

# THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

“To all who walk in His ways the new year will be crowded with goodness and blessing.”

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## **A Glorious Victory and Abundant Harvest**

By Basil A. Reid

It is significant to observe that, so softly another year has begun. It is a new year and not one that we had before. This new year does not contain days from past year or years with their failures for us to erase and use again. However, not like other years, 2006 is filled with all new days. Each new day in this year should receive our keen attention because they bring new opportunities containing eternal consequences.

In the Old Testament, the beginning of a new year carried special significance. There was a night of miraculous deliverance of the enslaved Israelites from Egypt. It was commanded to be the beginning of the first month of the year. It began a time for reflection and anticipation. As the Israelites prepared for the New Year there was a personal preparation, family preparation and national preparation. The special lamb was to be chosen, killed and the blood painted on the lintel and door-post of each Israelite house. Each head of the family made provision for himself and his household. A personal effort had to be made in selecting a lamb according to the direction received from Moses. The life of the entire household depended on the father doing his part faithfully.

Members of the family were only safe if they remained in their house "... and non of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning." (Exodus 12:22). We too, must remain within the sphere of the Holy Spirit and divine protection to be kept this new year. **<continued page 2>**

## **SPECIAL FEATURE FOR 2006**

Beginning January, 2006 the Centre is inviting one church per month to come and worship on a Sabbath. Programme includes Sabbath School, Divine Hour, Seminars and touring of the Research Centre. For appointments call:

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## A Glorious Victory and Abundant Harvest (continued)

In the New Testament the Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9) was an illustration of a beginning—a new year. For three years no fruit came from that tree. It received all the benefits of nature, but bore no fruit. Now the fatal words “cut it down.” However, an intercessor intervened and it was given another year. That too, was a brand new year for the fig tree to cheer the hearts of both the owner and dresser of the vineyard.

Whether we compare ourselves with the slaves in Egyptian bondage or with the fig tree growing in freedom, a new year has been given us. Let us use it wisely keeping the eternal verdict in mind. For those who would go out of the house that night in Egypt or the Fig Tree that bore no fruit, the consequence was death.

Let us not bring the burdens of last year or the anxieties and fears of next year into this year. Sufficient for this year are the evils we will face. But a glorious victory is assured us as the Israelites experienced and doubtless an abundant harvest as expected from the Fig Tree.

Happy New Year !

“Let us begin the year with an entire renunciation of self; let us pray for clear discernment, that we may understand our Saviour’s claims upon us, and that we may always and everywhere be witnesses for Christ.” *Signs of the Times*, January 4, 1883.

“Let us gather up the treasures of the past year, and carry with us into the new year the remembrance of God goodness and mercy. Let us brighten the future by the thoughts of past blessings.” *This Day With God*, p. 358.

## THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Studies in the Spirit of Prophecy and the Life and Work of Ellen G. White

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### THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

**How has God communicated with the human race since man sinned?**



“Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:21). “The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue” (2 Sameuls 23:2). “Search the Scriptures; for they are the voice of God speaking to the soul” (*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 8, p. 157).

Sin broke the connection between heaven and earth, between God and man. He could no longer see God face to face and live (Genesis 3:8-10; Exodus 33:18-20), hence thereafter chosen men and women were to be the channels used of God to speak to the fallen race.

**What is the purpose of God in communicating with men?**

“There are three ways in which the Lord reveals his will to us, to guide us, and to fit us to guide others....God reveals his will to us in his word, the Holy Scriptures. His voice is also revealed in his providential workings....Another way in which God’s voice is heard, is through the appeals of His Holy Spirit, making impressions upon the heart, which will be wrought out in the character. If you are in doubt upon any subject, you must first consult the Scriptures.” (*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 5, p. 512).



**Has it been the plan of God to keep the channel of communication open between Himself and the human race?**

“Surely the Lord will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

Israel of old was without a prophet among them for 500 years before Christ’s first advent. Then in the first century after His coming, the channel of communication between heaven and earth was opened as never before through Jesus, the apostles, Paul and many in the early church. Apostasy developed in the church as it had in the Jewish nation, and for seventeen centuries the channel was nearly, at times completely, closed between God and man so as far as the living testimony was concerned. As the Advent Movement arose, restoring the “old paths” of truth, and tearing down the walls of error that for ages had encircled the church, the Lord graciously restored the gift of the living messenger to His remnant people.

## PIONEER OF THE MONTH:

Lottie C. Isbell Blake  
(1876-1976)

Dr. Lottie I. Blake was the **first Seventh-day Adventist Black Physician**. She began a career in teaching in Columbus, Ohio, in 1896, where she became a Seventh-day Adventist. Later, while studying nursing at Battle Creek, she was encouraged to become a doctor. She trained at the American Medical Missionary College, graduating top of her class in 1902. She began practicing in Nashville, Tennessee, as director of Rock City Sanitarium. Her treatments involved natural remedies patterned after those used by Dr. J. H. Kellogg. After a year she was called to serve at Oakwood, where she met her husband, David E. Blake, also a physician and pastor. They married and accepted a call to Panama as self-supporting missionaries. They went to Haiti, then on to Jamaica until their savings were exhausted. They planned that Dr. Lottie Blake and her children would wait in Jamaica, while Dr. David Blake went back to United States to set up a medical practice. Little did they know that he would die of pneumonia. After his death, Dr. Lottie Blake moved to Columbus, Ohio, and worked there until 1957. In 1976, she died at the age of 100. Her death has inspired many to the true work of Christian service. One of her many contributions to the church was to organize the first nursing training programme at Oakwood College.

## THE HEALTH CORNER: Legumes and their effect on heart disease



Legumes are a family of plants identified by their seed-bearing pod. There are all common beans (black, white, pinto, and kidney), lentils, garbanzos, and dried split peas among others. Legumes are excellent source of fiber, which binds to cholesterol and carries it out of the body.



They contain a variety of nutrients, are often less expensive than comparable protein resources and are relatively simple to prepare.

Ellen White wrote that "In order to maintain health, a sufficient supply of good, nourishing food is needed. If we plan wisely, that which is most conducive to health can be secured....The various preparations of rice, wheat, corn, and oats...also beans, peas, and lentils...give an opportunity to select a [diet] that is complete" (*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 2, p. 299).

**Love for God is essential for life and health. Faith in God is essential for health. In order to have perfect health, our hearts must be filled with love and hope and joy in the Lord.** *Counsels on Stewardship, 115.*

## Words from the Pioneers Regarding the Spirit of Prophecy James White on Ellen White Visions

"They tend to the purest morality. They discountenance every vice, and exhort to the practice of every virtue. They point out the perils through which we are to pass to the kingdom. They reveal the devices of Satan. They warn us against his snares....They have aroused and re-aroused us to a greater consecration to God, more zealous efforts for holiness of heart, and greater diligence in the cause of service of our Master. They lead us to Christ. Like the Bible, they set Him forth as the only hope and only Saviour of mankind."

*The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, June 12, 1866.*

## Questions and Answers



How many books and articles did Ellen White write?

At the time of her death Ellen White's literary productions totaled approximately 100,000 pages: 24 books; two book manuscripts; 5,000 periodical articles in the church journals; more than 200 tracts and pamphlets; approximately 35,000 typewritten pages of manuscript documents and letters; 2,000 handwritten letters and diary materials comprising, when copied, another 15,000 typewritten pages.

Compilations made after her death from Ellen White's writings bring the total number of books currently in print to more than 130.

## The Spirit of Prophecy Association

### Did you Know?

The Ellen G. White—Seventh-day Adventist Research Centre at Northern Caribbean University has launched a **Spirit of Prophecy Association**. Members of the Association support and benefit from the activities of the Centre.

**Activities at the Centre** include collecting and preserving Ellen White's writings as well as other materials (supportive and critical) that are relevant to SDA theology and history. We also produce research, present seminars, and answer questions about Ellen White and SDA history and theology.

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- \* Devon Ebanks.

## Did you Know?



At the time of her death Mrs. White received considerable editorial comment in the secular press. The editor of the Toledo (Ohio) *Blade* wrote: "With the formation of the church of Seventh-

day Adventists, [Ellen White] immediately developed an influence, and that influence was maintained to the hour of her death, a period of seventy years. Besides unusual talents as a preacher, she had organizational and administrative powers. These were all given to her church. It prospered and grew until it has spread through many lands. Universities were founded, medical schools, hospitals and schools for teachers and missionaries. Mrs. White was a remarkable woman....She was of the flesh of which saints are made."

(Roger W. Coon. *A Gift of Light*, p. 60).

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