you trust so much listens and learns from what the good American is teaching, and yet he tells you nothing about it."

Kelly was done. He walked out of the meeting. But, the meeting was just starting. Kelly's father asked the priest if he had ever heard the American speak on the radio to which the priest answered yes. Other members at the meeting declared, "You forbade us for over two years from ever listening to the American and yet you have listened to and learned from him?" At that juncture, many members were disgusted with the priest and walked out of the church.

The next Sunday the priest expected Kelly, the leaders, and members to come to the confessional box for their bad behavior during the meeting. No one showed up and the priest was furious. During mass that morning, the priest went into a tirade about the evil American. "The American is a Satanist. He speaks on the radio. Stay away from what he says. His teaching is from the underworld. If you listen to him, you will become possessed with a demon of stubbornness." Since the priest had listened to the American, maybe he was already possessed with the demon.

Little did the priest know, but three-quarters of his congregation had been listening to the American for quite some time. When mass ended, 13 people approached the priest, and declared, "Why are you so upset about the American? He simply teaches from the Bible and makes things so easy to understand. We have all been listening to him for a few years now and none of us are possessed with a demon of stubbornness. The only person out of control and seemingly possessed is YOU." The priest was fit to be tied. He demanded that all these people come to his house and have a confession rosary.

Kelly's father heard of the meeting at the priest's home and decided to go. The priest began the meeting by threatening his catechists and other leaders by removing their positions of authority if they did not stop listening to the American. Kelly's father stood up boldly and said, "If we are removed from our positions for listening to the American, then so should you. You have listened to him for two years and very well could be teaching us things you learned from him. If you strip any of us of our duties, we will report you to your Bishop superior."

While Kelly's dad concluded his remarks, another catechist was already calling the Bishop. The priest was summoned to appear before his superiors to answer the charges against him. The priest was removed from that parish and transferred somewhere else.

The leaders at the Catholic Church have since gone to the radio station in search of the American. Of course they didn't find him. Kelly has moved out of the area to another place so that he might worship the Lord according to the dictates of his own conscious. He is meeting with many college aged young people who are grounded in the faith and who keep the Sabbath. He is delighted to learn more truth from the Bible and to share the 3 angel's messages with everyone he meets.

So, the Elijah message was spoken over the radio, demanding that people start to keep every one of God's ten commandments and the other instructions in the Bible related to them. It was not the ecumenical "Elijah" of Tony Palmer, but the Elijah message of the Bible that demanded more than lip service Christianity, that challenged people to accept only that which they can see in the Scripture. Kelly heard the message and was converted. He challenged the priest, leaders, and members to join him. Some did, but sadly, tragically, many wanted to save their positions and not trouble their friends; so they

trampled on the voice of conscious and crucified the Son of God afresh by their rejection of Him and His truth for this time.

The Lord uses the weakest, most pitiful of instruments to do His glorious work. It never is the messenger who ultimately is rejected, but the Lord Jesus Himself. As the Lord said to Samuel, "...They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them."— 1 Samuel 8:7

### Chapter 14

# **Daniel Speaks to Mozambique**

The images of September 11, 2001 will forever be etched in the minds of humanity. Seeing those planes hit the twin towers in New York City, with the subsequent collapse of those sky rise buildings, is something that will not go away from our minds. We have been told the culprits were Muslim terrorists; Al Qaeda to be more exact. Many thoughts emerged from this moment as we look at the role of Islam in end time prophecy. Some have said that judgment began for Seventh-day Adventists at that time; others have declared that Islam is the great Antichrist of Bible prophecy. Many have revamped their understanding of Bible prophecy to accommodate the Islamic menace.

To say that there is an interest in understanding Islam and its end time role in world events would be an understatement. Right or wrong, Islamic terrorism has seized the attention of the world and people are sure that they are the sinister actors in end time events. Probably, it is for this reason that the simple tract called "Islam, ISIS, and Ishmael" has attracted some attention. It certainly attracted the attention of a farmer from Mozambique. This is his story.

Mozambique is situated in the southern area of Africa bordering with Zimbabwe which was formerly known as Rhodesia. Both of these nations are pretty close to the Republic of South Africa. It is a relatively small nation. This farmer went to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's capital to buy some equipment for his farm. There, he found tractor, ploughs, a planter machine, and other equipment he needed.

The salesman seemed distracted. Instead of giving our farmer the necessary attention, he was reading a tract called "Islam, ISIS, and Ishmael". The farmer became very interested in the tract and asked the salesman if he could look at it too. He wanted to know about Islam and their connection to end time Bible prophecy. The salesman gave the tract to him.

After getting his equipment, the farmer returned home to Mozambique. He began to read and reread the tract. This tract wet his spiritual appetite. The next month the farmer returned to Zimbabwe, not for farm equipment, but for more tracts and information to read on Bible prophecy and Islam. The salesman referred him to Edward's contact in Zimbabwe, and he was given many tracts and DVD's on a host of subjects. He was also told about the radio programs coming out of Zambia.

The farmer was elated. He started listening to the broadcasts. He read the assortment of tracts on many subjects. He read about the seal of God and the mark of the beast, clean and unclean food, the state of man in death, the blessed hope, Christ in the Sanctuary, and who changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. He was delighted to learn strange and wonderful things he had never heard before. Then came the DVD's. He received the Hebrews and Daniel series. He learned of Jesus our great High Priest in the sanctuary in heaven. He saw that Jesus took upon himself our nature and lived a perfect life so that He could empower humanity to live lives of obedience to God by faith in Him. He learned of the mysterious Melchisedek and his endless life and priesthood.

Then, he started listening to the Daniel series. The farmer of Mozambique was amazed. He saw the importance of living a healthy life. He saw the power of prayer and God's willing ness to hear His children. He saw God's great power used time and again to deliver His children. What grabbed him were the prophetic chapters 2,7,8,9, and 11. He saw that Islam has NOTHING to do with Bible prophecy. He saw that Islam is being used today as a smokescreen to hide the dirty deeds of the real Antichrist power of Scripture — the PAPACY. This was wonderful and amazing new truth to him.

This farmer was a Roman Catholic living up to all he knew about God. The Lord allowed precious light to fall on his path and this humble farmer from Mozambique embraced the truth as it is in Jesus. He stopped attending Sunday mass, finding it dry and unfulfilling. The farmer could not keep these beautiful truths to himself. He started inviting his neighbors to come to his home on Sunday afternoons to watch DVD's with him.

After a month, the farmer and several neighbors began worshipping on the Sabbath and keeping the Sabbath holy. The group was so happy to actually be learning truth from the Bible. As they studied the prophecies of Daniel they were amazed to see how closely prophecy and history match each other. They saw how the great empires of history: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome, and Papal Rome, had all been foretold years, decades, even centuries before their rise to power. Everything in the book of Daniel had come to pass just as predicted by prophecy.

When the Lord saw that the farmer and his group were strong enough to meet the trials sure to come, they received a request from their parish priest to visit them. They declared their new found faith. The priest was not so concerned about their new ideas but was concerned about the decrease in the amount of money the church was taking in. He needed them back in church. The priest told them they must return to the church if they wanted to be saved. The farmer and his group said, "Salvation is not found in any building, or in any church. Salvation is found in Jesus Christ and in living in submission to Him. 'Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.'
"— Acts 4:12

The farmer went further, "God has been teaching us the truth of the Bible which you have refused to share with us and the great God of Heaven is able to save us without having membership in your church. The American has revealed Bible truth to us which will never be effaced from our minds." At this juncture, the priest started to get perturbed, uncomfortable, and angry. "Where is this American who knows so much? I'd like to meet him,." The farmer told him the American could be found on the Kavu radio program out of Zambia every morning and evening. The farmer and his group left the priest. The priest was sorely disappointed that his former church members stood their ground.

The farmer and his group remembered the three young men who had stood against kingly authority in obedience to the word of God. They remembered that there was something and Someone bigger than the king of Babylon and to Him alone would they bow. They would

serve the King of Kings and all others would be held in subjection to the authority of the Sovereign of the Universe and His sacred law. They remembered the words, "If it be so, our God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou has set up."— Daniel 3:17,18

The priest had thought he could use his authority and education to intimidate these simple, humble people. He figured he could get them back to mass pretty easily. What he failed to realize was that he was not contending with humble humanity. He was battling with the truth of God and his was a losing battle. These simple people stood on the great truths of scripture and no one would turn them from the truth. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment; thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord."— Isaiah 54:17

A few days later, the priest tuned into the radio program and learned some things he didn't want to know. The following Sunday, he warned his congregation not to listen to a strange American speaking on the radio. His comments awakened some sleeping members and they questioned the priest as to why he would mention such a speaker on the radio. The priest declared, "The American is taking members of our church right now and turning them into followers of lies. Some of our prominent church members have been deceived by this man and are now following him."

His members are not following an American. Heaven forbid. They are following another Man, the Man, Christ Jesus, who alone can keep them from falling. They are following the glorious One, Jesus, who purchased them with His own most precious blood. The Holy Spirit is impressing truth upon the hearts and minds of these dear people and they are listening to His voice.

The priest awakened a sleeping giant. His congregation, en masse, now wanted to hear the American for themselves. They wanted to test the teachings of this man and arrive at their own conclusions. They were like the noble Bereans in Acts 17 who "...were more noble than

those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so."— Acts 17:11 Over ensuing weeks, the members of that Catholic Church in Mozambique did listen to their radios and did hear the American. Many of them opened their Bibles for the first time and saw Jesus for the first time in their lives.

The Catholic members realized that the Jesus of the Bible was far different than what their priest had told them. As a result, this Catholic Church in Mozambique has broken up and many of the members are now worshipping every Sabbath with the farmer and his group. Nowadays, the farmer and his group have received many DVD's from Edward and are studying about Revelation, the final scenes of Jesus life, Ezekiel, Elijah, and many more. It is truly amazing how the Lord used a simple tract in an equipment shop in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe to bring light, life and blessing to many in the little country of Mozambique.

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Another story comes from Mozambique via Zimbabwe. In the last 20 years, two Seventh-day Adventist elders have been in Mozambique teaching Chemistry and Physics. They moved to Mozambique from Zimbabwe right around the new millennium. They made contact with Edward and received from him several series of DVD's, including Daniel and Revelation, Amazing Grace, and Behind the Door. Behind the Door is a look at the Jesuits in history, current events, and Bible prophecy. They were very happy to receive these materials. They studied these DVD's for a few months, allowing the truth to sink deep within their minds.

Like anyone who has been touched by God's amazing grace, they could not keep this good news to themselves. They decided to share these great truths of prophecy and grace with fellow church members. The members were so happy to have new lessons which were so revealing to them. They had never heard anyone explain the books of Daniel and Revelation in so well organized a manner. The church

began to grow spiritually and started telling their neighbors and friends the good news in Daniel and Revelation.

Several Roman Catholics and some Pentecostal believers started coming to watch the DVD's at the Seventh-day Adventist church. After several months of studying, many Catholics and Pentecostals were baptized into Jesus Christ and had surrendered to Him. These dear folks loved the truths they were learning and rejoiced in their new faith. The two faithful elders baptized them into the faith, and the new believers, church members, and the elders were so happy.

The elders had one little problem. Their pastor had not been asked to baptize the new members. The pastor came rarely to the church and the elders ran the church. The pastor did not have any faith in the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy. When preaching, he would tell silly stories and talk much nonsense. Well, the pastor found out about the baptism and decided he would pay a visit to this church in Maputo, Mozambique and deal with these rebels.

What made matters even worse was the pastor learned there was some American who was teaching from DVD's almost every Sabbath day. The whole church would listen to this crackpot from America. The pastor was furious. He decided to takes some senior conference members with him to visit the church to deal with these two elders and the American.

On a certain Sabbath morning, the elders had prepared for the church to have foot washing and communion. For the morning sermon, they set up a large screen in the front and played a DVD from the American on Revelation 17. The pastor and his entourage walked in to the church and were surprised to see the order, decorum, and piety manifested in this place. Everyone was very attentively listening to the message. The pastor was very confused to find such order; his entourage was much pleased with everything and loved the message coming from the big screen. This study had never been given by this pastor.

The pastor was becoming furious. Things were not going according to plan. His entourage were nodding their heads in agreement and appreciating those unrevealed messages from the stranger on the screen. The members were saying "Amen"; others were saying "praise

the Lord." The pastor could not handle this. He bolted out of the church. Some members followed him outside and asked him why he had walked out on such a wonderful feast of truth. He declared that he does not listen to strangers. He demanded for the two elders to come out and explain why they were using an American stranger to teach in the church.

The pastor began to raise his voice and threatened to shut down the church. The two elders did not come out. Rather, the senior conference members came out and said, "There is nothing wrong with the good arrangement in this church. The program was aimed at educating and teaching the members Bible subjects that you and other pastors do not teach. We are very pleased and surprised to see the blessing of God resting upon this group as they learn great Biblical truths taught so rarely in Adventist churches today."

This was the last thing the pastor wanted to hear. Still fuming, he and his entourage returned to the church for the foot washing and partaking of the emblems. This was just the beginning. When the emblems were passed out, the two elders refused to give them to the pastor. They said, "The pastor will be accursed if he partakes of the emblems. He has manifested cruel anger toward this church; he has been insulting since arriving here today, and hates the American because he teaches the truth which the pastor has never spoken and never will."

At this, the pastor squared off with the elders to fight them. The elders and pastor made their way into the church yard. The members followed to watch the drama. All were saddened by the cruel and vicious behavior of the pastor. He was taken to his vehicle and driven home. The elders returned to the church and finished the Lord's Supper with the members. The hatred of the pastor toward these elders knew no bounds. The truth will triumph in this place.

How sad to see many of Gods's professed people today becoming too big in their own eyes. Tragically, they have become consumed by position, authority, and praise, and refuse to be used by the Lord for the glory of His name. Unless this pastor and others like him repent, they will be consumed by selfishness and will end up in the lake of fire described in Revelation chapter 20. Profession means nothing in the Lord's eyes. God's ancient people, the Jews, proclaimed themselves God's people, but they refused to surrender their lives to him and ended up being rejected by God. The same thing happens to those who profess to follow God today. Hopefully, this pastor will repent of his anger, jealousy, and bitterness before it is forever too late. The promise is still there for us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."— 1 John 1:9

The two elders and their congregation have been so blessed by the DVD's. They have been the vehicle of teaching for many Catholics, Pentecostals, and other people in their community. As a result, the elders have written, requesting 1,500 DVD's of various series that they can use in their church and spread far and near in the area of Maputo, Mozambique and beyond. These elders and their members take very seriously the admonition of Jesus who said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."— Matthew 28:18-20

### Chapter15

## Seychelles Speaks — Kilwa Island Too.

Seychelles is not very big. The islands are actually due east of Tanzania and Kenya. It is a group of 115 islands in the Indian Ocean. The population, in total, is about 95,000 inhabitants. The Lord did command, "Go ye into all the world and preach...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."— Matthew 28:19.20 Seychelles is part of "all the world."

A woman in Seychelles had been listening to the radio and the voice of an American was playing. He was teaching from the "sealed" book of Daniel. While almost all groups professing Christianity today shy away from this book, the prophecies of Daniel have demanded the attention of this planet for millennia. In fact, when Daniel first presented his visions to the world, they hit so hard. In order to oppose them, there were several major religious bodies formulated within a few decades of his writings: Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Mithraism; all of these came about as an effort of hell to stop the riveting prophecies of Daniel.

This remarkable book looks at the most important events in the history of this planet, both past and present. Daniel 2:44, 45 describes the 2nd Coming of Christ to this world. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."— Daniel 2:44,45 Daniel 7 describes in majestic symbolism the beginning of the judgment in the heavenly sanctuary. "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and

the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."— Daniel 7:9,10

Finally, the greatest event in mankind's history, the first coming of Jesus Christ was foretold in DANIEL 9:25 -27.

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto *the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.* And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

The coming of Jesus Christ to this world is foretold here. Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit in 27 AD (Luke 3:21,22), ministered for three and a half years, and was crucified in 31 AD. By His death, Jesus put forever at an end the sacrificial system. "In the midst of the week, (The last seven years of this prophecy.) He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease..." This Christ did in the spring of 31 AD. The Messiah has come. He has provided a way whereby mankind can find forgiveness and the power for obedience.

As the woman and her family listened to the explanation of these things, they were markedly impressed. This was not the first time she had heard such things. Many years ago, these things from Daniel had been discussed and talked about in her church, but not now. She loved hearing about the amazing prophecies, but elements in her church no longer wanted to hear such things. The woman and her family are Seventh-day Adventists. There was a time in Seventh-Day Adventism

when the prophecies were proclaimed, but not much now. In fact, the very book of Daniel foretold the rise of a people in the 19<sup>th</sup> century that would warn the world that judgment had begun in the heavenly courts.

Seventh-day Adventists had been raised up to undue all that the papacy had done for 1,260 years. Rome had sought to:

- 1. Turn people from Christ as our great High Priest and turn people to earthly priests.
- 2. Destroy the commandments of God by supplanting Sunday in place of the Sabbath.
- 3. Declare that salvation comes through pilgrimages and indulgences rather than from faith in Christ Jesus.
- 4. Persecute all who upheld the truth of the Bible instead of manmade traditions.

In an effort to be like all the other churches, the Seventh-day Adventists have for a long time predominantly watered down these messages. The woman and her family declared, "What the American is saying reminds us of the true beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists that we have believed for over a century, but have been muted for the last fifty years. These messages have gone silent for so long, but the American says what we once believed. How refreshing to hear the great prophetic teachings of Daniel and Revelation again. God bless him for teaching the great truths of Scripture."

The woman and her family have received many DVD's on prophecy, along with DVD's on Ezekiel, Hebrews, Elijah, Amazing Grace, and the final scenes of Jesus life. The family in Seychelles has not only listened and watched the DVD's themselves, but they are sharing them throughout this little island chain in the Indian Ocean. Along with the DVD's, they have received books, Bibles, and tracts as well to blanket their little country like the leaves of autumn.

"In the closing work of God in the earth, the standard of His law will again be exalted. False religion may prevail, iniquity may abound, the love of many may wax cold, the cross of Calvary may be lost sight of, and darkness, like the pall of death, may spread over the world; the

whole force of the popular current may be turned against the truth; plot after plot may be formed to overthrow the people of God; but in the hour of greatest peril the God of Elijah will raise up human instrumentalities to bear a message that will not be silenced. In the populous cities of the land, and in the places where men have gone to the greatest lengths in speaking against the Most High, the voice of stern rebuke will be heard. Boldly will men of God's appointment denounce the union of the church with the world. Earnestly will they call upon men and women to turn from the observance of a manmade institution to the observance of the true Sabbath."— *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 186, 187

#### Kilwa Island

Kilwa Island is an island on Lake Mweru, Zambia. It was known to Arab and Swahili traders of ivory, copper and slaves who used Kilwa Island on the lake as a base at one time. Kilwa was the first trading area that the Portuguese took over on their quests to control trade in Africa. From here comes our next story.

Emmanuel Kimbombola became a Seventh-day Adventist in 2000. He longed to learn all the beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists. For many years, this goal of his was never achieved. The local pastor in the church would use a theological book that had lessons from which he taught the people. The lessons were strange and very unsatisfactory. Emmanuel would ask him questions about the strange beasts in the books of Daniel and Revelation, but the pastor and the leaders could not answer his questions. This made Emmanuel doubt the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventists.

One day, the local pastor came for the communion service and foot washing. Emmanuel used the opportunity to ask the pastor questions about Daniel and Revelation. He longed to know about the beasts of Revelation 13, the whore woman of Revelation 17, and the amazing time prophecies in Daniel 7, 8, and 9. The pastor told him not to be concerned about these prophetic books. What was most important was to carry out the duties in the church and to follow Jesus.

How pathetic. How dare this pastor set the prophetic books of

Daniel and Revelation aside. Jesus Himself had told the disciples in Matthew 24:15 "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso readeth, let him understand)." Jesus said that those who read the book of Daniel had better understand it. The prophecies of Daniel are in total harmony with Christ and not in opposition to Him. The three greatest events in the history of mankind; the first coming of Christ and the crucifixion in Daniel 9:24-27; the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ, found in Daniel 2:44,45; and the beginning of the judgment in Heaven where Christ is our great High Priest is found in Daniel 7:9-14. Christ is revealed in His three great works for man in the book of Daniel.

- 1. His first coming. (Daniel 9:24-27)
- 2. His second coming (Daniel 2:44,45)
- 3. His work as our Great High Priest (Daniel 7:9-14)

The book of Revelation is a revealing of Jesus in all His matchless charms. Just in chapter 1 alone, Christ is seen as:

- 1. Our redeemer (Revelation 1:4,5)
- 2. Our coming King (Revelation 1:7)
- 3. The Lord of the Sabbath (Revelation 1:10)
- 4. Our great high priest (Revelation 1:12,13)
- 5. The Victor over the tomb (Revelation 1:19,20)

To say the least, Emmanuel was thoroughly disgusted with this answer he got from this pastor. The pastor's counsel was false and misleading and it made Emmanuel doubt ever becoming a Seventh-day Adventist. This was a low ebb in his Christian experience. But the Lord had a plan for Emmanuel. He impressed him to start praying for someone to come and teach him the great truths of the Bible, especially the books on prophecy.

One day, after praying for many months for help, Emmanuel was about to sit down for lunch when there was a knock at the door. His good friend, Teddy from the Congo, greeted him. He had felt impressed to visit his friend on Kilwa Island. While they are and visited,

Teddy's wife phoned, telling her husband she just heard a most wonderful message on the radio from some American. It was a study on Revelation chapter four. This chapter looks at a courtroom scene in heaven with the Father on his throne, the Holy Spirit near to the throne, and myriads of angels close by. What had puzzled Teddy and his wife with this chapter were the four beasts near the throne. Revelation 4:6-8 says, "And before the throne, there was a sea of glass like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." The American showed that these beasts were like the ones Ezekiel saw. Ezekiel 1:5-14 "Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning."— Ezekiel's rendition of the living creatures is somewhat identical to the beasts in Revelation 4. In Ezekiel 10:15, he says the living creatures were cherubim.

Revelation chapter four was no longer a mystery to Teddy and his wife. The American allowed the Bible to interpret itself and clearly, these beasts near God's throne are cherubim. Teddy and his wife were thrilled to see the simple explanation and the use of one Scripture to explain another. Teddy ended the conversation with, "Praise the Lord for the clear explanation." As Teddy hung up, Emmanuel was gazing with deep intensity at his friend, Teddy declared, "Emmanuel, if you want to learn the great truths of scripture, you need to listen to this American on the radio." "God has answered my prayers." Emmanuel was ecstatic.

That evening, Emmanuel listened to his radio and heard the American for the first time. He drank it all in as the American spoke on the Jesuit agenda for the world; past, present, and future. The lessons were so educational, documented, and clear. Emmanuel was so happy and so pleased to hear good news that lifted his spirit. The next morning he tuned in again to hear the study on Revelation 5. He learned about the great book of destiny, sealed with seven seals. He could not wait to hear about those mysterious seals wrapped around the book of destiny. God had answered Emmanuel's prayers.

Emmanuel drank in the truths he learned from the American on the radio. The mysteries of the great books of Daniel and Revelation were made very plain to his mind. He could not have been more fulfilled and pleased. The Bible was now the book he knew it could be, but had just never seen. After several wonderful months of studying with the American, Emmanuel began teaching what he had learned in his church. Every other day, Emmanuel and a host of people gather at the church to study Daniel and revelation. Emmanuel uses the notes he took from the radio programs. He is praising the Lord for having such mercy upon him in his thirst for truth.

When the local pastor found out that Emmanuel was using notes from the American's radio programs, Emmanuel was brought before the church board to answer the charge of getting materials from an offshoot. Emmanuel could not believe what he was seeing and hearing. The same pastor who was disfellowshipping him was the same one who knew nothing of the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation. Now, Emmanuel was being denounced for teaching the great truths of Scripture. His crime was listening to an American teach him the Bible. What blindness and hypocrisy. What jealousy and insanity.

Emmanuel is so happy to be trusting in Jesus and for teaching him the truth. He cares not for church membership or church honors; he just wants to have his name written in the Lamb's book of life. This is all that matters to him. Emmanuel has asked Teddy and Edward to help him with evangelistic materials so that he can blanket Kilwa Island with the three Angels' messages of Revelation 14. He has received several thousand DVDs, tracts, Bibles, and other materials for that purpose. Emmanuel simply wants to give back to the people of his island the same joy and peace that came to him after hearing the great truths of Scripture on the radio.

## Chapter 16

## **Surprising Conversions in Malawi**

A Jesuit priest listened intensly to the messages on the radio by the American. He heard the call of Jesus Christ to surrender his life to Him and to forsake the professed authority of the pope. He recognized that the righteousness of Christ alone could empower him to keep God's commandments. He realized that his church had arrogantly sought to change God's rest day from Sabbath, Saturday, to Sunday. He was challenged to alter his health habits so that his mind and body would be clear to hear the voice of God speak to his soul. He recognized that an acceptance of the teachings of the American would change his life forever and he made a decision. Like that amazing group in Revelation 14, called the 144,000, he would follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

This is amazing. This Jesuit priest was trained in the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola. He had been trained to be an utterly blind and obedient slave to his masters. He was well conditioned to resist the truth of God. Here is a succinct description of this man and his order. "At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of papal supremacy. When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed. It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying, theft, perjury, assassination, were not only pardonable but commendable, when they served the interests of the church."— *Great Controversy*, pp. 234, 235

The Lord Jesus is greater than any human system. The Holy Spirit can cut through any force opposed to the truth and bring conviction and conversion. The power of God was brought to bear upon this man and he responded to the pleadings of Heaven.

The priest resigned from the priesthood. This brought upon him the ire of the Jesuits. Here is the Jesuit Oath against liberals and Protestants. "I do further promise and declare, that I will have no opinion or will of my own, or any mental reservation whatever, even as a corpse or cadaver, but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the Militia of the Pope... I furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals, as I am directed to do, to extirpate and exterminate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition; and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics, rip up the stomachs and the wombs of their women and crush their infants heads against the walls, in order to annihilate forever their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisoned cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poniard or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity, or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Faith, of the Society of Jesus. — Edwin A. Sherman, *The Engineer Corps of Hell*; or Rome's Sapper's and Miners, Private Subscription, 1883, pp. 118-124.

The Jesuits would stop at nothing to kill this priest. Since he realized he was in the crosshairs of the Jesuits, he fled to a remote area of Malawi and has been in hiding ever since. He is so excited to follow the truth as it is in Jesus. He has received many materials from us; books, Bibles, DVDs, and tracts. He has started a study group and is now teaching them about the Lord Jesus and the great testing truths for this time. He married a Malawian woman and they are rejoicing in serving the Lord and walking in His truth.

The priest and his wife started attending a Malawian Seventh-day Adventist church. He was very disappointed and disgusted with what he found. The denomination was not teaching the historic messages of Seventh-day Adventists. They were teaching salvation in sinful disobedience to the law of God, there is no sanctuary in heaven, atonement was finished at the cross, the pope is now our Christian brother, and that all churches should unite together in onto one church. When the priest asked the leaders in the church why they were not teaching like the American on the radio, the response was, "The American on the radio is not a Seventh-day Adventist, but rather an offshoot, and his lessons are not to be taught here."

The former Jesuit priest was shocked to hear such nonsense. From his former schooling in the Jesuit Order, this ex Jesuit realized how effectively and efficiently the Jesuits had infiltrated **AND TAKEN OVER** the Adventist leadership and church. It was pathetic to watch mainstream Adventism sink so far. The ex-priest remained for a few months, but could not stomach the shallow teachings of the leaders after learning the truth from the American on the radio. The priest and his wife decided to leave and now have a home church with a handful worshipping with them.

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have ex-

erted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side."—Great Controversy, p. 612.

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Our next story comes from Zomba, a small town in the highlands of Malawi whose population is about 100,000 people. A university student named Robert had been studying abroad in Zambia, but returned to his home in Zomba in 2014. A gentleman handed Robert a book entitled *The Enemy Unmasked*. Robert could not put the book down.

He learned so many things that he had never known. He was an avid student of history, but never realized that the Roman Catholic system controlled the world. He read of the political leaders, the wealthy, and the churches, and how they took advantage of virtually everyone in the world. How shocked he was to see the mask ripped away and to see who the papacy really is. He read as centuries of history were unlocked from Revelation 17 and 18 where Rome's control was clearly revealed. Robert had been taught that the antichrist would come in the future during the tribulation that is to come. How shocked he was to see the papacy fulfill every aspect of the whore of Revelation 17 and 18.

Reformers for centuries have seen the papacy as the great whore Babylon of the Mediterranean world. Protestant reformers, including Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer, John Thomas, John Knox, and Cotton Mather, felt the early church had been led into apostasy by the Papacy and identified it as the Antichrist. The Centuriators of Magdeburg, a group of Lutheran scholars in Magdeburg headed by Matthias Flacius, wrote the 12-volume

"Magdeburg Centuries" to discredit the papacy and identify the pope as the Antichrist. So rather than expecting a single Antichrist to rule the earth during a future Tribulation period, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and other Protestant reformers saw the Antichrist as a present feature in the world of their time, fulfilled in the papacy.

He saw that the politicians of the world did as Rome told them to do. "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication."—Revelation 17:1,2 "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."—Revelation 17:18

Robert discovered that the politicians of the world are controlled by the Jesuits and papacy through secret societies and through their major educational institutions all over the world. The Masons, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Skull and Bones society have been used to control politicians like Saddam Hussein, Barak Obama, George Bush, Donald Trump and many others. He saw that no matter what the political standing, be it Republican, Democrat, or dictator; the Jesuits control the leaders of the world.

It is not just the politicians that Rome controls. Robert saw in *The Enemy Unmasked* that the papacy controls the movement of money in the world. "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, and cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. *The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her*, shall stand

afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls. For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, what city is like unto this great city."— Revelation 18:11-18

Robert read that the Jesuits and papacy, and the wealthiest family on this planet, the Rothschild's, are conspiring with one another. Once Rome had the Rothschild's, they then used Rothschild money to buy influence over the Morgan's, the Rockefeller's, the Carnegie's, and finally, the Walton's. Through these five families and their affiliates, almost the entire world financial fabric rests in their hands. However, of course, there would be no concern of this if they all believed in the golden rule. But, there idea of the golden rule is a little bit different from ours. Theirs reads, "the one who has the gold makes the rules.' This massive wealth has enabled them to buy politicians, create and finance wars worldwide in support of advancing the papacy's agenda.

Finally, Robert learned that the harlot daughters of Rome represent the fallen, apostate Protestant churches. "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots, and abominations of the earth."—Revelation 17:5 All of these churches have chosen to fall in line with Rome and to do her bidding in establishing a Sunday Law throughout the earth. The controversy over the Sabbath and Sunday keeping will be the last great conflict in the world before Christ returns.

Robert realized it was time for him to make a decision. Would he continue to straddle the fence and play church, following man made traditions, eating whatever he wanted, and living a life of sinful disobedience to God's commandments and still try to claim to be a follower of Christ? He wisely decided that he would follow Jesus no matter what the cost. He was baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. He rejoiced in the privilege to follow Jesus all the way.

Robert began teaching in Zomba. He wanted to do more than just teach subjects; he wanted to help his pupils to follow Christ. He began a Bible study and taught them the great truths he had learned in The Enemy Unmasked. Many of them followed their teacher into the watery grave of baptism. No one was more thrilled about this than Robert. Shortly after this, tragically, Robert contracted malaria. Before his conversion, death scared him to death, but now, he had the bright hope of Jesus second coming. He rested in the truth that Jesus would come again and raise up His children to take to heaven. After a short illness, Robert died of malaria. Before his passing, he had but one request. At his funeral, he wanted the songs played Amazing Grace and Lift up the Trumpet.

One day soon, Robert will rise again.

### Chapter 17

## **Tanzania Speaks**

The stories in this chapter come from Mbeya and Mbala, two communities in Tanzania.

Mbeya, roughly 170 kilometers from the Zambian border is full of commercial activities. The inhabitants are mostly farmers who grow soybeans, maize, sisal, and other grain crops for sale. Most of the residents are either Muslims or Catholics.

The radio station is heard very clearly in Mbeya, and Edward has sent many DVDs, tracts, Bibles, and other materials to this area. Some of those materials have gone to Mr. Kusaro and his very devout Roman Catholic family. Mr. Kusaro has listened to the radio programs for a few years. He praised the Lord when he learned about the Sabbath in Revelation chapter 14. In all of his 67 long years of life, no one has ever revealed so much truth to him as the American. Kusaro had feared to read the book of Revelation because his priest had told him the book was sealed and is not necessary to know. He was very thankful as the American revealed to him the mysteries in this awe-some prophetic book.

Mr. Kusaro made a life decision. He assembled his family together and declared that Emmanuel had been born in their home. The family was puzzled by the comment that Emmanuel had been born in their home and they questioned their dad about this statement. Mr. Kusaro told them that the Sabbath of the Lord God of heaven has been revealed to us through the American; it has been revealed to this family and we must decide for the Lord or against Him. We have seen clearly from Revelation 14 that the Sabbath tells us of the Great Creator and redeemer, Jesus Christ and we must follow Him and not a priest or the pope.

Mr. Kusaro asked his family members to get their Bibles. He studied with them from notes he had taken from the American's studies

on the radio. The family saw clearly that the great final issue in the end of time would be over the Sabbath, the seal of God, or Sunday, the mark of the beast. While the Sabbath reveals submission to the authority of Christ, the Sunday is a sign of rebellion against God and an attempt by man to save himself in his sins. The truth came home to all present with great force and the family made a decision. They would honor the Lord and keep the Sabbath of creation.

Two weeks later, they attended the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mbeya. Mr. Kusaro was hoping to find a teacher or pastor that spoke the truth like the American. They were very disappointed to find the pastor teaching ecumenical, love messages that put everyone in heaven regardless of their profession of faith. Mr. Kusaro vowed never to return to the Adventist Church to hear such errors. He would stay at home, keep the seventh-day Sabbath, listen to the American on the radio, and watch his DVDs on the television. Joyfully, the Kusaro family gathers every Sabbath day to study the Bible with the American as he goes through the great prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. They are delighted to learn the Elijah message and to study Hebrews, Ezekiel, and the final scenes of Jesus' life. They rejoiced in their new found faith in Jesus Christ. He had been so good to them.

Mr. Kusaro had been an influential member in the local Catholic Church. The parish priest and the members missed his devotion, piety, and financial support. They decided to visit them and find out if they were doing well. To the surprise and dismay of the priest and some members, they found that Kusaro and his family were no longer Roman Catholics, but rather Seventh-day Adventists. The priest was furious with Mr. Kusaro for changing his faith.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Kusaro and his family decided to bid farewell to their old church. He went with his family to the Catholic Church, and Mr. Kusaro decided to visit the priest in the confessional room. The priest was delighted to see Mr. Kusaro coming to the confessional room. He fully expected that Kusaro was coming to confess his sins and make restitution for his bad decision to change churches.

Mr. Kusaro had learned that the confession is a blasphemous thing in the eyes of God. He knew that there is only one mediator between God and man, the Man, Christ Jesus. He knew that he had one high priest, and He was in heaven, not on earth. He came to the confessional room to ask the priest a question. The priest asked Mr. Kusaro what sins he had committed that week that he wanted to confess. Mr. Kusaro jolted the priest when he asked, "Who gave you the authority to sit in the place of God, and to ask people to confess their sins to him?" The priest was a man just like Mr. Kusaro, and he is just as much a sinner as anyone else.

The priest was livid with Mr. Kusaro. He told Mr. Kusaro that no questions were to be asked of him, or Mr. Kusaro would be cursed. In the mind of this priest and all other Catholic priests, they are god in their parish and in their area. As such, they are the absolute authority. They are not to be questioned in any way, but rather, whatever they say is the very voice of the God of heaven. What a blasphemous claim that is. When someone like Mr. Kusaro dares to question him, this is beyond reality. How dare he do such a thing? How dare he challenge the authority of such a one as the priest. How bold and blasphemous would anyone be to challenge the authority of one so lofty, so holy, as the priest? Questioning a priest was worthy of the greatest punishment. Why were the reformers like Huss burned at the stake? Why were millions burned during the Dark Ages and tortured by the Romish Inquisition? Their crime was accepting the authority of the Bible above them. This made them worthy of death in the eyes of Rome, and Rome never changes. The Catholic Church is still the same today as when they murdered millioins of people during the Dark Ages.

Mr. Kusaro realized he was in the presence of a sinner, like himself, and he would recognize no authority but that of God. He told the priest that he must confess his sins to Jesus and repent of his cheating so many people in the confessional room. He then asked the priest some questions that pierced his very soul.

- 1. Who was it that changed the day of worship from Sabbath to Sunday?
- 2. Why did you lie to me and say the book of Revelation was sealed and should not be read?

The priest cursed Mr. Kusaro and threw water in his face. Mr. Kusaro responded, "You are a son of the devil sitting in the chair of Lucifer's high priest the pope. It is you who needs to repent of the adulterous affair you had with one of your members a few months ago. It is you who must turn to Jesus before it is too late."

There was shouting and cursing coming from the confessional room. A catechist came upon the scene to see what the matter was. He found the priest insulting and cursing Mr. Kusaro. He heard Mr. Kusaro accusing the priest of adultery and mentioning the woman with whom he slept. Mr. Kusaro was demanding that the priest tell him who changed the day of worship from Saturday, the Sabbath, to Sunday. Finally, the catechist was able to calm things down and led the two men to a larger room where these things could be discussed further. A group of leaders joined in this meeting and the priest was found guilty of this crime against one of his female members. Mr. Kusaro revealed to the leaders and the members that he was bidding farewell to them because he would NEVER again worship on a day created by the adulterous priests and popes of Rome. He would NEVER return to a church that was given its power and authority from the devil himself.

The priest was self condemned by his evil and unrepentant deeds. He listened in fury at Mr. Kusaro's declaration. He dared not say anything lest further things be disclosed about his wicked actions. Mr. Kusaro encouraged all the leaders and members to listen to the radio programs of the American, and he gave them the call letters of the station so they could tune into the broadcasts. He challenged them all to listen to the American and see for themselves if he wasn't teaching pure Biblical truth to the world that all should follow. He asked them all to contact him after listening to the radio for follow up studies or if they had any questions.

Some of the members took him up on this offer. A few weeks later, several people followed Mr. Kusaro and his family and left the Catholic Church. From the radio programs, they saw clearly that their faith was outside of the Bible and that God was calling them, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to worship Him in spirit and in truth. These devout people were thrilled to join up with Mr. Kusaro and his

family and to worship together in the Kusaro home each and every Sabbath.

Mr. Kusaro is a man of faith and action. He loves the Lord Jesus and His truth and is ready to die for his faith. He also is a tireless worker for the Lord. He has requested materials from Edward that he could use to edify himself, his group of fellow Sabbath keepers, and to evangelize the city of Mbeya. Mr. Kusaro was living up to all the light he had and the Lord graciously gave him more. He and his family responded and today are rejoicing in their new found faith.

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The other mission story comes from Mbala, Tanzania. A 57 year-old woman named Martha and her husband were never able to have children. Martha's husband was a farmer who grew maize and other crops that he sold for income. Martha's husband loved to listen to the radio, and one day he came across the program from Kavu.

He, like so many others, had been taught that the books of Daniel and Revelation could not be understood. He was told they are sealed books and not worthy of study. When he started listening to the American, he was amazed to see the prophecies were not hard to understand at all. The beasts, the time periods, the horses, the trumpets, and all the other symbols were made very simple by comparing one verse with another. As the Bible says, "Line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little and there a little..."— Isaiah 28:9-12. He was so excited to understand these books that so many people ignored.

As he studied with the radio teacher, he was convinced of many things:

- 1. The papacy was the antichrist power in the Bible, not Islam.
- The papacy was responsible for trying to change the day of worship from Saturday, the Sabbath, to Sunday.
- 3. The Sunday is the mark of the beast, and the seal of God is the Sabbath.

4. Both days represent an experience. Sunday represents salvation in sinful disobedience, and the Sabbath represents submission to Christ's power to save FROM sin.

Martha's husband shared this good news with her. They were both so happy to learn Bible truth. Together, they began to observe the seventh-day Sabbath. They would stay at home and sturdy their Bibles with the American teacher on the radio. They would take many notes, then get their Bibles and study the verses the teacher used. They loved this time in study on the Sabbath together

One day, Martha's husband received a good friend into their home. The visitor was a Seventh-day Adventist from a nearby town. Martha and her husband were thrilled to share with their visitor the radio programs. The visitor was ecstatic to listen too. The American was teaching things that no Adventist pastors in Tanzania were preaching anymore. The visitor left shortly thereafter, and passed the good news of the radio programs to many Seventh-day Adventists all over Tanzania who began listening to the programs. It was like refreshing water to a thirsty souls.

One Sabbath day, the headman in the community called a town meeting to discuss certain problems taking place in their area. Martha's husband, named Ndulo went to the meeting, but as the time approached Ndulo went home to listen to the American on the radio. When the headman of the town realized Ndulo had left, and learned that Ndulo went home to listen to a stranger on the radio teach from the Bible, he was angry. He demanded to know from Ndulo why he would leave just to listen to some stranger on the radio.

Ndulo explained to the headman that all his life, he wanted to understand the books of Daniel and Revelation, but no one could ever explain them to him. Now, the stranger, the American, has made the Bible prophecies understandable, and Ndulo was very happy. The headman was amazed to hear this testimony. He asked for the frequency of the radio station so he could listen and prove this American for himself. He listened in shock as Revelation 14 was explained. He was amazed at the clarity of explanation. The next Sunday he confronted his parish priest, asking him why Catholic leaders have de-

ceived the entire world. The headman said he would never again attend the church unless the Catholic leaders apologized to the Catholics for their deceptive ways. All Catholics need to know these truths and decide for themselves.

For the next several months, Ndulo, his wife, and the headman have been worshipping together in Ndulo's home, listening to the American and studying their bibles along with him. This strange situation caused the entire community to know what they were doing with their little radio and Bibles every Sabbath day. Some neighbors started attending their meetings. The newcomers were very happy to learn things from the Bible that they had never heard before now. Several of the newcomers were from the headman's Catholic Church, and the parish priest was furious.

The parish priest called on Ndulo and the headman to meet with him. The priest told the headman and Ndulo to leave the community and settle in a faraway place or there would be consequences. The headman was not one to mess with. He defied the priest to his face, saying, "I am not leaving this area for you or anyone. I am waiting for the pope to tell the Catholics of the world that they had changed the Sabbath to Sunday. When all Catholics have been given the opportunity to decide between truth and error, then we can talk. Otherwise, leave us alone."

The priest would not tolerate this. Realizing the power of the headman, the priest dared not touch him, but Ndulo was just a lowly farmer. A few weeks later, Ndulo was attacked while working in his field by a group of unknown thugs. They struck him with a metal object to the head and he died instantly. Ndulo was a Christian who had implicit faith in the Bible. He believed in the resurrection and that one day Jesus would return and raise His faithful children to live with him forever. Ndulo sleeps today in the grave waiting for Jesus to come and wake him up.

When it was reported to the headman what had happened to Ndulo, there was no doubt in his mind who had orchestrated this heinous crime. The priest had threatened them and now had the threat carried out. The headman was grieved and reported the priest to the authorities. When the police investigated, they realized that the headman was

correct. All the evidence pointed at the priest. The police never told the headman their findings.

Martha was grieved over the loss of her husband, but she confidently held fast to the teachings of the American, trusting the Bible promises she had heard and read. The meetings on Sabbath were moved to the headman's home. The headman was furious with the priest for Ndulo's death, and he determined to avenge his death. The police arrested two of the thugs who confessed to being hired by the priest to kill Ndulo. The headman's anger knew no bounds.

Martha kept praying and encouraging the believers and the headman to hold fast their faith in Jesus and His word. She encouraged them to hold no grudges, but to pray for these evil men who had killed her husband. The headman was not ready to trust the Lord with this. All his life, he had been use to taking things into own hands and now he resolved to deal with this problem. The headman headed to the priest's home. When the headman entered the home, the priest was reading a book. When asked why he had Ndulo killed, the priest denied everything. The headman became angrier and in his blind rage, he struck the priest with a rod of steel. He struck him five times on the head and the priest died on the spot.

The priest had murdered Ndulo. Tragically, the headman had not yet learned that there is no justification for breaking the ten commandments. A few days later, the headman was arrested for the killing of the priest, and he confessed his wrong. The headman told the police he killed the priest in revenge for Ndulo's murder.

The headman was sent to prison for his crime. Since being put in prison, the headman has bitterly repented of his angry spirit and begged the Lord to forgive him for his crime against the priest. He has been humbled by his wrong act and has become a gentle and kind man. He is using his time in prison to the best of his ability. The headman has not stopped learning and studying. He has been sharing the truth with fellow prisoners. His relatives brought him a good radio to listen to and he now has over 120 prisoners following the radio programs of the American every day. Due to the circumstances surrounding the headman's imprisonment and his good behavior while in prison, his sentence was reduced.

Martha, Ndulo's widowed wife, has continued to study and share with others her love for Jesus and His glorious truth. Martha is a bright and shining light in Mbala, doing the work of an evangelist.

We have been told that the policemen that arrested the headman were encouraged by the witness of Martha to begin studying the Bible and to listen to the radio programs. They have since requested large quantities of DVDs from Edward so that they might be firmly grounded in the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

Ndulo, Martha, the headman, the community of Mbala, and the policemen were all lead by the Holy Spirit to see the beauty of Jesus and his truth. Their lives were changed forever both in this life and in the life to come. Unfortunately, the priest had an opportunity to receive the truth as well, but he determined that he would war against the truth and go to battle with all who embraced Bible truth. He chose to fight against the Lord and he too was changed forever. He was determined to resist the pleadings of the Holy Spirit, and,he died a lost man.

## Chapter 18

# **University Upheaval**

There are many university students in Kitwe, Zambia, that receive literature, DVDs, and tracts from Edward. After receiving the materials, they study them for themselves and then share them with others. Due to their outreach efforts, there was a riot at the university. While these students were sharing materials with other students, they were also showing video programs across the campus. Some Roman Catholic students rose up against the programs and this caused the riot. The Catholic young people absolutely hated the DVD programs. The ones they despised centered around Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17.

In our politically correct society, it isn't kosher to discuss these portions of the Bible. These chapters are supposed to be some that are sealed and can't be understood. Each one of those chapters discusses in symbolic form the work of the papacy for 1,200 plus years during the Dark Ages. Daniel 7 uses the symbol of a little horn power; Revelation 13 couches Romanism in the symbol of a beast, and Revelation 17 calls the papacy "Babylon the Great, the Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." These are testing truths for today that politically correct ministers will not discuss.

Due to their opposition to the DVDs, the students appealed to the chancellor of the university to stop them. They lied to him, declaring that the students and the DVDs were speaking against the authority of the pope. Actually, maybe they weren't lying after all. The aforementioned chapters all discuss the evil workings of the papacy in the earth. The DVDs have nothing personal against any man, including the pope, but rather are an indictment against the Roman Catholic system that has caused, and is causing, such misery and deception in the earth.

The chancellor was a Catholic himself and planned to nip this one in the bud. Five dedicated students were called to speak to the chancellor in his office. The students came armed to the hilt with Bibles, tracts, books, and DVDs. The chancellor asked the young men to explain their position. Why were they speaking insults against the pope and lying to other students in their programs? The leader, Greg, addressed the chancellor, "Sir, we are sharing the love of God with our schoolmates. We share with them the great truths of the Bible. It is not our intention to insult and certainly not tell lies about anyone."

The chancellor wanted to know specifically what was being shared in the programs. To make sure they were coming from the same direction, Greg asked the chancellor if he believed in the Bible, to which the chancellor answered, "yes." The chancellor gave Greg 30 minutes to share what they were teaching. To the chancellor's surprise, Greg pulled out his laptop and played the DVD on Revelation 13. The chancellor was amazed to see an American on the screen speaking on this chapter. He was very attentive and listened carefully. An Unseen Guest was in the room, impressing truth upon his heart.

He was genuinely interested, asking a number of questions about the beasts, the image, and the mysterious number 666. Instead of an indictment and possible warning or expulsion, this meeting turned into a Bible study. The chancellor had never heard such messages in his life. He had never heard anyone speak from Daniel and Revelation before this night. He was surprised by the clearness of the message. Greg told the chancellor that they give out books free of charge along with DVDs. He handed the chancellor a *Secret Terrorist*, *Enemy Unmasked*, *When the US Passes a National Sunday Law*, and *Time for the Loud Cry*. He was very thankful and promised the young men that he would read them. He was also given the series of DVDs on Daniel and Revelation.

When Greg and his fellow students left the chancellor's office, the Catholic students were waiting for them. The Catholic students were expecting to see them expelled from school or given some form of discipline. They were shocked to see Greg and his friends smiling in victory without any discipline at all. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the

LORD."— Isaiah 54:17. "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, this is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it."— Zech. 4:6,7

"Throughout the history of God's people great mountains of difficulty, apparently insurmountable, have loomed up before those who were trying to carry out the purposes of Heaven. Such obstacles are permitted by the Lord as a test of faith. When we are hedged about on every side, this is the time above all others to trust in God and in the power of His Spirit. The exercise of a living faith means an increase of spiritual strength and the development of an unfaltering trust. It is thus that the soul becomes a conquering power. Before the demand of faith, the obstacles placed by Satan across the pathway of the Christian will disappear; for the powers of heaven will come to his aid. 'Nothing shall be impossible unto you.' Matthew 17:20."— *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 594, 595

The Catholic students were furious with the chancellor. They would get Greg and his cohorts. The Catholic students, now about seventy strong, marched to the police station accusing the chancellor of allowing an unauthorized syllabus to be used on the campus. They also declared that there was a stranger on the campus who is invisible. The policemen asked who the invisible stranger was and where he lived. Among the policemen were several Catholic officers. They backed the students and demanded to go with the students back to the school and arrest the stranger. One student recalled the name of the stranger; he was known as the 'American.'

When the chief of police realized it was an American stranger on campus, teaching from an unauthorized syllabus, the policemen, dressed in riot gear carrying tear gas and rifles, headed for a showdown at the campus. To the amazement of the chancellor, he saw police officers in riot gear driving at high speed onto the campus grounds. The officers jumped out of their vehicles to arrest the chancellor, Greg and his cohorts, and the American. As the police approached to make the arrest, some other students tried to resist the

policemen. These students knew of this plot by the Catholic students and tried to defend the chancellor, Greg, and the American. The police fired tear gas into the crowd and confusion ensued.

The chancellor, Greg, and his friends were arrested. They were taken back to police headquarters and questioned. The big concern of the police chief was the sinister American and why the chancellor would allow this stranger on campus. The chancellor replied with such grace, "The American is sitting quietly back at the university in my office. I would love for you to return with me to school and meet him for yourself." The police chief wanted this very much.

They returned to campus together and headed to the chancellor's office. Greg pulled out his laptop and showed them the DVD on Revelation 13. The officers were utterly shocked. The stranger was not on campus at all; he was on a DVD, and the message he presented was so educational, so clear, and so true. The officers took several sets of the DVDs and also several books to read and share with others.

Most assuredly, the officers called off all arrests of anyone and apologized to the student body for creating a ruckus at the school. They had been misled into believing that some evil American was terrorizing the campus with unauthorized material. They took with them from the campus the truth that will lead them to a new life in Jesus Christ. The officers warned the Catholic students to stop telling lies and asked the chancellor to punish them severely. Instead of disciplining them, the chancellor forgave them and told them to learn the truth of the Bible from the stranger.

There was a Stranger on the campus during this whole episode, and He was Invisible. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, there is an invisible Stranger beholding the scene. He wants to wrap us tightly in His arms of love and hope we never let Him go.

Speaking of Belshazzar's shameful debacle, we read, "Little did Belshazzar think that there was a *heavenly Witness* to his idolatrous revelry; that *a divine Watcher*, unseen, looked upon the scene of profanation, heard the sacrilegious mirth, and beheld the idolatry. But soon the *uninvited Guest* made His presence felt. When the revelry was at its height a bloodless hand came forth and traced upon the walls of the palace characters that gleamed like fire—words which, though unknown to the vast throng, were a portent of doom to the now conscience-stricken king and his guests.

"Hushed was the boisterous mirth, while men and women, seized with nameless terror, watched the hand slowly tracing the mysterious characters. Before them passed, as a panoramic view, the deeds of their evil lives; they seemed to be arraigned before the judgment bar of the eternal God, whose power they had just defied. Where but a few moments before had been hilarity and blasphemous witticism, were pallid faces and cries of fear. When God makes men fear, they cannot hide the intensity of their terror."— *Prophets and Kings*, pg. 522

## Chapter 19

# **Rwanda: Rising from the Ashes**

For the last many years, Rwanda always meant war and bloodshed. The Hutus and the Tutsis squared off in a brutal, religious war that was devastating. Rwanda is gradually rebuilding itself and returning to normalcy. Many stories from the radio program have come from Rwanda. In this chapter, we will look at a few of them.

A couple, living in the town of Ramela, has been tuning into the radio programs for a few years. They are Seventh-day Adventists. After listening to the Daniel and Revelation series, the Holy Spirit aroused them to see their responsibility to share their faith with others. After receiving the series of DVDs from Edward's contacts, they decided to invite people into their humble home to watch the programs and answer any questions. As a result of this outreach, the couple had upwards of fifty people coming to their home to watch and learn. The great majority of the people that come are from different faiths than their own.

Recently, a rumor started circulating in their community that they were sharing hate materials in their home. There was great fear that hatred could escalate and spark another clash between the Hutus and the Tutsis. Rumors are a terrible thing. The law enforcement agencies went to the home of this couple to confirm or deny these reports. The police officers came into the home and found a very quiet and reverent group watching a DVD. The program was on Revelation chapter 17. The officers were very impressed by what they saw and heard. They heard the following things:

1. An impure woman in prophecy represents an apostate church. (Jer. 3:6-8)

- 2. This apostate church commits blasphemy. (Revelation 17:3
- a. Blasphemy is a man claiming power to forgive sins. (Mark 2:5-7)
- b. Blasphemy is a man claiming to be God in human flesh. (John 10:30-33)
- 3. The apostate church is the Roman Catholic Church system.
- 4. Roman Catholicism controls the politicians of the earth. (Rev. 17:2,18)
- 5. Roman Catholicism controls the apostate Protestant churches. (Rev. 17:5)
- 6. Roman Catholicism controls the wealthy of the earth. (Rev. 18:11-15)
- 7. Roman Catholicism uses war, terror, and bloodshed to control the masses through suffering and pain. (Rev. 18:24)

Everyone, including the officers, was glued to the screen. They had never heard anything like this. An Unseen Watcher was in the room, impressing truth deep into their minds. The officers completely forgot why they had come. They should have returned to the police station long before now. At the station, the chief and his aides were afraid his men had run in to trouble. So, they sent more officers to the home to ascertain the situation. When they arrived, they saw everyone engrossed in the program, even the first set of officers. They chastised the first officers, saying, "What are you doing? Why have you not done your duty? What are you doing sitting here listening? The chief thought you had gotten into trouble and sent us to find out. We must get back to the station at once."

The officers left abruptly to get back to the station. When they returned to the station, the chief inquired, "Why did you not do your duty? Why have you tarried so long? I should fire you men. You better have a good reason." The officers explained, "Everything was reverent and quiet in the home. What kept us was the captivating message we heard from the American that was there. We had never heard anything or anyone like him. The chief wanted to know what the American was sharing with the people. "It was so new to us; it was so different, but it was so true."

The chief was dumbfounded. He wanted clear, crisp answers and he was not getting them. He told the men, "Go and get the American and bring him here. I want to meet him and hear him for myself." The force of the chief's command pushed the men to obey, but how would they bring the American to the station? They had seen him on the DVD. They did not know what they were going to do, but they had to think of something.

They rode to the home of the Adventist couple and made an unusual request. "We need to borrow your DVD player, your television, and your DVD of the American. The police chief has demanded us to bring the American to the police station so that he can talk to him. The only way we can bring him is by bringing the DVD and show the chief the program for himself. The couple was very happy to oblige the officers and prayed that the chief and all his men would hear and respond to the great truths of Revelation 17. Everything was packed and the officers headed back to a station packed with drama and a buzzing excitement.

The chief was furious when they arrived. All he saw were several electronic devices and no living American. Since his office was relatively small, he commanded all the gadgets be brought into the general reception area so that all his men could watch with him. The people who brought the complaint against the couple were also in the station. They wanted to see everything too. The junior officers prepared the machinery and everyone gathered together.

Everyone watched the program in stunned silence. They learned of the religious and political power of the papacy. They saw the truth as they had never seen or heard till this time. The Holy Spirit was impressing truth upon their minds with force. The silence in the room was deafening. The chief was a Roman Catholic. This was startling to him. He requested the junior officers to take all the equipment into his office so that he could listen further by himself.

The chief officer did not come out for quite awhile. He watched the entire DVD and wanted more. He was convinced beyond any doubt that this was the truth. He asked his men to return to the couple and ask if they had more DVDs on Revelation. He found out that there was an entire series of DVDs. He wanted one for himself which the

Seventh-day Adventist gladly gave to him. This was an amazing answer to the couple's prayers. The chief shared the DVD's with his whole family and they love the programs. The entire family is studying the Revelation series.

The chief has also received ten additional sets of DVDs on Revelation to share with other family members and friends. The couple has also requested another DVD series on Revelation. They want to continue to share it with people in their home.

A vicious rumor was started to destroy a peace loving couple. They had no desire to hurt anyone; they just wanted to share joy, peace, and truth with their neighbors. Someone wanted to stop them and even hurt them. The Lord overruled for His glory. The couple was not hurt, but blessed abundantly. "And we know that ALL things work together for good to them that love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."— Romans 8:28

The couple wanted to share the truth with their neighbors. The Lord wanted the truth to go far beyond the couple's home. He allowed this vicious rumor to answer the couple's prayer far beyond what they could imagine. "Now unto Him who is able to do EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."— Ephesians 3:19-21

It started in a simple couple's home, spread to the police station, and on to the families of ten more. Where it will go from there, only the Lord knows. Like the rock tossed in the middle of a lake, it first affects the water where it hits. Gradually, the waters ripple and continue to effect more and more parts of the lake until the outer bounds of the water have been reached too. Revelation 18:1 promises "And I saw another Angel come down from heaven having great power, and the earth was lightened with His glory." The truth of God is going to the ends of the earth one family at a time; and one police station at a time until all Rwanda, and then the entire world will hear of the greatness of Christ and His truth.

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The next story from Rwanda is about Ben Muyenga. Ben is a Methodist believer in his late 60's. He was handed a tract called *Who Changed It*. This tract looks at Daniel chapter 7 and especially the little horn. This power is clearly the papacy. Ben was markedly impressed by this tract. It only wetted his appetite, and he wanted more. He contacted Edward and received many DVDs on Daniel and Revelation along with other DVDs and tracts. Ben felt that God had richly blessed him in revealing this information to him.

Ben started to share the good news with his family and some church members in the Methodist faith. He was deeply struck by something he had never heard. There was a special day that God wanted him to keep called the Sabbath. He realized that all of God's commandments were still binding on humanity. "...All His commandments are sure: they stand fast forever and ever..."—Psalms 111:7,8 As a result of his new understanding, Ben left the Methodist Church. He no longer could continue going down a wrong path.

Due to Ben's prominence in the church, several leaders came to meet him and try to bring him back. Ben said he would gladly return if the church started following what God said and not man. He told them, "The Lord has commanded us to worship Him every Sabbath day. This is Saturday and not Sunday. I also want to show the church some amazing DVDs on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation." The leaders listened to him and agreed to have these studies on the prophetic books of the Bible.

The following Sunday, Ben was going to give a lesson to the people on prophecy. He surprised the whole church by bringing a television and DVD player. He popped in the Daniel DVD series. The entire church sat in stunned silence as the heretofore, unknown prophecies, were revealed to their eyes. The metal man of Daniel 2 and the mysterious beasts and little horn of Daniel chapter 7 were all made very plain. The church was astonished by what they learned and requested Ben to share more next week.

After a full month of studies from Daniel, the people and leaders

praised the Lord for opening their eyes to Bible truth. The leaders privately requested from Ben the complete series of Daniel and Revelation studies. He contacted Edward and requested for fifteen full sets of these two series. For several months, the church leaders earnestly studied the DVDs. They took notes of all they learned and finally came to a decision. They all agreed to begin keeping the Sabbath according to God's word and to stop keeping the Catholic Sunday tradition.

After three Sabbaths, the Methodist Conference officials in Rwanda got wind of this. They decided to disband this new Sabbath keeping Methodist Church. The conference officials came to the church, and spoke ill of Ben and the leaders who had embraced the Sabbath of the Lord. They told the leaders in apostasy to leave and never come back. To the official's amazement, the entire congregation rose to their feet and declared, "We believe like the leaders. We have seen very clearly from the Bible and history that the papacy sought to change God's law. Show us from the Bible or from history, like the American has done, whether these things are so. Prove to us that Rome did not alter God's law and command all to honor Sunday during the Dark Ages."

The conference could say nothing. They had no proof whatsoever. They resorted to the only means at their disposal; they called in the police to lock the church and to force all the people out of the building. Do not ever let the conference officials own the building in which you worship. The police carried out their orders. They threatened imprisonment to all who would step into that church area again.

Neither Ben, the leaders, or the church members were dismayed. They rejoiced in their new faith. "Count it all joy when ye fall into diver's temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."— James 1:2-4 They were happy to leave a church that didn't want to follow Bible truth. They were going to follow the Lord come what may. No priest, pastor, or conference official was their God; they served the great God of heaven and Him only would they serve.

The group located a hall in town which they started renting for Sabbath services. Their group name is Murapera which means a group of believers who love to pray and worships God in spirit and in truth. After solidifying the building and church services, the membership is now focusing on evangelism. They want others to know Jesus and His truth for this time. They have requested from Edward all the DVDs, tracts, Bibles, and books that he can send to them.

In order to get the materials to Ben, Edward travelled from Ndola, Zambia to Kasumbalesa, Congo. Ben has a brother in that town and this was a half way point for both men. Here, the two men had sweet fellowship together and Ben shared this story with Edward. The Lord has raised up a new group of Sabbath keeping Adventists in Rwanda. The group is on fire and spreading the truth of God like the leaves in autumn. What a privilege to work with such a fine group of faithful and dedicated people in a land rising from the ashes.

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The final story from Rwanda centers on a Seventh-day Adventist man. He has been listening to the radio for many months and following the programs of the American. Even though he is a Seventh-day Adventist, and an elder in the church, he has NEVER heard studies in Daniel or Revelation in his entire life. He was thrilled to hear the solid Biblical and historical reasons why he was a Seventh-day Adventist. This was like water to a weary traveler in a parched desert. The elder was so happy to begin learning the truth which he had been longing to know.

One Sabbath, he decided to announce to the church about the radio programs. He wanted them to get the same blessing he was enjoying. God had touched his heart in such a profound manner and he could not do anything less than to share it. He told the church, "I have been a Seventh-day Adventist since 1976. For the last 40 plus years, I have longed to see the great truths of the Bible and no pastor, theologian, or scholar has revealed these things to me. No one has ever taught me the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and no leader has ever taught me the great truths of the three angel's messages.

There is a radio program given by an American where you can learn the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists. All who want to learn the Advent message can tune into this station in Zambia."

The first elder was not done. "Because of these programs, I now can teach the great prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. I never knew them until listening to the radio programs of the American. If all of the SDA pastors and leaders would stand up for what we believe and share it with others, then Africa could have been covered with the three angel's messages by now. I challenge this church and all Seventh-day Adventist churches and pastors around the world to teach the truth as the American is doing. The Rwandan Adventist pastors teach about chicken and beef or women's kitchen soup. Brethren, we must stop this. We have a message to give to the world so Jesus can come. I thank God today for raising up the American to bless me and so many others around Africa and the world."

A second elder in the congregation was not pleased. He felt rebuked by the first elder's admonition. He told him "Sit down. We do not want to hear about this radio man." The church in unison booed the man who spoke and told him to sit down. The church told him to stop making noise. There was a commotion in the church that Sabbath morning. Finally, the second elder was so humiliated by everything that he walked out of the church. Well, that did not end the story. Things were just stirring up, and it wasn't the women's kitchen soup.

The second elder went straight to the local pastor who was conducting services in another Adventist Church that morning. He told them about the proceedings at the other church and the first elder's comments. The pastor and the inflamed second elder were very angry. They would put a stop to the shenanigans of the first elder. They headed back to the church to deal with the first elder.

While these men were plotting mischief, the first elder was conducting a Bible study with the church, from a study he had learned on the radio on Revelation chapter 17. He was using notes that he had written down. The church was amazed and thrilled with the study. They had NEVER heard anything like this in their lives. All were

encouraged to tune into the radio station and learn great Bible truth for themselves.

As the study drew to its close, the pastor and the second elder stepped into the church. The pastor walked immediately to the front of the church and stopped the first elder from speaking. He demanded, "Where are you getting the material for your study? From where did these notes come that you are using? Why are you sharing this in the church?" The first elder responded, "I am giving the people a study straight from Revelation chapter 17. This is beautiful truth straight from the Bible that I am teaching." The pastor and second elder were furious. The pastor retorted, "You are studying with some American on some radio station somewhere. We are aware of this man and his teaching and we want him stopped. We want you stopped too. From this point forward, you will be removed from your duties as the first elder in this church. The second elder will now be placed in charge."

It was now time for the church to speak. They were shocked and surprised at his haughty and cruel manner. They were disgusted by his unreasonable and despicable behavior. They booed at him and told him to leave the church and never come back again. The people wanted to hear the truth of the Bible and the first elder wanted to teach them. The pastor and second elder wanted to be recognized as the great religious authorities in the church and to receive praise and adoration for their great learning which was foolishness.

The pastor threatened to shut down the entire church. He was in charge of all the churches in that district. The pastor called the police on these truth loving, law abiding, peaceful people. The pastor lied to the police about the people and the church building was locked up. The pastor told the police that the first elder was NO LONGER A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST, but RATHER AN OFFSHOOT. WOW.

The first elder and the people met the next day and decided to start their own church where they could worship God in spirit and in truth. They decided to separate from this apostate SDA church. They were not going to remain where truth was not loved anymore. They would not continue to listen to a pastor tell dumb stories and deny the truth.

And, who is the offshoot? The first elder wants the truth that he loves and every Seventh-day Adventist should love. The pastor hates the truth and anyone who proclaims it. Now, who is the offshoot and who is the real Seventh-day Adventist? You can decide for yourself. In the days of Jesus, where was the church? Was it worshipping in the great temple in Jerusalem or was it the groups worshipping on the hillsides of Galilee? A church is not a great cathedral or big building; a church is made up of those who love God, His truth, and want to

The following Monday, everyone was summoned to the police station. The pastor accused the first elder of creating a disturbance and demanded he be imprisoned. The police chief saw that the pastor was a liar and a dangerous man. He dismissed the case, encouraging the first elder and his group to start a new church in the area. The chief was very impressed by the first elder and those with him. They were very patient and kind during the whole process and said nothing unkind about the obnoxious pastor. As a result of the first elder's testimony, the police chief was very interested in hearing the radio programs from the American. He has since become an avid listener of the radio programs and is thrilled with the messages he is receiving.

The first elder and the group are separated from the apostasy and learning so much. They are also sharing with others all that they are learning. They have risen from the ashes.

## Chapter 20

# Kenya's Best Bus Ride ever.

Bus rides in Africa are very different from America. In America, you get on the bus, lean back, and try to quietly read, write, or sleep. This is definitely not the case in Africa. As soon as one gets on the bus, there is someone in the front of the bus trying to sell a product or preaching. If there isn't a live voice available, the buses always have a television for people to watch. The bus drivers do not consider that some may not want to hear. No, they turn the television nice and loud so that everyone can hear it. The authors have experienced this in Africa.

A Kenyan nun was leaving her home in Nairobi to go to Cape Town, South Africa for a two year tour. She would be working in a Catholic parish assisting the priest in any way he deemed best. She purchased a ticket with the Tran-Cape Routers bus company. The driver of the bus was a good friend of Edward in Kenya. They worked together through a mutual friend to share the truth with others. This bus driver had a unique method of evangelism. You have probably guessed it by now. In Africa, of course, that was totally legitimate.

He had gotten several DVD series from Edward and he made sure that the passengers listened to them for a long, long bus ride. The nun was in for a life changing experience. The bus driver began with some DVD's from the *Amazing Grace* series and then he put in some from the *Behind the Door* series. This series looks behind the door at what is really going on in the world both past, present, and future. It reveals the hidden perpetrators of assassination, war, economic disasters, and 'accidents.' The finger is pointed directly at the Jesuit Order and the Catholic Church. Many events and people are looked at in this very popular series. All of the following people and events were disastrously hurt by the Jesuits of Rome.

- 1. The sinking of the Titanic and the murder of high financiers who opposed the Jesuits Federal Reserve Bank.
- 2. The assassination of such fine leaders as John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Henry III and Henry IV, and the multiple attempts on the life of Queen Elizabeth I.
- 3. The creating of so many wars; WWI, WWII, Vietnam, War on Terror, and all the wars in Europe for the last several centuries.
- 4. The destruction of Constitutions that guarantee rights for the people.
- 5. The control of all nations through having a central bank that dictates policy to all the banks in the country.

The nun, named Maria, at first, tried to doze off, but the information did not allow her to do that. The nun was very surprised to hear such a solid explanation of what is really going on behind the scenes in the Church of Rome. She had heard rumblings throughout the church because many priests and nuns were leaving. She knew there were very serious issues going on in the church. Maria wanted to know the truth and to follow her Lord with all of her heart. She had only been a nun for a few years and was new to many things about the Catholic Church. After watching several of the DVDs on the Jesuit Agenda, Maria determined to have them all and more. She took notice of the American speaker and the well researched history. The deep mysteries being expressed were rarely discussed and hardly known by many people. While Maria was relatively new to such things, she knew enough to know the American was right on target in the presentations.

The journey from Nairobi to Cape Town was quite lengthy and the series continued all those many long hours through Africa. The programs continued to bless Maria throughout the trip until the bus pulled into Cape Town the following day. Maria asked the driver where she could get the whole set of DVD's. She wanted to study them indepth during her stay in Cape Town.

The Lord had arranged for this young nun to hear the truth on this bus ride from Kenya to Cape Town. He alone knew of this honest soul, seeking for more truth and light, and He had impressed the bus driver to play the programs. The seeds of truth have now lodged themselves in her mind, never to be effaced. Of course, the young nun can resist the inroads of truth that have been made and chose to reject the working of the Holy spirit in her life, or she can continue to open her mind to understanding the great issues in the great controversy between Christ and Satan. The Holy Spirit will, unless refused, continue to lead her in her search for light and understanding. What a wild bus ride it was from Nairobi to Cape Town, South Africa

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."— Proverbs 25:25

"We need to understand that God will add to the ranks of His people men of ability and influence who are to act their part in warning the world. Not all in the world are lawless and sinful. God has many thousands who have not bowed the knee to Baal. There are God-fearing men and women in the fallen churches... Many of the honest in heart are gasping for a breath of life from heaven. They will recognize the gospel when it is brought to them in the beauty and simplicity with which it is presented in God's Word."— *Evangelism*, p. 66

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."— Habbakuk 2:14

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Revelation. 18:1

## Chapter 21

# Burundi's 'Bahia Baha'u'llah' Speak

"Burundi is a landlocked country in the African Great Lakes region of East Africa, bordered by Rwanda to the north, Tanzania to the east and south, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west. It is also considered part of Central Africa. Burundi's capital is Bujumbura."—*Wikipedia*. This country has been torn apart by war. In spite of this horror, folks in this country have been listening to the messages from the radio station in Zambia and are hearing the voice of hope. Two pastors from that country will tell us the rest of the story.

They called Edward a short time ago and requested the replaying of the *Amazing Grace* series. They were deeply impressed by the grace of God as He took the broken lives of men and women like Rueben, Simeon, and Aaron; Rebekah and Rahab in the Bible; and made something beautiful out of them. It is utterly amazing that God can take a miserable human being, broken into pieces by their own dumb choices and make something beautiful with them. In spite of our miserable failings, God speaks amazing love and acceptance to every heart, wooing suffering, sinful humanity to His wounded side. These messages had deeply touched the hearts of two pastors in Burundi of the 'Bahia Bahaullah' faith.

For many a year, these men have taught their congregations some very strange, mystical ideas. Their beliefs center in the teachings of Baha'u'llah. In the middle of the 19th century, God summoned Baha'u'llah—meaning the "Glory of God"—to deliver a new Revelation to humanity. For four decades' thousands of verses, letters and books flowed from His pen. In His Writings, He outlined a framework for the development of a global civilization which takes into account both the spiritual and material dimensions of human life. While this sounds good, it leaves out the one Person who alone can

bring development to civilization. Only Christ can change the heart twisted and controlled by sin and selfishness. Only Jesus can uplift fallen, sinful man and renew him in righteousness and holiness.

"It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin into which we are sunken. Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one." "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."— Job 14:4; Romans 8:7. Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life. There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God and holiness. The Savior said, "Except a man be born from above," unless he shall receive a new heart, new desires, purposes, and motives, leading to a new life, "he cannot see the kingdom of God."— John 3:3, margin. The idea that it is necessary only to develop the good that exists in man by nature, is a fatal deception. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."— 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 3:7. Of Christ it is written, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men"—the only "name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."— John 1:4; Acts 4:12." Steps to Christ, pgs. 18.19

The pastors received several books and DVDs, plus tracts. They were profoundly impressed by the *Secret Terrorists* and *When the US Passes the National Sunday Law*. They marveled at the tracts *Who Changed It*? and *Islam, ISIS, and Ishmael*. They were so happy to receive the series on *Amazing Grace* which they had heard on the radio plus the series on Revelation. These pastors had never been given anything for free and this impressed them as well. These men read the materials, watched the DVDs, and praised the Lord for coming very near to them. They had gotten the materials to teach their

congregations, but found the materials to be speaking to their hearts and lives.

The Revelation DVDs hit them very hard. They were very surprised to listen to strange and new teachings that they had never heard before. They marveled that someone could actually explain this profound book in such a simple manner. Someone was explaining to them step by step a mysterious book which had never been spoken or taught by any of the greatest leaders in the Bahia faith. What struck them with greatest force was the study of Revelation chapter 17. They had read that before but had simply passed it off as a mysterious and powerful woman. They had thought it was not important to know who she was. That this woman represented the papacy was shocking to them. They had no idea that Catholicism could so diabolically control the politicians, money people, and the churches in this world. The Holy Spirit brought this home to their minds with great force. As the pastors heard this, they knew there was something very serious to the Bible and especially the book of Revelation. They acknowledged that the book of Revelation has very important symbols that needed to be studied, understood, and shared with others.

The pastors knew that these programs were of heavenly origin. They knew in their souls that the great God of Heaven had visited them and loved them to reveal such truth to them. They felt that God had opened up to them a wonderful road map and had saved their lives from the foolish theories of men. They were so happy that they now had something to share with their churches. The forthcoming Sunday will be the beginning of showing the Revelation DVDs of the American to the two men's churches.

These men felt that an Angel from heaven had visited them. Truly, an Angel had. "The angels of God, thousands upon thousands,... guard us against evil and press back the powers of darkness that are seeking our destruction. Have we not reason to be thankful every moment, thankful even when there are apparent difficulties in our pathway? — *My Life Today*, p. 171. "Angels of God are watching over us. Upon this earth there are thousands and tens of thousands of heavenly messengers commissioned by the Father to prevent Satan from obtaining any advantage over those who refuse to walk in the path of evil. And

these angels who guard God's children on earth are in communication with the Father in heaven. —*In Heavenly Places*, p. 99. "We need to understand better than we do the mission of the angels. It would be well to remember that every true child of God has the cooperation of heavenly beings. Invisible armies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. Cherubim and seraphim, and angels that excel in strength, stand at God's right hand, 'All ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.' "—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 154.

Angels of God were all about those pastors seeking to lead them to the light of God's glorious love for them. Angels hoped to lead them to the fountain of God's mighty truth and to plant their feet firmly upon the only true Foundation—Christ Jesus. The Bahia pastors learned so many hidden truths from the Revelation series, . They have felt that it was the providence of God that brought this truth to them. They now want to share it with their members. They also want to share the DVDs with the top leaders in the Bahia faith. They want to share this rich blessing with all those within their realm of influence. How far this message could go through the Bahia faith is yet to be seen. Burundi will never be the same because of the revealing of Christ, through the book of Revelation to the country of Burundi.

"The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains."—The faith I Live By, p.345. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy," God declares, "and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."—Revelation 1:3. When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival. We do not understand fully the lessons that it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it.

"In the past teachers have declared Daniel and the Revelation to be sealed books, and the people have turned from them. God's own hand has withdrawn the veil from these portions of His word that has kept these books shrouded in mystery. The very name "Revelation" contradicts the statement that it is a sealed book. "Revelation" means something of importance is revealed. The truths of this book are addressed to those living in these last days. We are standing with the veil removed in the holy place of sacred things. We are not to stand without. We are to enter, not with careless, irreverent thoughts, not with impetuous footsteps, but with reverence and godly fear. We are nearing the time when the prophecies of the book of Revelation are to be fulfilled...."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pg. 113.

### Chapter 22

Elijah Message: Divide and Conquer

The stories you have read in this book are very graphic. Radio programs are aired, and radio station owners are killed. Some priests attack those who accept the messages on the radio, while other priests embrace the messages at the risk of their life. Laymen die for taking a stand for what they hear. The radio programs demand a decision. People can no longer straddle the fence and play church anymore, and the stories in this book have shown us people who have taken the radio programs very seriously. The messages on the radio in Africa have not spoken smooth things. The messages have been of hope and salvation. **THE MESSAGES POINT OUT THE SIN AND APOS-TASY** in the worldly churches of today. They have demanded decisions from listeners, and this is as it should be. This is the essence of the message given to Elijah, John the Baptist, and the end time Elijah. If faithful to our call, then we could be classed as the Elijah people of today.

Most pastors, teachers, and doctors of theology give a message that is ever so soothing and comfortable. Paul told us that would happen. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."— 2 Tim. 4:2-5

These messages are designed to tickle people's ears, to keep people asleep in their sins, believing that their present sinful, spiritual state is acceptable to heaven. Of course, pastors who teach like that are mostly concerned with the coins chinking in the offering plate. As

long as the money flows, the preachers will continue to lie and deceive to ensure continual financial prosperity. However, when someone comes along and gives a straight message like Elijah, or John the Baptist, or any other Bible character, they are looked upon as mean, cruel, divisive, unkind, and unworthy of life or a pulpit.

The truth of the matter is that God's spokesmen have always delivered a message that made people a little uncomfortable. In fact, people have become so uncomfortable they would silence the messenger. God's message challenges, rebukes, warns, divides friends, splits families, and make people either very happy or very angry. God's spokesmen today have been called to give a message that demands a decision from its listeners. "Those who have been thrust out to bear a plain, pointed testimony, in the fear of God to reprove wrong, to labor with all their energies to build up God's people, and to establish them upon important points of present truth, have too often received censure instead of sympathy and help, while those who have taken a non-committal position, are thought to be devoted, and to have a mild spirit. God does not thus regard them. *The forerunner of* Christ's first advent was a very plain-spoken man. He rebuked sin, and called things by their right names. He laid the ax at the root of the tree. He thus addressed one class of professed converts who came to be baptized of him in Jordan: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.... And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore, every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."— [Matthew 3:7-10.]

"In this fearful time, just before Christ is to come the second time, God's faithful preachers will have to bear a still more pointed testimony than was borne by John the Baptist. A responsible, important work is before them; and those who speak smooth things, God will not acknowledge as his shepherds. A fearful woe is upon them." —Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1, p. 321.

Elijah the Tishbite, John the Baptist, and the end time Elijah in message will be shared mightily with the world and the world will be shaken. What, exactly, is the Elijah message? Elijah the Tishbite was translated to heaven a few thousand years ago. Will this message be given again? Malachi 4:5,6 says, "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." Someone will come with a message just like Elijah gave and it will be given in the context of Jesus' second Coming.

What is the message? Where is it found? What will be the results of this message? 1 Kings 18:17-22 contains two thirds of the message. Here it is. "And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, how long halt ve between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men."

Elijah was looked upon as a troublemaker. He was considered to be the cause of all the problems in Israel. This was not the case. Though Ahab is filled with passionate hatred, yet in the presence of Elijah he seems weak and powerless. In his first faltering words, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" he unconsciously reveals the inmost feelings of his heart. Ahab knew that it was by the word of God that the heavens had become as brass, yet he sought to cast upon the prophet

"It is natural for the wrongdoer to hold the messengers of God responsible for the calamities that come as the sure result of a departure from the way of righteousness. Those who place themselves in Satan's power are unable to see things as God sees them. When the mirror of truth is held up before them, they become indignant at the thought of receiving reproof. Blinded by sin, they refuse to repent; they feel that God's servants have turned against them and are worthy of severest censure.

"Standing in conscious innocence before Ahab, Elijah makes no attempt to excuse himself or to flatter the king. Nor does he seek to evade the king's wrath by the good news that the drought is almost over. He has no apology to offer. Indignant, and jealous for the honor of God, he casts back the imputation of Ahab, fearlessly declaring to the king that it is his sins, and the sins of his fathers, that have brought upon Israel this terrible calamity."— *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 139, 140.

Ahab was living in sinful disobedience to God's commands. He had married a heathen woman and was being dragged around by the nose by her. It was his wickedness that was bringing the wrath of God down on an apostate people. Elijah gave a message to try to bring the people back to faith and trust in the Lord. The first part of Elijah's message is really two sides of the same coin. He told Ahab that he had rejected the commandments of God and had followed Baalim. The ten commandments were very important to Elijah and they will be important to all of God's children. Not nine commandments, or eight, or.... Elijah pointed Ahab back to the foundation of all reform and prosperity, obedience to the law of God.

Elijah was NOT a legalist either. He realized that sinful man could not keep the holy law. He and Paul preached the same message. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."—Romans 8:7,8. "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."—Romans 7:12.

Paul and Elijah and the modern Elijah people realize that carnal minded people cannot keep a pure and holy law. Something outside of man must step in and empower sinful humanity to keep something pure and holy. This Someone is Christ, "the Lord our righteousness."—Jeremiah 23:6 Through faith in the ever powerful righteousness of

Jesus, feeble man can obey God's holy law of 10 commandments—if he chooses to do so.

Elijah said that the 10 commandments were vital to all reform and prosperity. Israel had turned from the Creator God and His commandments and was following Baalim. Baalim was the counterfeit creator. The heathen claimed that Baalim had the powers of creation. Nevertheless, Ugaritic records show him as a weather god, with particular power over lightning, wind, rain, and fertility. The dry summers of the area were explained as Baal's time in the underworld and his return in autumn was said to cause the storms which revived the land. Thus, the worship of Baal in Canaan was connected to the regions' dependence on rainfall for its agriculture, unlike Egypt and Mesopotamia, which focused on irrigation from their major rivers. Anxiety about the availability of water for crops and trees increased the importance of his cult, which focused attention on his role as a rain god.

Baalim was looked upon as the creator god. Israel's worship of Baalim was a slap in Jehovah's face. This cultish worship denied God of His creative power and supplanted it with Baalim. Since, there is one commandment that reveals God as the Creator, Baalim worship was a direct attack on that one commandment. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."— Exodus 20:8-11

Elijah called people back to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. The Sabbath, which is Saturday, is the only commandment that reveals God as the Creator. The Sabbath reveals God's mighty power in creation that we might experience that same power in redemption. The Sabbath points to God's creative and redeeming power. The Bible could not be clearer on this. Out of nothingness, the Lord mightily wrought in the creation and the Sabbath was the mark of that great

event.

In redemption, with His work complete, Christ rested in the tomb on the Sabbath. "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."—Exodus 31:13 In redemption, the Sabbath stands as a memorial of Christ's power to change a human being dead in trespasses and sins. "To all who receive the Sabbath as a sign of Christ's creative and redeeming power, it will be a delight. Seeing Christ in it, they delight themselves in Him. The Sabbath points them to the works of creation as an evidence of His mighty power in redemption. While it calls to mind the lost peace of Eden, it tells of peace restored through the Savior. And every object in nature repeats His invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."—Matt 11:28. Desire of Ages, p. 289

While so many lying preachers today say, "The Sabbath is a sign of works;" truly, it is the ultimate sign of man's utter dependence on Jesus to do any good thing. We have already learned that the Sabbath rest is a spiritual rest, and it is therefore impossible for one to keep the Sabbath unless Christ, whose presence gives rest, dwells in his heart by faith. Every case of conversion is a display of the creative power of God in calling out of darkness into light, in delivering from the power of darkness and translating into the kingdom of his dear Son. The true Sabbath is a sign to every Christian of the creative power that has thus wrought for his deliverance, and which is to uphold him through all his varied experiences as he journeys toward the eternal kingdom. As the Israelites were enabled to keep the Sabbath after they were brought out of Egypt, so the Christian, who has been delivered from the bondage of sin, can enjoy the spiritual rest, which is the true idea of Sabbath-keeping.

Elijah exalted all ten of God's commandments and especially the fourth. He specifically emphasized the Sabbath because that was the one Jezebel hated the most and was seeking to destroy among God's people. Elihah was not done. Actually, he was just getting started. "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye

between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."— 1 Kings 18:21

The gauntlet was thrown down, Ahab and the people had come to the Rubicon and it was time for a decision. Fence sitting was no longer allowed; at least not on Elijah's watch. Playing church, warming the pew, coming to see friends or family as the primary purpose for church going, were thrown out to the window. God, via His messenger was calling for reform, repentance, and deep heart searching. His message was "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."—Ps. 139:23,24

"The Lord abhors indifference and disloyalty in a time of crisis in His work. The whole universe is watching with inexpressible interest the closing scenes of the great controversy between good and evil. The people of God are nearing the borders of the eternal world; what can be of more importance to them than that they be loyal to the God of heaven? All through the ages, God has had moral heroes, and He has them now—those who, like Joseph and Elijah and Daniel, are not ashamed to acknowledge themselves His peculiar people. His special blessing accompanies the labors of men of action, men who will not be swerved from the straight line of duty, but who with divine energy will inquire, "Who is on the Lord's side?"— (Exodus 32:26), men who will not stop merely with the inquiry, but who will demand that those who choose to identify themselves with the people of God shall step forward and reveal unmistakably their allegiance to the King of kings and Lord of lords."— Prophets and Kings, pg. 148

Some folks got really uncomfortable with this. Elijah was telling them that lip service Christianity wasn't good enough. Claiming to be the Lord's and yet walking contrary to His commandments was not acceptable. Some people were very offended by his straight forward call. If they could, Ahab and the hoards of Israel would have cut Elijah into pieces right then and there. Are God's messages anymore accepted today as long ago?

What about Jesus? He preached only about love and kindness one

to another. He most surely did preach about those things, but He also declared, "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. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."—Matthew 10:34-38 For those who hear and heed the messages of Jesus, there is great peace in the mind and heart. However, when one person embraces the message and another rejects it, then there is a terrible conflict between the two people. This is what Christ meant here. This is the essence of Elijah's messages.

"The early Christians were indeed a peculiar people. Their blameless deportment and unswerving faith were a continual reproof that disturbed the sinner's peace. Though few in numbers, without wealth, position, or honorary titles, they were a terror to evildoers wherever their character and doctrines were known. Therefore, they were hated by the wicked, even as Abel was hated by the ungodly Cain. For the same reason that Cain slew Abel, did those who sought to throw off the restraint of the Holy Spirit, put to death God's people. It was for the same reason that the Jews rejected and crucified the Saviour—because the purity and holiness of His character was a constant rebuke to their selfishness and corruption. From the days of Christ until now His faithful disciples have excited the hatred and opposition of those who love and follow the ways of sin.

How, then, can the gospel be called a message of peace? When Isaiah foretold the birth of the Messiah, he ascribed to Him the title, "Prince of Peace." When angels announced to the shepherds that Christ was born, they sang above the plains of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:14. There is a seeming contradiction between these prophetic declarations and the words of Christ: "I came not to send peace, but a sword."— Matthew 10:34. But, rightly understood, the two are in perfect harmony. The gospel is a message of peace. Christianity is a

system which, received and obeyed, would spread peace, harmony, and happiness throughout the earth. The religion of Christ will unite in close brotherhood all who accept its teachings. It was the mission of Jesus to reconcile men to God, and thus to one another. But the world at large are under the control of Satan, Christ's bitterest foe. The gospel presents to them principles of life which are wholly at variance with their habits and desires, and they rise in rebellion against it. They hate the purity which reveals and condemns their sins, and they persecute and destroy those who would urge upon them its just and holy claims. It is in this sense—because the exalted truths it brings hatred and strife—that the gospel is called a sword."— *Great Controversy*, pp. 46, 47

In our day, the messages we are to give will cause the same reaction. Some people love the great truths of the Bible and others hate it. Those that despise the truth will rise up against its proclamation and persecute those who hold it dear. In fact, the messages of today have been called a cleaver. "In this day, God has called His church, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth, —the messages of the first, second, and third angels, —He has separated a people from the churches and from the world, to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositories of His law, and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world."— Signs of the Times, January 25, 1910

What is a cleaver? A cleaver is a large knife that varies in its shape but usually resembles a rectangular-bladed hatchet. It is largely used as a kitchen or butcher knife intended for hacking through bone. The knife's broad side can also be used for crushing in food preparation. In contrast to other kitchen knives, the cleaver has an especially tough edge meant to withstand repeated blows directly into thick meat, dense cartilage, bone to the cutting board below. This resilience is accomplished by using a softer, tougher steel and a thicker blade, because a harder steel or thinner blade might fracture or buckle under hard use. In use, it is swung like a meat tenderizer or hammer. The knife's design relies on sheer momentum to cut efficiently; to chop straight

through rather than slicing in a sawing motion. God's messages today are to slice through the deception, the presumption, and blindness of His professed people that they might be brought into harmony with Him.

The final part of Elijah's message was acted out. "Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, it is well spoken. And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench."—1 Kings 18:23-38

The Jews had been given the sanctuary and its services. The Lord sought to teach them so much from these services. Among those things taught in the sanctuary were:

- 1. The law of God points out sin forever.
- 2. Forgiveness only comes through an innocent sacrifice.
- 3. Atonement is taking care of the sin problem.
- 4. As long as sin exists, atonement will be available.
- 5. In the plan of salvation, forgiveness and cleansing are essential in dealing with sin in the individual life and in the universe.
- 6. Christ was the center of the entire sanctuary services. He was the sacrifice and the priest.
- 7. The end time judgment, day of atonement, cleansing of the sanctuary commenced in 1844.
- 8. Christ carried on dual ministries after His ascension to heaven. The first one in the holy place began in 31 AD and the most Holy Place work began in 1844.

Unfortunately, the Jews failed to see Christ in these services and felt that salvation was found in the services themselves. They felt the Lord wanted blood and a multitude of offerings in order to appease Him. In the days of Elijah, the altar of Jehovah had been replaced by altars to Baal. The third part of Elijah's messages was to restore the altar, the centerpiece of the sanctuary service, and to point Israel back to Christ, "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."—John 1:29 On Mt. Carmel, Elijah restored the broken down

altar of God and sought to lead Israel back to the sanctuary and the true worship of their King.

The Elijah messages center on;

- The commandments of God and especially the Sabbath/Saturday.
- 2. The condemnation of Baal/Sun worship or Sunday.
- 3. The call to make a decision, no more fence sitting.
- 4. The restoration of the sanctuary services and all that involves.

Malachi 4:5, 6 revealed to us that someone would come in the context of the second coming and would bring the Elijah messages one last time. So, who was sent of Heaven to restore these messages? Many have come claiming to have been given special light from heaven. Joseph Smith and the Mormons claim that he was an end time messenger. However, Joseph Smith does not fulfill this prophecy because he did not restore the Seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday. Mary Baker Eddy and the Christian Scientists claim she had a later day message, but she did not restore the Sabbath or the sanctuary. Charles Russell and the Jehovah Witnesses claim that he was given special light from God, but he did not preach the Elijah message.

So, who then has given the Elijah message in the context of the second coming of Jesus? Who has restored the Elijah messages? Who alone has exalted the Seventh-day Sabbath, has condemned Sun worship, and has shown the papacy's role in this? Who has demanded more than lip service Christianity and called people to deep devotion with the Lord? Who has restored the sanctuary and its services, calling humanity to look to the Most Holy Place in Heaven's temple? The end time Elijah has been fulfilled in the life, work, and messages of Ellen G. White. She alone meets every specification of the prophecy in Malachi 4:5, 6; she alone has given these messages to humanity. Thank God for this wonderful gift.