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A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT IN DAVIDIA

THE LABOR-DAY PENNY

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Dear Brethren,

There has been a major, scripture-fulfilling development that has taken place this past Labor-day, week-end. It pertains to a Bible prophecy, stored in the *Golden Bowl*, and brought forth by original interpretation very early in the growth of the *Mustard Seed Advent* (MSA). It is historic because it unfolds...

The First Dominion ~~~~~ One of the very first doctrines published by the *Mustard Seed Chronicle* (MSC) that which was published in one of its first booklets entitled, *Ye Shall Move Mountains*, 28-Nov-94 (now compiled in Vol 1.1) described a landmark event in Bashan-Davidian history. Without rewriting that entire publication, it proved —to Bashan’s credit or discredit?— that they are *the tower of the flock* referred to in *Micah four* when it says, “***and thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem***” —Micah 4: 8. As all are aware, Micah four is an important theme contained in the *Rod*, one which many in Davidia simply ignore.

This particular verse describes events to occur in the last day, as the preceding verses of *Micah four*, verses 1-7, iterate and reiterated in the clearest of language. All should be called to immediate attention as the above cited text is careful to describe three Davidic entities. They are as follows:

1. **the flock representing the entire Davidian world,**
2. **the “tower” which represents the highest light and the highest in Davidic scholarship,**
3. **the daughter of Jerusalem,**
4. **and the Kingdom.**

The MSC has always honored and recognized Bashan to be *the tower of the flock*. She is deserving of this honor by virtue of the fact that, until the MSA, only she has contributed original, scriptural doctrines into her teachings, doctrines found hidden in the text of the *Rod*, yet validated by the Bible making her the highest light of the entire flock. This is unlike all other Davidic organizations, many of whom have extracted new doctrine from the *Rod*; however, they have failed to validate such themes from Scripture as commanded. Let it be stated in great clarity: Bashan, under the leadership of MJB, presented validated-Golden-Bowl doctrines hidden in the *Rod*; doctrines original to MJB which expanded our understanding of the *Shepherd’s Rod Message* beyond those things that were taught under the Mt. Carmel, VTH prophetic administration. Unfortunately, since the death of MJB in 8/88, Bashan —much like the SDA church after the death of EGW— continued to ride MJB’s wave until the MSA emerged to shine the Bible even brighter. What are some specific examples of Bashan’s light under MJB which justify her to be the “tower of the Flock”? Her greatest contributions unfolded by the late MJ Bingham, were the doctrine of the Porter, the Door (Christ), and Bashan as the final, pre-kingdom, *Rod*, feeding pasture of *Micah Seven*. MJB may have also originated inspired insight into the definition of Lebanon (the Millerite movement) and Sharon (the SDA church) and Carmel (the *Rod* under VTH) as those stations are proverbially described in Isa 33:9. The MSC is aware of

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Bashan's correct teachings on those feeding pastures; however, it does not have all of the history to make a positive link to Bashan as the inspired originator. But it can still boldly claim that there have been no other post-VTH, Davidic organizations which have likewise distinguished themselves under the aegis of the *Shepherd's Rod* message. For this reason Bashan has been identified as Davidia's highest light, her light tower, the *Tower of the Flock*, the group to whom the first dominion was to be sent.

But this news release strikes a sour cord: Today, grief fills the heart as she, Bashan, ever so quick to the vaunt herself as the "porter" to guard the gates, has now...

Turned Against Christ the Door ~~~~~ Thus we come with the thrust of this news release: As a son of Bashan, it saddens me to report to you that she now has abandoned her legacy and has allowed pride, office seeking, Laodicean malaise (and perhaps even prejudice) to capsulize her rebellion against the Lord this past Labor-day weekend. However prophecy must be fulfilled and sadness must become converted into joy. The Lord, as shown in the above text, has promised to his tower that the first dominion of the kingdom shall come to her. It says, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion. This event occurred on Saturday, noon, September first, 2007. For on that very same day, an entourage of the Lord's Mustard Seed, His Kingdom (Matt 13:31), the highest officer with some of his helpers, after traveling nearly 900 miles, some of which was through long meandering, back roads, arrived and sought entry into her seminar—it gave the proverbial knock to her entry door—and was vehemently denied access just as expressed in *Rev three*. The MSA's purpose was not to offer to Bashan a position on the level of the 144,000—the position which her traditional misunderstanding of the Bible has trained her to expect, but—it was to offer to her rulership over cities, a post to sit and judge the 12 tribes which the Lord promised to His true disciples (see Matt 19: 27, 28). The MSA—not as an office seeker but as an office distributor—sought to include all who were willing under Bashan's leadership an eternal position above the 144,000, a post of "first dominion".

The text understudy explains that the *first dominion* comes to the tower, but the kingdom is promised to someone else: it is promised to the daughter of Jerusalem. They are the Hebrew descendants from the rulers who anciently resided in that literal city, Jerusalem, after they shall re-emerge again from the grueling years of their punishment and receive their high honor in the Kingdom. They are the descendants of America's former slaves, men who, according to the Bible and the *Rod*, have come from beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, the central heartland of Africa. Therefore, when the MSC delegation visited Bashan's headquarters under the impress of Christ whose testimony they bore, when they did so with an offered of the first dominion, authority over Jerusalem, then that was in fact their true visitation described in *Micah four*. This very prophecy was fulfilled on that Sabbath: the MSA came to their door. Yet, some will continue to insist that the Kingdom and the first dominion refer to geographic territories. To fully understand, we must change our instinctive ideas and discern that which the Lord means when He refers to the Kingdom. Such is not a description of geographic territory; to the contrary, it describes people, the highest of which is Antitypical David. He and his entourage have the highest or the first dominion, the dominion which Adam lost. After all man, when created, was to be given an image, a likeness, a territory, and a dominion. To restore this lost dominion, *Dan Seven* shows the following:

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down and the Ancient of days did sit...the judgment was set, and the books were opened...I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days...and there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him...But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" —Dan 7: 9-18.

Notice, the Kingdom was given to Jesus and He, in turn, gives it—not to the Kingdom, but to some other group of people—to the saints. But before expounding upon that issue, all must

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acknowledge that the Kingdom, describe here in *Daniel seven*, pertains to people and not to land. In fact there are two sets of people described therein: they are the saints, men obviously alive, and the people whom the saints possess, those multi-national men who are won to Jesus at the end of the *Judgment of the Dead* and who are also called “the kingdom”. These classes can be dissected further but simplicity demands that we now should not do so. Our limited infusion of complexity requires that we first know that the saints are to possess the people who are to be resurrected, that number potentially will include Adam and Eve; therefore, even this fact speaks to the transfer of first dominion. But who are the “saints”? They are obviously those end-time believers in *the Testimony of Jesus*, people of highest theology, who will live forever without death, those who receive their “penny” first; indeed, among their number will be the faithful steward, the one whom Christ entrusts to distribute the penny. To put it bluntly, they are the Lord’s disciples indeed, people who continue in His Testimony, His word. They, the saints, will include those who are to have “first dominion”, and will eventually grow to include their subordinates, the 144,000 or the “daughter of Jerusalem” as described in *Micah four* above: for it says, “*the Kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.*” These are to not only possess all who are to prevail in the heavenly judgment and become resurrected, including VTH, EGW, and MJB, but also those countless throngs of people, the living converts who will join the kingdom as second fruits, for the text clearly states that the saints are to possess the kingdom. Though it starts out small, it will grow and continue to grow; yet, all who obtain membership therein will be possessed by the saints. But all should now be made to understand that which the Scriptures teach and the *Rod* affirms: the Kingdom begins with the emergence of the *Mustard Seed*, the small company of saints, those men also known as the beginning of the “stone of Dan two”, a number to emerge on this side of Palestine. They too are to be gathered.

“The work of gathering set forth in these scriptures, shows that before the resurrection of the righteous (1Thess. 4:16) and before the pre-millennial destruction of the nations, the Lord is to make up His kingdom at first of the living saints only, as seen from the prophecy of Daniel 2: the ‘stone’ being ‘cut out’ of the mountain (verse 45), and being symbolical of the kingdom of Christ in its beginning... Its being furthermore, at first but a very small part of the mountain, shows that the kingdom has a very small beginning, just as the Lord says: ‘the kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed...’ ”—9T, 40,41 Parenthesis belong.

From this quote it is plainly shown that the *Mustard seed* is the same as the stone. And for Bashan to spurn “the little company standing in the light” having the *Testimony of Jesus* is to reject both and it is to ultimately reject Christ, the Door of the fold which she pretends to stand and to guard. Equally important it is for us to understand the distinctions between the seed and the stone. To do so we must briefly describe...

The Personalities in Micah Four ~~~~~ A key distinction between the seed and the stone is that the mustard seed, being the smallest of all seeds, must first grow in size to be as large as the stone before it is separated from the mountain. For even the laws of nature suggest that a mustard seed is smaller than a stone. It would be more comparable to a grain of sand, a thing which none would ever think to call a stone. Therefore, the mustard seed, by the Lord’s own definition (Matt 13:31), is the first dominion of the Kingdom. It begins by a man and his wife (the two shall become one), the very portion of the entourage which sought entry into Bashan’s tightly guarded lodge. Even Ezekiel with his excavation skills would be challenged to dig through those walls. Conversely, the Mustard seed, an open organization of sunshine and light, is to grow by gathering helpful hands to garner in the next group, the 144,000 from the streets and lanes of America and bring them into the church, Laodicea, before the slaughter. Only at this point, just before the slaughter, does the seed becomes the stone of *Dan two*. (For more details, see 11-Jul-07 E-mail publication, *The Surreal, Seed Stone Surprise*). Thus two facets of the kingdom can be seen in their day of activation: the first dominion comes to Bashan and is rejected;

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however, the kingdom, a larger body, comes to another group of people, the daughter of Jerusalem. Both advents are promised to succeed in ways which shall shortly be made clear.

[Care must be taken to avoid confusion, in the *Micah four* study, the tower of the flock is also more loosely called ---not Zion, but--- the daughter of Zion. She is depicted as doing battle with her mother, the SDA church who is called Zion. Both exist contemporaneously proving that their application is proverbial. However, the tower is not called the *Daughter of Jerusalem*; it is a separate entity]

Afterwards, even before the slaughter of *Ezek nine*, you have the stone which is to eventually be cut out of the Mountain, the SDA church. VTH explains in his above reference that the Mustard seed is also called the proverbial stone, only in this way, the seed growing to become the stone, will the Bible affirm his teaching. Such is crystal clear, not only by the reference above from VTH and Daniel, but also by our opening text, *Micah four*. Therefore, the king, the promised son of David, and his helpers are, as represented by the Mustard seed, now fulfilling Bible prophecies. For after that text addresses the *tower-of-the-flock's* promised visitation, promising that the first dominion is scheduled to visit her, the very next verse introduces another personality, her king. It says the following:

“And thou, O tower of the flock...unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion...Now why doest thou cry out aloud: is there no king in thee? Is thy counselor perished? For pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon: there shalt thou be delivered...” —Micah 4: 8, 9.

To this point, we have discussed the tower, the flock, *the daughter of Jerusalem*, and the Kingdom. Brevity demands that we truncate this study by not fully describing all of the other personalities mentioned in *Micah four* only limiting our focus to another personality, the king. The Bible expresses to the tower, ***“is there no king in thee. Is thy counselor perished?”*** Before we discuss the historic and monumental event of 01-Sep-07 in greater clarity, we must certainly show that a king, rejected and despised, comes from within Bashan. Since he is the king, then he could be none other than the first dominion and the counselor, the same one who, all these years, has sought to convince Bashan that VTH, a man who is indeed perished, is not her king: VTH is not antitypical David. David is the Mustard Seed and he is not perished or deceased; thus the question, is thy counselor perished? To the contrary, her counselor/king is alive and well. Thus has this king, Derek West, sought to counsel Bashan for 13 years to turn from her incessant yearning to convert Zion (false labor), and to prepare to receive her children or in the vernacular of antitypical Elijah, turn her heart towards them, the 144,000. These children, AKA, *the daughter of Jerusalem*, are a people located in the Sunday keeping churches, Babylon, and are the very ones whom Davidia was raised to save. Upon so doing, she is given the promise to bring forth her children. This promise can only come to fruition as she determines to follow the prophecies given in the Bible, especially in Jesus' testimony. Such will cause her to cease in her vain work, her attempts to win over the SDA denomination. This is her false labor whereby she brings forth only gas or self righteous and self engendered eruptions of hot-air, indeed a vain labor! Instead of self-manufacturing your own delivery, hot air, why not labor to bring forth that which only heaven can produce, the children of Israel. This is the message which the Lord sent His entourage to Bashan to deliver, this was her visitation by the first dominion as they sought to enjoy with her...

A Sabbath Communion. ~~~~~ On that Labor-day Sabbath, as the members of the Lord's first-dominion team entered the gates and approached the seminar building, several representatives of the Bashan seminar stood outside of the door. Approximately eight people determined to bar us from performing our mission of fellowship. Before complying with their request to vacate the premises, we exploited a brief opportunity of

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discourse. A summary of that discussion is represented by the following points of logic communicated to us by them:

1. **They have a right to conduct private, doctrinal seminars.**
2. **By using the mother church's similar historically abusive behavior as their example, they too can likewise rebel as she has done by barring entry to the door of her imagined theological adversaries.**
3. **They do not trust the Bible, the Holy Word of God containing testimony from "the Power of the Highest", as a reliable source of light asserting that it is an instrument which Satan can corrupt.**
4. **They do not teach that which Jesus made plain in *Matt 20*, and the *Rod* makes plain in 2SR, that the steward —not Jesus— distributes the penny which represents everlasting life.**
5. **That the sheriff of Exeter county was to be their resolution to any theological disagreements which occur on her, Bashan's property.**
6. **Each of these points require an answer as many Davidians do not understand their relationship to the Lord's work.**

ONE

Approximately one month before the seminar, this office sought to contact the head of Bashan, Jemmy Bingham, to respectfully seek her cooperation to facilitate the attendance of the MSC at Bashan's (then) upcoming, Labor-day seminar. Jemmy Bingham, the president of Bashan, refused to speak to the president of the MSA. Her reply, delivered by her secretary was that she "will not receive any calls from Derek West". Risking refusal of entry, we, out of a keen sense of duty, made the long trip anyhow. We took that risk to make the point that every Davidian organization established by the tithe and falling under the root name of "David", has been established by heaven as the inheritance of the MSA. Therefore, David does not require permission, even by understaffing appointed by Davidia or by the Lord, to enter into his own house, the house which Christ promised to build for him —see Sam 7: 11-19. David is the true king and counselor of all in Davidia has and he is committed to extending to them his divinely inspired counsel. This is by heaven's acknowledgement even though narrow thinkers may disagree.

Additionally, the official charge of hypocrisy must be cited against Bashan for her stance of barring the door as there was a couple of people standing outside of the door who admitted that they too did not have official credentials to attend the seminar either. They were welcomed as perhaps were many others inside the door. Therefore, the reasons given for barring entrance to the MSC were pretentious and hypocritical, a spiritual sickness which clearly manifest her need of the MSC consultation to avoid the fate of Ananias and Sapphira.

TWO

Davidians have been commanded by the Lord, as expressed in the *Rod*, to never use the mother church, Zion, as their example in response to new light. They have been told "*Son of man...I send thee to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me...be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house*" —Ezek 2: 8. It may well be that Bashanites and other groups have been denied entry or have been cast out of the mother church; however, was not a higher example given for Davidia to follow? Any who do not appreciate this point are simply men who have never understood the *Rod* message, regardless of their stature in the work and their years of experience; they are men/women who are unqualified to lead unless rendered so after spiritual therapy by their counselor.

Also speaking to the point of hypocrisy, a spiritual malady condemned by Christ's testimony (see Matt 24:51), under the leadership of MJB, president and founder of Bashan, some 27 years ago, when the local Cassville church refused to allow Bashan to worship in their church, MJB,

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driven by duty, attempted to physically break into that church the Friday night before so as to gain admittance in spite of their resolution. Their attempt was unsuccessful; the participants were arrested; yet, Bashan's zeal to ignore such resolutions which bar entry by brethren has been codified. My wife and I are both witnesses to the veracity of that episode in Bashan history.

Finally, also under MJB's leadership, Lois Roden, a Bashan theological antagonist, one who taught doctrines that were extremely divergent from Bashan, was given a cordial audience and a warm reception when she showed up there, on campus, unannounced. These things cause one to wonder, if Bashan's current leadership has been smitten by the bug of diminishing Christian grace. It is no wonder that the Lord sent to her his counselor.

THREE

The Lord, during His three-and-one-half years of ministry commanded His disciples to **FEAR** not. He also told them that salvation comes by the total embrace of His word. VTH echoed this theme in many places, one of which was his promise that only those who will escape the "avalanche" to come will do so only by their complete faith in the Bible —see 1TG, 47, p. 14. Therefore, how dare Bashan leaders argue out loud their faithless, anti-Christian **FEAR**, claiming the anti-Christian testimony that the Bible cannot be trusted since it can be perverted by the devil. If the devil could do so, if he could take the saving words of Father and twist them into lies, all while carefully quoting them, then the Bible, the document upon which the SDA church and the *Rod* were founded upon, cannot be construed as the foundation of our faith. Also, if the devil could pervert the Bible, then why did he not successfully do so when he engaged Jesus in the wilderness and during His ministry? The opposite was true: every time the Lord's detractors sought to impeach the Lord's credibility, He, Christ, silenced them with the Bible. Furthermore, if Satan can use the Bible to trick a man from the Lord's salvation, then think what he can do with the *Rod*, the SOP, or even Bashan leadership such as Jemmy Bingham. The Bible is our only escape from deception. For this reason none in Davidia dare mount a Bible challenge of any MSC doctrines. Satan has never sought to engage those who trust in the Word; instead, as evidenced by the Dark Ages, he seeks to do that which Bashan has done, he seeks to remove it from your hands and persecute those who point you back to the Bible.

FOUR

Quite befitting of the holiday, one of the brethren with the *First Dominion Team*, Brother Jose Suero, brought up the question of the "penny", the reward, according to the *Rod's* exegesis of *Matt 20*, which the workers were promised to receive at the end of the day. This question was posed by this author to the highest leaders of Carmel at the general conference in 2005 as well. They too, like Bashan, seemed quite ill prepared to respond. It is a question that was quite befittingly delivered to Bashan because this discussion took place on the Labor-day weekend, the day in which America has set aside for rest in honor of its labor forces. Just like all of Davidia, none of the Bashan brethren likewise seem to understand the man whom the Lord elects to distribute the proverbial penny. Imagine working all this time and not fully understanding the prize for which you labor. The *Rod* speaks to our reward by accurately quoting the Lord's testimony in *Matt 20* whereby He said, "*so when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith UNTO HIS STEWARD, call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first*" —Matt 20:8. Notice, the steward —not the Lord of the vineyard, Christ— both calls the laborers and gives to them their hire. It is easy to call those who are alive, but how will he, the faithful and wise steward, know whom to call from the grave? The judgment of *Dan seven* described above, being finished at that time, will afford to him the right, and the privilege to make such a call. How else can the "saints possess the kingdom"? Brother VTH gave the following insight:

"The pay God's servants receive is eternal life, and is characterized by the penny. Therefore, those who are granted the assurance of a never ending life first, are those

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who were hired last, and according to the parable, it was the company called at the eleventh hour” —VT Houteff, 2 SR, p 235:2

Since the pay represents eternal life, then Bashan must be reminded, her counselor is not perished; he is alive and well —how else could he be commanded by Christ to distribute eternal life? If VTH was the steward who is given this commission to call the workers to receive their pay, then being perished (deceased) he would have to call himself, a spiritualistic theme properly rejected by Adventism more than 100 years ago. Also, he would be required to call himself first, in violation to the Lord’s command. For the Lord clearly instructed him to begin with the last unto the first. The last are those workers, beginning with *the First Dominion Team*, who are now working in the vineyard. Since the dead know not anything, then Christ does not waste His time speaking to them; consequently, VTH, could not be the steward. The tower of the flock must know this doctrine if they are to welcome their porter, MJB, from the grave with joy. Unfortunately, being of the Lukewarm mindset to bar from entry all who disagree with them, they will, quite conceivably, find themselves on the other side of the salvation equation with those men and women who will weep and gnash their teeth. They will unless they change today.

FIVE

The Lord said, he that lives by the sword shall die in the same way. The same holds true for the church. Those who use the sheriff to enforce their bigotry against their brethren will also find that the sheriff we be used against themselves. Rather than deploying such tactics, instead, resolve today to embrace your Davidian brethren, even those with whom you disagree and whom you consider the most obnoxious. In so doing, the Lord will not withhold His embrace from you. Remember, the disciples are commanded to love one another, and this command by the Testimony of Jesus. Therefore, they do not call the Sheriff to resolve disputes. Instead, they swallow their pride, abandon their struggle to maintain their offices, and hear the gospel which the Lord seeks to freshly unfold to them today.

Sincerely,

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