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The True Independence Day

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Brethren,

The following statements were made to the forum regarding the 144,000 and the racial makeup of that number:

“If America should apologize to them, then America and the European nations should apologize what they did to African Americans, South American, Central American, Caribbean so called blacks but more accurately the Hebrew Israelites.”

“I know of the Hebrew Israelite holocaust that occurred in the Americas. I am talking about the one that involved the ships and whips.” — E-mail from danyelhabin77atahoo.com. Spelling corrections made

Also:

“Like I said, I don't think all the 144,000 will be dark brown skin (so called black). Races have been mixing for centuries. Racism and segregation based on skin color is fairly recent. The ancients weren't like that. History proves it. Israelites were originally a very dark race that would be called black today. But does this mean a white or Asian person today with blue eyes, blond hair and for an Asian yellow skin, chinky eyes by fact doesn't have a so called black ancestor or ancestors?” —E-mail from SDAD@yahoo.com On Behalf Of D DTuesday, July 03, 2007 9:30 PM. Spelling corrections made.

These sentiments misrepresent Bible righteousness and should be addressed. The MSC is burdened that Davidia may be vulnerable to subtle deception on this issue and must again make the matter straight. As indicated above, there has been much recent talk about the racial makeup of the 144,000. They indeed will emerge from the non-SDA sons of America's former slaves. Considering the higher honor extended to Davidians of all races, there is absolutely no reason for any of them to lament this righteous strategy to save the world. In addition, as firm as is Bible evidence to establish this point pertaining to the identity of the 144,000 and their superiors, there is no mention of any Bible mandate for SDA Church-abiding American citizens to apologize for the sins of slavery and oppression. [**Apology: an admission (acknowledgment) of error... Webster**]. Such an emphasis appears to be derived from secular, civil-rights rhetoric more than from the life saving *Testimony of Jesus*. Let us take great care in regard to this theme lest the enemy subvert the Bible. Furthermore, the Elijah message, the bound-up testimony (*Isa Eight, Rev 12*), does not require that we apologize but that we rather turn our hearts towards the oppressed. Let us become perfectly clear on this point. Apologies are a very cheap substitute for the real Christian principle of charity. Remember, *“Charity suffereth long and is kind...and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”* —1 Cor 13: 4-13. It was the lack of this Bible-prescribed charity which led to American slavery. The reason why Euro-Christians were able to so thoroughly oppress Jerusalem, their African-American captives, is two fold: one because they did not love them or their hearts were turned away from them, and the other will be addressed below. The *Testimony of Jesus* perfectly harmonizes with other text in the Bible such as *Isa 58* in this matter. It shows that, rather than wallowing in yesterday's sins and repining over them, we should heed the Lord's mandate, as expressed in the parable of the Good Samaritan, and seek, by the Lord's good grace and power, to recover them. The restoration of the prodigal son —to mix proverbs— is what Christ now greatly desires, and His desires must

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become those of our own. We must not continue in the spirit of our forefathers; we must adopt the Spirit of Christ, His mind. His mind must be in us.

“...When every specification that Christ has given is carried out in the true, Christian spirit, then, and then only, heaven ratifies the decisions of the church, because its members have the mind of Christ, and do as Christ would do if He were upon the earth.”

“Brethren, it must be manifest that we are not only Bible readers, but doers of the Words of Christ. Those who fully trust in the Lord Jesus, will be obedient children, and will have guidance from above. The mind and will of God are made plain in the living oracles.” — EGW, *Review & Herald*, Vol. 67, No29, Col 2:3,4; July 22, 1890.

Jerusalem, the leaders of God’s people yesterday and the subset of 10-Tribe Israel who were made to pay double for their sins by being captured and oppressed twice, first by being scattered into every nation on earth and then by being captured and extracted from Africa, a land beyond the Rivers of Ethiopia, could have never fallen under the oppressive yoke of her Euro-Christian oppressors, had she heeded God’s counsel and complied with the covenant. This is how they lost their autonomy and independence. And, this explains the second reason why Euro-Christians were able to oppress them and enslave them. It was Christ who orchestrated their oppression.

“But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth: for a spoil, and none saith, restore. Who among you will give ear to this? Who will hearken and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.” —Isa 42: 22-25

Can it be stated with greater affirmation? This text, and others like it, express in incontrovertible and undeniable verbiage that Christ humiliated Jerusalem, the people called Jacob in this passage, by leading them into captivity and oppression. American oppression and slavery of Africans was the result of His punishing wrath. Thus is the query offered: **“who among (Davidia) will give ear to this?”** This fact gives all SDA’s who embrace this truth, regardless of their racial identity or the sins of their father, a free and gracious pass. They, as saints under the call of the *Three Angel’s Message*, will definitely be judged, but not for the sin of slavery.

To fully understand this point, we must know that Christ orchestrated Israel’s affliction. However, there is a deeper dimension to this account: Christ’s love for Jerusalem, the “apple of His eye”, precluded Him from personally presiding over their harsh treatment. Consequently, He sent Jesus on that mission. Jesus, never knowing Israel being that they were scattered into the nations before He was conceived and being that He clearly did not pre-exist His conception as proven many times by the Bible, is responsible for executing the punishment upon Jerusalem. After all, Jerusalem’s captivity by Euro-Christians and Assyria occurred under Jesus’ administration in the New Testament era. In short, Christ, the Lord of the OT Church, scattered Israel years before Jesus was conceived. Then, He, Christ, declared His work on earth finished and began to re-assumed His task of ruling the heavenly host —see John 17:1-5— while He transferred the task of gentile, church management over to Jesus. This transfer made Jesus, not Christ, the earthly “Lord of Host”, during the *Time of the Gentiles*. Thus was Jesus commissioned, sent, anointed by Christ to save the gentile nations and to punish Israel. Why, again because such a task of oppression was too harsh for Christ Himself to personally manage. The below Scripture explains this point to the careful reader:

“Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north saith the Lord: for I (Christ) have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord...for thus saith the LORD OF HOST(Jesus): after the glory (after the ascension) hath HE (Christ) sent ME (Jesus) unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of HIS (Christ) eye.” — Zech 2: 6,8

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Clearly, even from our study of the 144,000, we can see the duality of Jesus and can realize how perfectly He and Christ work together. We have proof and bonafide evidence now which not only shows the duality of Jesus, but also shows that Christ's love for Jerusalem was too intense for Him to execute phase two of their terrible punishment; after all, they, Jerusalem, were the apple of Christ's eye, the most sensitive part of the body. So He gave the mission to Jesus, a Being who was not emotionally attached to them. Even still, there is no need for us to apologize [**acknowledge error**] for the Lord's actions. These things were done purposefully to save humanity. EGW also speaks to this issue of slavery and reveals Christ's responsibility in it. Even though she did not have a "strong-meat" understanding of this dimension of the plan of salvation—it is only now being unfolded to the church—yet, she had the inspired insight to show that Satan attributes responsibility to both Jesus and Christ as He disputes with the interacting heavenly angels as they minister in our behalf on earth:

“Professed followers of that dear Saviour whose compassion was ever moved at the sight of human woes, heartily engage in this enormous and grievous sin, and deal in slaves and the souls of men...Such injustice, such oppression, such sufferings, are looked upon with heartless indifference by many professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. And many of them can themselves inflict, with hateful satisfaction, all this indescribable agony: and yet they dare to worship God. It is solemn mockery: Satan exults over it and reproaches Jesus and His angels with such inconsistency, saying, with hellish triumph, ‘such are Christ’s followers’ ”—EGW, Early Writings, p. 275.

It must have been embarrassingly painful for Christ to have his angels exposed to the realities of slavery and the indictments of the arch deceiver directed towards His leadership. Yet, the Lord has big shoulders, big enough to bear the responsibility of His own actions. We all can learn from His honesty and forthrightness: He takes ownership for His actions no matter how repugnant and offensive such actions may be construed by other observers to be. He does not require that we apologize [**acknowledge error**] for His work, for such would impeach His righteousness. According to Scripture, it was Christ who forged the European powers for the express purpose of punishing Jerusalem; they, the Euro-Christian powers, were elected to be “the rod of His anger” against the “hypocritical nation” —see Isa 10: 5. Our job is to now work with Christ to reverse the curse of *Deut 28-30* and restore peace and life to Jerusalem. For very soon Jesus will finish His work and the *Time of the Gentiles* will be over. Then, Jesus, the Lord of Host in the NT epoch, will hand the proverbial mantel back to Christ, giving back to Him the charge of being Lord over the earthly host as the following verses from Zech two express:

“For behold, I (Christ) will shake mine hand upon them (the gentiles), and they shall be a spoil to their servants (Jerusalem): and ye shall know that the LORD OF HOSTS (Jesus) hath sent ME (Christ). Sing and rejoice O daughter of Zion (DSDA): for lo, I (Christ) come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee (Davidia), saith the Lord (Christ)...and many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day and shall be my people...and thou shalt know that the LORD OF HOST (Jesus) hath sent ME unto thee.”—Zech 2:9, 11 (the next verse after that which was quoted above [all should read the text consequently]).

Clearly, from these text there are two divine Powers, the Lord and the Lord of Host. Both serve separate functions. Therefore, all who study these *Golden Bowl* text from Zech 2: 6-11 and cannot discern the partnership of Christ and Jesus, must explain who else these personalities represent, and do so with Bible evidence. Least you are tempted to obfuscate the issue, Bible evidence will show that they are neither Father nor the Comforter. Additionally, these text clearly show that the “apple of His eye” will be exalted, and they will cause many other nations to join this “hell-gate invincible” church which Christ will soon manage. For this reason must we, the Daughter of Zion, extend unapologetic, parental love and compassion to Jerusalem, the sons of America's former slaves. For if they are ever to be healed and joy in their day of independence, it will not come through our apologies for the Lord's deeds but through our heart felt charity, our zeal for restitution, our desire to obey Jesus' Dove-inspired testimony a

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command to be Christians as defined by the parable of the good Samaritan, to restore the Hebrews who left Jericho and were consequently attacked by thieves and left for dead on the side of the road —see Luke 10:37. Davidia must turn their hearts towards the children. It is this charity which will measure us (SDA) in the judgment, not the sins of our gentile predecessors. Those who have advanced light in Laodicea must now seek to buy His gold which has been tried in the fires of affliction. Davidian Seventh-day Adventists must step forward and become parental in their desires to clean them up theologically, and show them the Lord's righteousness. If apologies are to indeed be extended, they must come from Jerusalem, the future leaders under our authority in the Kingdom, also known as the 144,000. They are to acknowledge to Christ the errors or sins of their forefathers as the reason responsible for their years of destitution. They therefore are to recognize that they are Israel, and their historic proclivity to sin has yielded their captivity just as promised by Moses in *Deut 28*; it has also resultantly allowed Christ's arch enemy to impeach ;His good name:

“Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy way to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice saith the Lord. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you, and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding”—Jer 3: 12-15

Who dare seek to challenge the facts brought forth by this passage: Israel must confess and acknowledge their connection to the disreputable Hebrew church of yesterday, and she must turn from her long history of backsliding and rebellion. Also, she must, before the slaughter of *Ezek nine*, allow the Lord to lead her into the SDA church, Zion —not the Kingdom yet— she must there subordinate herself to the knowledge and tutelage of her newly established Davidian pastors, *“Pastors according to (the Lord's) heart”*, people who have the “mind (spirit) of Christ”. In other words, “the hearts of the children must be turned unto the Fathers.” Is not this concept impossible to confuse? Can any true-hearted disciple now doubt that this experience was summarized by the Lord's own testimony when He described the regeneration of Israel and promised that the disciples who remained faithful would be seated over them to shepherd them or judge them. He said, *“Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel”*—Matt 19: 28.

Therefore, let not the enemy throw us off the mark with silly notions of apologies and reparations. This country can keep her soon-to-be worthless money. They can continue to stingily refuse to acknowledge or pay for their historic sins. Their apologies and reparations will not make a difference anyhow? After the apologies are offered and the monetary reparations extended, will that open up the prisons, clean up the ghettos, and bring tranquility to the housing projects? Will African Americans ever have peace without the Lord? Unless unloving people change and become charitable, such solutions will only breed more anger, hostility, and contempt. If this seems facetious to you, merely examine the reaction in America to the recent immigration bill which sought to bring cure to the illegal, Mexican immigration problem. Any kindness and compassion legislated in that endeavor yielded even greater hostility. Such issues were never intended to be matters of law. Such solutions can only come, not through legislation, but through reformation, through a change of heart, and God has elected us to lead the way and show the world our victory over bigotry. Such will yield the true independence day.

Sincerely

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