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Introduction

Another year ... closes today. How can you look back upon it? Have you made advancement in the divine life? Have you increased in spirituality? Have you crucified self, with the affections and lusts? Have you an increased interest in the study of God's word? Have you gained decided victories over your own feelings and waywardness? Oh! what has been the past year's record of your life, which has passed into eternity, and can never be recalled!

As you enter upon a new year let it be with an earnest resolve to have your course onward and upward. Let your life be more elevated and exalted, than it has ever hitherto been. Have it not your aim to seek your own interest and pleasure, but to advance the cause of your Redeemer. Remain not in a position where you are ever needing help yourself—where others have to guard you to keep you in the narrow way.

... Aim to honor God in everything, always, and everywhere. Carry your religion into everything. Be thorough in everything you undertake.

... By what means shall we determine whose side we are on? Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Upon whom do we love to converse? Who has our warmest affections, and our best energies? If we are on the Lord's side, our thoughts are with him, and our sweetest thoughts are of him. We have no friendship with the world; we have consecrated all that we have and are, to him. We long to bear his image, breathe his Spirit, do his will, and please him in all things. —*Testimony for the Church* # 17, pp. 83-86

Ellen G. White.

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Beacon of hope, faith, and truth in a confused world.

We believe:

- The all-wise, loving God created all things in the universe by His Son, Jesus Christ; He is its Owner and Sustainer.
- He met the challenge to His loving leadership and authority by reconciling the world to Himself through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, the Word made flesh.
- The Holy Spirit, Jesus' representative on earth, convicts of sin, guides into truth, and, when abiding in man, overcomes all unrighteousness.
- The Bible is the record of God's dealings with mankind and the standard of all doctrine; the Ten Commandments are the transcript of His character and the foundation of all enduring reform.
- His people, in harmony with God's Word and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, call all men everywhere to be reconciled to God through faith in Jesus.
- Bible prophecy reveals that earth's history will soon close with the visible return of Jesus Christ as King to claim all who have accepted Him as the world's only Redeemer and their Lord.

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Results of The Gland Document

1924

Just one year later the results of the Gland document became evident, as expressed in a declaration of the Russian Adventists. As the Germans later did on the calendar page of April 20, 1940, published by the Advent Verlag (Advent Publishing House), glorifying Adolf Hitler as a ruler who had sown in blessing and reaped in blessing, the All Commissary Republic was praised by the Russian Adventists:

Moscow (Kremlin)

"To the Central Executive Committee of the Socialist Federal Republic, form the 5th Joint Council of the Federal Congress of Seventh-day Adventists, August 16 to 23, in Moscow, in House 3 of "The Federation."

Declaration. "Principles, Faith and Organization of the Seventh-day Adventists..."

THEIR RELATIONSHIP TOWARD THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC:

"Right after the appearance of the Federal Government in the territory of the former Russia, the Seventh-day Adventists living in the Socialist Federal Republic have not doubted for a minute that the slogans of the Commissary Federal Government in the change-over from 'capitalism to socialism'-'all ruling power to the Commissariat,' 'the rural country to the working farmer,' 'equal opportunities and self-government of individual nations,' 'one who does not work should not eat,' 'freedom of con-

science, religious and anti-religious propaganda,' 'separation of church and state, and of the school from the church, introduction of the new style and new correct writing'-are the magnet which unites all rational thinking men and nations into one strong Federal Republic.

"Seventh-day Adventists, who were persecuted during the time of Czarism and remember all their experiences, saw, in the change and the effort to abolish all causes for despotism and suppression of nations, that the Federal Republic is the legal government, and acknowledged it as such, which also has a right to rule in the framework which God has designated and with authority. Therefore, on the basis of the Bible, the Seventh-day Adventists have, up to now, rendered all taxes and dues to the Federal Commissary Republic for the strengthening of the Republic, and shall continue to do so in the future. They are completely convinced that, as long as the Federal Government acts according to the principles laid down in the constitution and laws, she will not permit any oppression of nations or persecution of sincere believers, and will be the strongest government in the whole world. For this reason the Seventh-day Adventists pray sincerely to God that, in the future also, He may give to the Federal Government the needed wisdom to lead the different nations, that it may be able to execute the principles of freedom and justice that are in view. [Compare this with the writing of 8/6/1914 to the German Ministry of War by H.F. Schubert.] By taking all the above into consideration, which are based on the safeguarding of life and the freedom of men, the Seventh-day Adventists hail the disarmament of all nations, as is proposed by the Federal Government. They express to the organizers of the Federal Government their respect for guaranteeing to us civil and religious freedom, and we re-

gard it as necessary to comply with our state duty, civilian as well as military. [Could such a statement ever be recalled?] We welcome the decree, published on January 4, 1919, and newly verified on December 14, 1920, as singly existing in the world and worthy of imitation by all nations. It shows us that the Federal Government is really intent on assuring us full freedom of conscience, since it permits us to fulfill our duties toward the state in accordance with our conviction of conscience before God, as well as before the Federal Government.

“The teaching of Seventh-day Adventists guarantees their church members freedom of conscience on this question, and does not prescribe for them how they should act, since every person is responsible for himself in accordance with his own conviction on the military question, and the Congress does not hinder such members who serve at the front, if their conscience allows it. The service entered upon the everyone must conscientiously and faithfully perform as a civilian duty.”

Our Wishes. “Looked at from the principles of the divine rulership of the world, we are convinced that God, through His providence, has directed the heart of our never-to-be-forgotten W.J. Lenin, giving him and his close co-workers wisdom for the creation of the only progressive and timely state apparatus in the world. We, as delegates of the fifth General Federal Congress of the Seventh-day Adventists, express to the government of the Socialist Federal Republic and all the co-workers in our land, in the headquarters as well as in the provinces who are solidly united under the banner of work and freedom, our acknowledgment, and thankfully appreciate all conquered freedoms, and petition:

[Now follow the different points, but we mention only point 3.]

“In the future it may be possible for us to cooperate in the construction of the Socialist Federal Republic, wherever the ability, energy, and experience of the Seventh-day Adventist organization may be useable.

“The Congress expresses special respect to the representatives of the Federal Republic and with joy welcomes the 13th point of the thesis of the

chairman, General Kalinin, and the 17th and 18th resolution of the 13th Congress of the R.K.B.(BO, in which the participants are ordered to cooperate in the building up of the state. For this reason the Seventh-day Adventists wish to be a rose in the bouquet of the believing citizens of the Socialistic Federal Republic. Board of Directors of the Congress; Chairman: H.J. Loeb sack; Chairmen: J.A. Ljwow, G. Zirat; Secretaries: W.S. Dyman, W.G. Tarasewsky.”

[Read in this connection *Gospel Workers*, pp. 391-396, titled “Our Attitude in Regard to Politics.”]

What strikes us in this declaration to the Russian Socialist Federal Republic is that the leadership of

the Seventh-day Adventists not only wrote to the government on its own initiative and committed its members to service on the front, but also glorified this socialist system as the only one progressive and timely in the world!

1925

HOW DID CHURCHES IN GENERAL CONSIDER THE APOSTASY FROM GOD'S COMMANDMENTS?

PASTOR D. Steinlein (Ansbach) wrote in the *Allegemeine Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirchenzeitung* (General Evangelical-Lutheran Church News), No. 37, 1925, concerning a struggle in the Adventist Church under the title, “Dissension Among Adventists”:

“In 1915 the ‘International Missionary Society of the S.D.A. (Seventh-day Adventists), Reform Movement,’ was founded with its headquarters in Wuerzburg, standing in sharp contrast to the official Adventist Church. The dissension was caused by a pamphlet issued by the official leadership of the Adventists during the war, ‘The Christian and the War,’ which was to be only for church members and was kept secret from the public. It stated that the strict keeping of the Sabbath commandment was not required during the war, and that one may also fight on the Sabbath; also that the commandment ‘Thou shalt not kill’ was not to be applied in war. If one considers how otherwise the absolute



keeping of the Sabbath commandment has always been stressed—which is sufficiently proven by utterances made by Mrs. White, honored as a prophetess, and by the German Adventist leader Conrad—one can only marvel at this annulment of the basic commandment. It can be explained because they feared that otherwise the state power would ruthlessly intervene. But, as can be seen, this pamphlet led to a separation. The Wuerzburg persuasion now uses the same expressions against official Adventism which otherwise were freely used against other churches (Babylon).... Besides this there are other points that are significant. Those of Wuerzburg are adherents to strict health reform, and condemn eating meat, vaccinations and the like. In the publication 'Awakening and Reformation; the complaints against Adventism are more explicitly illustrated under bold-faced titles such as, 'A Terrible Apostasy.' The dispute is instructive in that it shows that even the Adventists were not able to uphold the legal, literal interpretation of the Bible. A strong weapon against the church has thus been taken out of their hands."

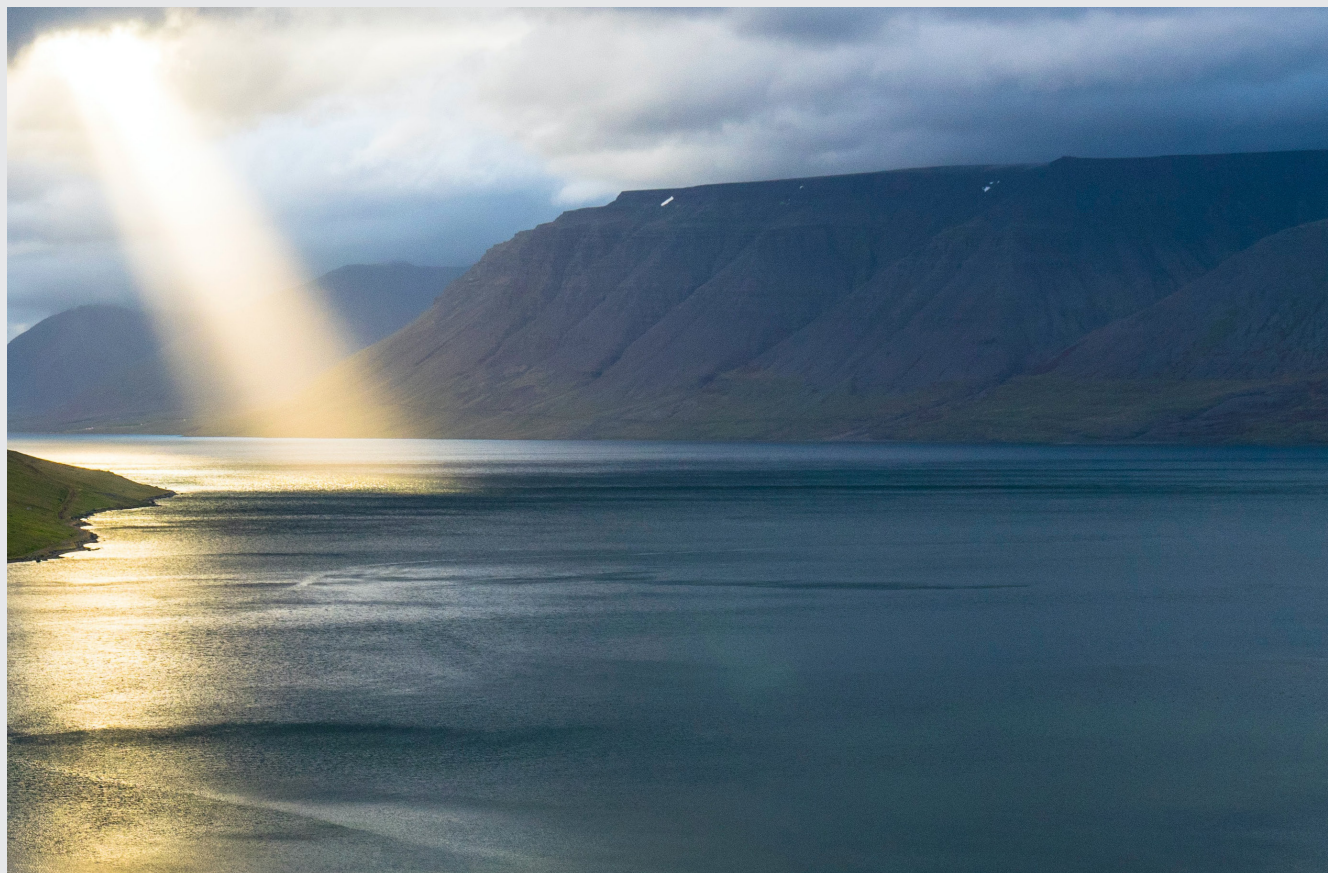
This is how the Lutheran Church looked at the forsaking of principles. What a deplorable conclusion for the S.D.A. Church!

1926

WHAT HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN THE POSITION OF FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS TOWARD WAR?

The English Prime Minister wrote the following about "The First Christians and War," in the Dresden Latest News, June 14, 1926: "The early Christians refused at first to enter into military, since war jeopardized the teachings of the Lord. Yet after three centuries, political necessity drove them to abandon their position completely; and all of the middle ages furnished devastating evidence how totally they had become unfaithful to the faith of their fathers. The endless wars and butcheries of these centuries and, if I may say so, even the events of our enlightened age, are overwhelming evidence of the total departure from the teachings of the first church."

But who would have believed that Seventh-day Adventists would follow the same path by abandoning the faith of the first Christians from the days of Jesus to the third century in regard to objection to war, and follow the fallen churches?





The Time of The National Socialist Rule

1933

A NEW, TERRIBLE APOSTASY

It is well known to everyone what path the German people took when Adolf Hitler became their leader. Thus, the members of the Reform Movement watched with great interest to see what position the Adventists would take, especially since it had been said after World War I that the European brethren had made a mistake and this would never be repeated. As Europe now came under the banner of war again, Adventists had an opportunity to rectify the shame of the First World War by faithfulness in this new test. The leaders were given an obvious opportunity to place themselves on the side of the immutable principles of God even, if need be, by yielding their own life. Yet what a sad picture unfolds before our eyes! We see a repeated, new apostasy of such enormous proportions that a pen can hardly describe it.

Along with the political upheavals in Germany and the beginning of the tyrannical rule, the leadership of the S.D.A. Church attempted to inform the new government of its cooperation.

"Berlin, December 20, 1933:
To the Imperial Ministry of the Interior, Berlin.
"Memorial Statement of the Seventh-day
Adventist denomination in Germany.

"...The denomination carries out through its affiliated organization 'Advent Missionary Society, Incorporated' far-flung missionary activity among non-Christian nations. It regards this task as a sa-

cred duty by referring to the missionary commission of Christ as mentioned before. Through the activity of its missionaries, German culture and sentiment are nourished and advanced in the different parts of the world. Just recently missionary activity in the former German East Africa (Tanganyika) was resumed, with the hope and expectation that Germany will soon have administration over it again....

"We have sent to all our church members an appeal concerning the people's decision and the imperial parliament elections, to assent to this decision with their votes. At Friedensau, district of Magdeburg, which is an Adventist colony, it was approved 100%.

"In this matter we have also successfully worked counter to the horror propaganda in foreign countries through our international relations. (Enclosures have been remitted.)

"For the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination in Germany,

with the German salute,
XXXXXXX."



In 1933, when the Nazis came to power, a large number of Adventists marched under the symbol of the heathen sun-wheel in different political affiliations. The freedom of conscience proclaimed at Friedensau was shown to mean that every member had full liberty to serve the state as far as his conscience would permit. What the testimony says is true-what one does once becomes easier the second or third time.

1934

In "Our Youth in Time of War," 1934, p. 6, it was stated: "...The church does not attempt to dictate to its members individually, but each person must stand upon his own conscientious convictions."

The law is our measuring-stick, not the conscience of the individual. What happened to the certain sound of the trumpet?

1936

THE REFORM MOVEMENT PROHIBITED

As in World War I, the faithful believers put their lives on the line for the truth and God's law-some perished and others were imprisoned-so it could not fail that the adherence to Biblical standards would finally come to the notice of the German government, and thus it happened; in April 1936, the Reform Movement was prohibited. Note the wording of the dissolution and prohibition order:

"On the basis of 51 of the VO of the imperial president for the protection of people and state of 2/28, 1933 (Imperial Law Folder 1, p. 83) the sect of the 'Seventh-day Adventists (Reform Movement)' is dissolved and forbidden in the whole of the imperial territory. All funds will be confiscated. Counteractions to this edict will be punished on the basis of 54 of the VO of 2/28, 1933.

REASONS:

"The 'Seventh-day Adventists (Reform Movement)' under the garb of religious activity is striving for aims that counteract the world outlook of National Socialism. The adherents of this sect refuse armed service, and desist to use the German salute. They declare openly that they know of no fatherland, but are international, looking upon all men as brothers. Since the attitude of this sect tends to the confusion of the populace, its dissolution was necessary for the protection of both people and state.

As Representative: (signed:)

Heydrich Verified:

(signed:) Chancery Employees."

At a meeting of the leading brethren of the S.D.A. Reform Movement, it was decided to direct a written appeal to the government offices and seek discussion. At the second discussion in the offices of Heydrich, it was declared to the brethren that it was in their hands how matters would be acted upon. In answer to some questions as to the denomination's attitude toward war service and the German salute, it was declared: 'We must decline a form of greeting which contains a political confession.' Concerning killing: "We go by the words of Christ in Matthew 5:44, 'Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.'" At this Heydrich answered: "Then, of course, you decline war service!

"We are bound to God's word and must decline demands that are against it."

Following another appeal, the final decision was given August 12, 1936: "The explanations in your writing of 7/27, 1936, as well, give me no

reason to invalidate the prohibition of the sect of the 'Seventh-day Adventists (Reform Movement)."

(Stamped signature:)
Heydrich Verified:
Kehn Chancery Employees."

"It is reported that in 1936 the former Seventh-day Adventist General Conference President, C.H. Watson, was asked by a prominent leader about Hitler's government. He replied: 'We can thank God that we have the present government. Hitler received his power from God.'

"In answer to the question, 'Can an Adventist join in the German liberty movement?' he answered, 'Why not?'" (Excerpt and answers to questions from Bible studies of May 20, 21, 1936.) This reply was totally contrary to God's word.

"What are we to do, then? Let political questions alone. 'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?...or What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?' What can there be in common between these parties? There can be no fellowship, no communion." – *Gospel Workers*, p. 392.

1937

In the Adventist publication of the South American Division "La Revista Adventista," November 1937, it was announced: "Difficulties in Europe... In one country, Yugoslavia, a child must present a baptismal certificate to be able to go to school. Therefore all Adventist children are baptized by a Catholic priest to receive this certificate. All young people must serve from 1 ½ to 3 years with weapons. Sabbath observance is unthinkable. Military service occupies the young people during those years when they can be most influenced, bringing them into the worst possible circumstances, without any religious assistance...."

According to this report, the trials were great. But it is only by taking a decided stand for the truth, and an unyielding position toward the demands of the state in matters of our faith, that we can stand before God.

1938

In the spring of 1938, when Austria was occupied by Germany, the following interesting exchange of telegrams took place between the Adventist Publishing House in Hamburg and the Publishing House in Vienna: " 'We greet you as co-workers at home and in the field as those rejoined in the united great fatherland. Operations Manager and Staff of the Advent Publishing House.' We received the following written answer from the Adventist Publishing House in Vienna:

" 'We, as co-workers in the Publishing House and in the field, thank you heartily for your sympathy in the historical events which move our hearts deeply. The eternal God has done more than we have dared to hope and believe... In the last hour a strong arm has pulled back the German land from the rim of the precipice.... Our energetic leader, Adolf Hitler, according to God's selection and assistance, became the liberator of Austria. No one else could or should accomplish this great work.... For the Christian, it is no question that he, aware of his national ties, fulfills his duties as a citizen of the state, and on election day will cast his vote for Germany and its Leader. That we belong to this society is a gift of God, and the political organization is according to God's order.' " – *Der Adventbote (The Advent Messenger)*, April 15, 1938.

Is it not strange that, even though there was no occasion for it, they conformed to the governments and paid ??? to them, as was also the case in Austria? How could they honor Hitler as a liberator of Austria when, against God's will, he invaded a country which, according to Daniel 2:44, was to stand as an independent nation (one

of the ten toes), and then even great them by telegram?

The nationalistic spirit even took over the Adventist schools, as the following excerpt from an article in the *Advent Messenger* of November 1, 1938 shows: "The present position of the school question.... We have been placed as citizens of the state in our community, and the school is obligated to foster the national socialist spirit. The greater part of the pupils belongs to the Hitler youth, the association of German girls, and the Red Cross. Every day between the third and fourth hour, we gather for some time as teachers and pupils in the school room, to receive, in addition to the current scholastic announcements, a daily review of the political and economic conditions and events of the past day, to read national socialist and other thoughts of value, and to sing our German songs. This short assembly serves our education as a people."

1939

WORLD WAR II

When World War II broke out, we again saw more yielding of God's commandments and cooperation of the leadership of the Adventist Church with the government, as was the case in World War I, even though it had been claimed that this would never happen again. Once more, a *Worship Calendar* note on January 30, 1939, read: "The Fuehrer [Hitler] found means and ways to make Germany, and with it us, great again. Where before was retrogression and destruction, now one looks forward confidently to the future. But we are filled with one thought, one sentiment-overwhelming thankfulness to God and the Fuehrer."

The *Advent Messenger* of October 1, 1939, showed their attitude toward the war events, and it is a delusion which deserves pity: "We are now standing in the storm of world-moving events.... A great time must find great people.... For this reason we not only willingly but gladly join in every required service. Whoever loses his life in do-

ing so, to him the words may be used in memory, 'Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' John 15:13. Let us remember all our fighting men, and especially our brethren, who venture their lives for the homeland and those who are left behind! We also want to pray for the Fuehrer [Hitler] and his co-workers."

1940

"For all people will walk every one in the name of his god." (Micah 4:5.)

"Today we are experiencing another day which gives to our people an opportunity of glad remembrance. We remember thankfully and proud the day in which a people, out of dishonor and distress, experienced its regeneration and freedom. Our thankfulness is first directed to the Lord in Heaven who from His mercy and grace helped the will of a Man to a victorious breakthrough. And we thank our Fuehrer at this hour that he did not give in or despaired in the heavy battled but in the strength of his faith over the powers of wretchedness raised himself victoriously. New light was breaking through the heavy, dark clouds of inner separation and animosity. The battle for the acknowledgment and respect of our people went into the world, and broke more and more the chains and bonds which had fastened around the body of our people. Border posts, against justice, had to fall, and German brothers and sisters found their way home again into the great fatherland. How much cause for thankfulness fills all the hearts today of those who can be happy for the strong protection of the German empire. And blessed is he who in this thankfulness does not forget to praise and honor Him, under whose protection our Fuehrer has placed his work. May we remember that we are dependent on the blessing of God, which must safeguard life and health for the Fuehrer and his co-workers to the people." —*Calendar Reading of Jan. 30, 1940.*

**IN ADDITION THE CALENDAR
READING OF MARCH 10, 1940:**

“All those who gave their life in the service of the fatherland and the movement have become to us living ones salvation, their dying a reason for a new life, their sacrifice the dawning of a new day. We therefore honor them in deep thankfulness. Their blood has dedicated the insignia of our flag a new, the emblem of our ancestors, which recognized in it a symbol of victorious heroism.”

These announcements, just quoted, are such great ways of error, not understandable, that they must call forth terror in a truth-loving Adventist. The word in Lamentations 4:1 have in this case been literally fulfilled: “How is the gold become dim! How is the most fine gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.”

Calendar Reading of April 15, 1940: “Therefore we thank God for the wise and mighty leading Head which He has presented to our German people. The Lord of history did not wish that we should glide deeper into the abyss, as it happened after the lost World War. He therefore sent us a saviour who, after so many lucky undertakings which, almost against all historical experiences, has cost none, or very few sacrifices of blood, has been elected to lead our people through the hardest test of its existence. The past year of life of the Fuehrer was richly blessed with success, and now we shall unite in the heartfelt intercession that God may not fail to give him, and with it us also, His blessing in the new year of life.”

**FURTHERMORE THE CALENDAR
READING OF APRIL 20, 1940:**

“‘He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.’ 2 Cor. 9:6.

“If millions of hearts are bowing today in deep thankfulness to God, to ask for the welfare and blessing for their Fuehrer, then the word of the Apostle is fulfilled: ‘He which soweth bounti-

fully shall reap also bountifully.’ It was the confidence to which gave formerly the strength to the Fuehrer to wage the heavy battle for the freedom and honor of Germany. The unshaken faith of Adolf Hitler made him perform the great deeds which made him outstanding before all the world. His work was a bountiful sowing. He wrestled unselfish and faithful for his people, and he stood valiantly and proudly for the honor of the nation. In Christian humility he gave the glory to the Lord in heaven in all great hours which he could celebrate with his people, and he felt dependent on the blessing of God. This humility made him personally great, and this greatness was the source of blessing from which he could always draw for his people. Only a few statesmen are standing so brightly in the sunlight of a blessed life, and surrounded with rejoicing by his people as our Fuehrer. He has sacrificed much in the years of his struggle, and little thought of himself in the wearing work for his people. We are comparing the untold words in which he has appealed to the people with a glowing heart, with seed kernels which have now sprung up and are bearing precious fruit. This shall be the Fuehrer’s blessed reward and most valuable present on today’s day of honor to know: It was not in vain! God has blessed the work and has crowned the effort with precious addition. Sown in blessing, and harvested in blessing.”

Advent Messenger, of July 15, 1940 (in part): “We shall never forget the hour when the enforcement of the armistice with France was announced to us, and following it the first stanza of the Choral of Leuthen, the songs of the nation, and the Netherland’s hymn of praise were sounded.... And who would not have thanked with all his heart in view of a victory which had no equal in the history of ours! We have taken courage, have worked, and –when we saw the necessity–fought as never before.... It shall remain this way in the final phase of our struggle, which, with victory over our last opponent, will bring us peace.

“How glorious is the hour of victory! We, who once have been so treacherously defrauded of the victory and just peace, have tested it with deep joy

and without any arrogance.... Fighting and sacrifice is still ahead. What for is fully clear....”

But what did the Seventh-day Adventists say in countries that were at that time conquered?

Besides this, in the year 1940, shame upon shame was heaped upon the holy name of God, and the name “Seventh-day Adventist” became of ill repute. And yet, during this hard time of the Hitler rule and World War II there was a small remnant who determination it was to stand up faithfully for the God’s holy truth. Praise the Lord!

1941

We read from the Adventist publication of the South American Division “*La Revista Adventista*” of March 17, 1941:

“In Rumania, for instance, the president of the Union, the presidents of the fields, secretaries and treasures, men of the departments, pastors and canvassers, the leaders of the institutions and the employees of them, as well as also the offices of the churches, forsake their posts repeatedly to follow the call of the country. Many of them were in the army since the beginning of the war.... Right now he (the Union president) and all presidents of the fields are in the service. In some fields all canvassers, including the leader, are a part of the army...”

Jotting down this report, we are forcefully reminded of the apostasy of the first Christians after the second century. The report from the tract “The First Christians and War,” from the religious Society of Friends, Philadelphia, USA, illustrates this as follows: “This general apostasy from the first faithfulness came not along suddenly. Slowly this rottenness spread like any other. During the first two centuries nothing is mentioned of a single Christian soldier. In the third century, when Christianity was partly spoiled already, Christian soldiers come more and more to view. And sins since the manifold vices were increasing, their number grew, until finally, in the 4th century,

‘Nominal Christians’ stepped into the army without reluctance. Nevertheless, ever now and then a voice for the sake of peace was heard from an old church father; but there were less and less of these fathers, until finally the last one left the world, and the doctrine ‘War is illegal’ had ceased to be a tenet of the confessing church....” Should this perhaps be repeated today?

In South America, as well, this same weakness and apostasy can be seen, as can be noticed from the following publications of the same Adventist paper:

“While we have our freedom guaranteed here in South America, we must work. We must show all reverence for the national (patriotic) holidays and for the national emblem, and show by our life that we are the best of citizens owned by the fatherland.” (*La Revista Adventista* of ----)

“Up to this moment there are some hundreds of our church members, among them teachers, evangelists, and lay members that are in the front of the battle.... I have heard that many other teachers and evangelists had to leave the church schools, and also groups of brethren with them, to march into the front of military operations.” (It refers to the war-participation of the Adventists in the war of Bolivia–Paraguay.) (*La Revista Adventista*, of Dec. 5, 1932)

During later years we must perceive, sad to say, the same identifying marks in the book “God’s Hand in the World Events,” issued by the Saatkorn-Publishing House, Hamburg, by a false identification of antichrist which does not harmonize with the Holy Scripture. Even though it is out of fear of this power, yet it is a leading astray of the readers and a denial of truth. Should we not give the trumpet a certain sound, no matter what might happen to us? First the wording from this book: “Many Christians ask themselves today who among the powers of the present time is the antichrist. About this the Scripture does not give us information by name, yet it marks the antichristian power distinctly by the number 666, the three-fold placed number of a man, which stands opposite to the number 7, the number of divine

fullness. Have we not already experienced something which carried an antichristian expression? Let us remember the days when it was voiced, 'The Fuehrer is always right!' 'Il Duce a sempre ragione!' was written on the white faces of the houses and walls in the small Italian town. Shall we remember that the 'loyal' could not be overdone to glorify mortal humans, that were subjected to error, and often enough lived a way of life which in no manner was worth of imitation. And yet divine infallibility was ascribed to it, and the 'Fuehrers' were pleased with it. We have already experienced in Germany in a general test of antichrist. Are the powers which by the help of the masses of human beings brought the 'Fuehrer' to the top, really not existing any more? Even though the form of the state may change, the carrying masses still exist and, together with their 'Fuehrers', which are only presenting the masses, mark the time then present. Is it perhaps different in the religious realm? Christ, again, is a genuine Fuehrer, who does not expect of His disciples opportunisms (meaning to conform to the situation then present; ed.), but confession...."

In all this has it been forgotten how a few years prior just this "Fuehrer" received homage from them?

The author of this book writes that the Holy Scriptures does not give us information by name. If there were no possibility for this definition who the antichrist is, then it could be said, God has left us in uncertainty. But this is not so! We read clearly in Revelation 13: 3-8, 12 last part of 18, as well as Daniel 7: 24-26, that this power, which is the papal, blasphemes the Most High, destroys the saints of the Most High, and thinks itself able to change times and law, and further, that this power carries the number 666. In this name only "Vicarius Filii Dei," (Representative of the Son of God) the number 666 is contained according to the Latin value of numbers. The papacy even admits that she has changed the Sabbath, the rest day of God, in into the first day of the week, Sunday. We also know that the papacy has been the persecutor of the true Christians, and millions of martyrs are written on her account of guilt. Added to this we can read in Rev. 17: 1-11, where such clear characteristics have been given by the prophet John, that it may easily be known who the antichrist is. We point especially to verse 9, that this woman sits on seven hills. And although much more extensive can be written about this, this short proof may suffice to show, who the antichrist, described in the Bible, is.





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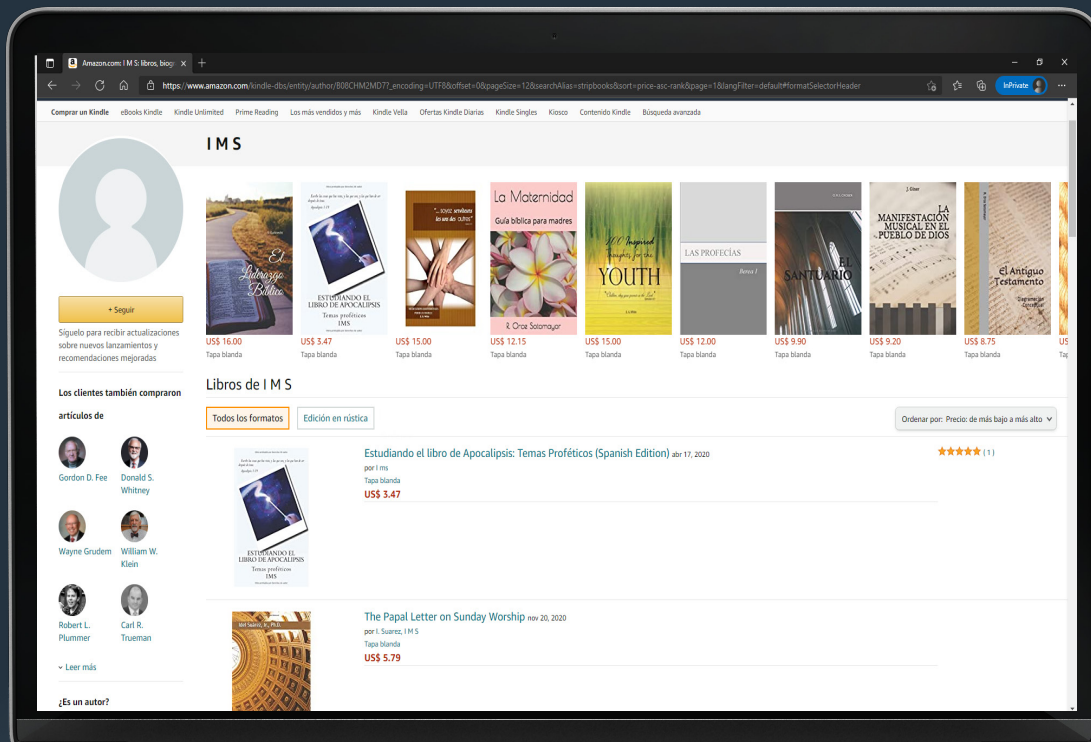


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