

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy

Chapter XII.- Jacob and Esau Episode 8

As Jacob went on his way, the angels of God met him. And when he saw them, he said, "This is God's host." He saw the angels of God, in a dream, encamping around about him. Jacob sent a humble conciliatory message to his brother Esau. "And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; and said, if Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape. "And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee; I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude."

Chapter XIII. - Jacob and the Angel Episode 1

Jacob's wrong, in receiving his brother's blessing by fraud, is again brought forcibly before him, and he is afraid that God will permit Esau to take his life. In his distress he prays to God all night. An angel was represented to me as standing before Jacob, presenting his wrong before him in its true character. As the angel turns to leave him, Jacob lays hold of him, and will not let him go. He makes supplications with tears. He pleads that he has deeply repented of his sins, and the wrongs against his brother, which have been the means of separating him from his father's house for twenty years. He ventures to plead the promises of God, and the tokens of his favour to him from time to time, in his absence from his father's house. All night Jacob wrestled with the angel, making supplication for a blessing. The angel seemed to be resisting his prayer, by continually calling his sins to his remembrance, at the same time endeavouring to break away from him. Jacob was determined to hold the angel, not only by physical strength, but by the power of living faith. In his distress Jacob referred to the repentance of his soul, the deep humility he had felt for his wrongs. The angel regarded his prayer with seeming indifference, continually making efforts to release himself from the grasp of Jacob. He might have exercised his supernatural power, and forced himself from Jacob's grasp, but he did not choose to do this. But when he saw that he prevailed not against Jacob, to convince him of his supernatural power he touched his thigh, which was immediately out of joint. But Jacob would not give up his earnest efforts for bodily pain. His object was to obtain a blessing; and pain of body was not sufficient to divert his mind from his object. His determination was stronger in the last moments of the conflict than at the beginning. His faith grew more earnest and persevering until the very last, even till the breaking of the day. He would not let go his hold of the angel until he blessed him. "And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." The angel then inquired, "What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God, and with men, and hast prevailed."

Jacob's persevering faith prevailed. He held fast the angel until he obtained the blessing he desired, and the assurance of the pardon of his sins. His name was then changed from Jacob, the supplanter, to Israel, which signifies a prince of God. "And Jacob asked him and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." It was Christ that was with Jacob through the night, with whom he wrestled, and whom he perseveringly held until he blessed him.

The Lord heard the supplications of Jacob, and changed the purposes of Esau's heart. He did not sanction any wrong course which Jacob pursued. His life had been one of doubt, perplexity, and remorse, because of his sin, until his earnest wrestling with the angel, and the evidence he there obtained that God had pardoned his sins.

"Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed. He wept, and made supplication unto him. He found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us, even the Lord God of hosts. The Lord is his memorial."

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Welcome

Welcome to the East Auckland City Seventh-day Adventist Church.
We pray that your time with us will be blessed as we worship together.

Tonight Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 18th February 2026 7:00pm

Speaker: Sister Lorna-Jen Crallan

Topic: Prayer

Zoom ID: 836 3376 4709 ~ **Password:** eacsdanewzealand

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: TBC

Topic: TBC

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Pastor Evans Nwaomah

Title: I Am Fearfully And Wonderfully Made Psalms 139:13-16

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 8:03pm Date: 27 th February 2026	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Mar 1 st to Mar 6 th Elder Jay Crichton
End Time: 8:01pm Date: 28 th February 2026	Divine Service Offering Local Church	Duty 2: Mar 1 st to Mar 6 th Elder Jay Crichton

VISITORS

Welcome to our visitors and newcomers. Please let our greeters know that you are visiting today. We would like to officially welcome you, and we are so happy to have join us.

SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST

Join Pastor Tehuiarii Leverd each Sunday morning at 6am, on Zoom, for a feast on the WORD.

STAFF DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

S.T.A.F.F. Discipleship Training with Pr. Tehuiarii Leverd at 7pm on Zoom or at Pastors house in person.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON PAYMENTS

If you have been blessed to receive a lesson and have not yet paid into our Sabbath School Pamphlet Fund, please feel free to make payments to this fund through eGiving, envelope or bank deposit to help our Church keep supplying these to you and others in need! Please reference Sabbath School Pamphlet fund for envelope or bank deposit. Or See Sister Nancy or Elder Ross D or Brother Madu.

NOTICE FOR ADVENTURERS

Registrations are still open for Adventurers 2026. Classes for 2026 will start on the 14th of March. Please return registration forms by the beginning of next month. Registration is \$5. If you'd like to teach in Adventurers this year, please let Sister Toia know. We are needing a few more teachers.

POSTPONEMENT FOR PATHFINDERS & ADVENTURERS INDUCTION

Our induction ceremony is being moved to a later date. We'll keep you posted on the new schedule!

Forms: we'd like for parents to hand in there child's already filled out form. Please let Sister Toia know if you are in need of a registration form for Adventurers.

YOUTH RALLY

Casting Crowns – Youth Rally | 28th of February 2026 at 3:30 pm | Tui Ridge Park, 260 Anderson Road, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty 3072 New Zealand (Tōtara room) | Special Guest: Pr Dwayne Tataoro Strickland

PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP AWARD TRAINING CAMP

Start: March 6th End: March 8th | Dickey Flat Adventure Camp, Dickey Flat Road, Waikino, Waikato 3682 | Registrations close 23rd February | <https://nnz.bluevineyardevents.com/pla26>

WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER BREAKFAST

The women of East Auckland SDA will have a prayer breakfast at 8:45am on the 8th of March at EA. Take a moment to reflect, connect and start your day with purpose.

TEEN CAMP

Start: April 7th End: April 10th | Tui Ridge Park, 260 Anderson Road, Rotoura, Bay of Plenty 3072 | <https://www.tuiridgepark.co.nz/autumn-teen-camp/>

KIDS CAMP

Start: April 13th End: April 17th | Tui Ridge Park, 260 Anderson Road, Rotoura, Bay of Plenty 3072 | <https://www.tuiridgepark.co.nz/autumn-kids-camp/>

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am-2pm **Friday** 9am-12:30pm **Wednesday** – 10am – 7pm
Closed Weekends & Public Holidays | Email: abc.nz@adventist.org.nz | Phone: 0800 50 22 22
Website: www.adventistbookcentre.co.nz

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Hope Channel is our partner in Christ. **Watch Live:** <https://www.hopechannel.nz/watch/>

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UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. STAFF Training | Every Tuesday Evening | 7pm on Zoom or at Pastors house in person
2. Youth Rally | 28th February 2026 at 3:30 pm | Tui Ridge Park (Tōtara room)
3. EA Church Elders Meeting | 5th of March | Time TBC
4. Sister Vaea & the children leave for Tahiti | 6th of March
5. Pathfinder Leadership Award Training Camp | 6th March to 8th March | Dickey Flat
6. Women's Ministry | Prayer Breakfast | 8th of March | 8:45am at EA
7. Teen Camp | April 7th to April 10th | Tui Ridge Park
8. Kids Camp | April 13th to April 17th | Tui Ridge Park

Prayer Requests

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his Angels. - Revelation 3:5.

All heaven appreciates the struggles of those who are fighting for the crown of everlasting life, that they may be partakers with Christ in the city of God.... God wants you there, Christ wants you there, the heavenly host wants you there. The angels are willing to stand in the outer circle and let those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus stand in the inner circle.... A crown of glory waits for all who fight the good fight of faith. 62Manuscript 21, 1895.

- 🙏 Praise the Lord! In your prayers open with a season of praise and stay on praise. Meditate on the goodness of God, on His marvellous attributes of Love, Faithfulness, Forgiveness etc. For it is only by the blood of the Lamb we have overcome giants of 2025 and have come this far.
- 🙏 Open your heart to God in deep repentance, only when you praise Him aright will you admit your need of God, of true repentance. Take time to talk with Him, be honest with God in your prayer closet. Lay all bitterness, pride, self-seeking ways, gluttony etc. on the altar of sacrifice and do not leave your closet until you receive from above.
- 🙏 Uplift in prayer our Pastoral family, elders and families, leaders of 2026 for a special anointing of God's Holy Spirit over their lives. To fit them for the special work God has given each one in His Vineyard.
- 🙏 Pray for all church families and each church member to be filled with God's Spirit, that we become united with one goal to live and work for the glory of God. To clear the Kings highway of our hearts, beginning in Jerusalem with the goal to hasten our Lord's soon coming and stay ready.
- 🙏 Continuous intercessory prayers upon Pastor Kris health and sister Daphne. For God's will alone to prevail upon Pastor's health and on the medical team. For Holy Spirits infilling on sister Daphne strength and good health as she supports her dear husband.
- 🙏 Uplift in prayer Sister Vaea and the children, as they prepare to travel to Tahiti. Prayers for travelling mercies and a safe return. Special prayers for the safe arrival of Hinerava and Vaearii's new baby.
- 🙏 Remember still our Buwawa family in prayer, for God's peace to be still and know that God knows and understand. Praise God for a legacy of love & faith our precious daughter & sister Talei has left behind.
- 🙏 Uplift the Newly Nominated roles for 2026-2027 as they prepare the work God has fit them for. For the Holy Spirit to be imbued in them and choose whom He has prepared.
- 🙏 Continue to watch & pray, focus & make time for our 1,2 & 3 daily in our personal devotion & as a family.
- 🙏 Please uplift in prayer our Pastors dear mother. She is in the hospital at the moment. Pray for God's Divine intervention, wisdom for the doctor and peace for all family members.

They will be included in our prayer list for the next 30 days.

If you have a prayer request please contact Sister Penny at pnakuta679@gmail.com