

NEW WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy Chapter I The Fall of Satan | Episode 1

Satan in Heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honour to God's dear Son. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness. His forehead was high and broad, showing a powerful intellect. His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. A special light beamed in his countenance, and shone around him brighter and more beautiful than around the other angels; yet Jesus, God's dear Son, had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created. Satan was envious of Christ, and gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone.

The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels confer special honour upon his Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The Father then made known that it was ordained by himself that Christ, his Son, should be equal with himself; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son he had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. Especially was his Son to work in union with himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out his will and his purposes, but would do nothing of himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in him.

Satan was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ. Yet when all the angels bowed to Jesus to acknowledge his supremacy and high authority and rightful rule, Satan bowed with them; but his heart was filled with envy and hatred. Christ had been taken into the special counsel of God in regard to his plans, while Satan was unacquainted with them. He did not understand, neither was he permitted to know, the purposes of God. But Christ was acknowledged sovereign of Heaven, his power and authority to be the same as that of God himself. Satan thought that he was himself a favourite in Heaven among the angels. He had been highly exalted; but this did not call forth from him gratitude and praise to his Creator. He aspired to the height of God himself. He gloried in his loftiness. He knew that he was honoured by the angels. He had a special mission to execute. He had been near the great Creator, and the ceaseless beams of glorious light enshrouding the eternal God, had shone especially upon him. Satan thought how angels had obeyed his command with pleasurable alacrity. Were not his garments light and beautiful? Why should Christ thus be honoured before himself?

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SEVENTH-DAY
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East Auckland City

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“Reflecting God's Love, Advancing God's Kingdom”

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 5th January 7:00pm

Speaker: Elder Samuel Aruwa

Topic: Bring us not into...Matt 6:13 + Thine is the kingdom...Matt 6:13

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: Brother Toa Alofia

Topic: Judge not, that ye be...Matt 7:1 + Why beholdest thou...Matt 7:3

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Pastor Sergio Monteiro

Topic: Marriage: A Covenant From God.

BIBLE VERSE

“But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight” says the Lord”
(Jer. 9:24, NKJV)

This Week

| SUNSET | OFFERING | CLEANING |
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| Start Time: 08:27pm Date: 7 th January 2025 | Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission | Next Week Duty 1: Feb 9 th - Feb 14 th The Alofia Family |
| End Time: 08:26pm Date: 8 th February 2025 | Divine Service Offering ADRA NZ Disaster & Famine Relief | Duty 2: Feb 9 th - Feb 14 th The Alofia Family |

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

SABBATH COMBINED LUNCH

Sabbath 8th February. We invite you to bring what you can but most importantly yourselves. Any other contribution is greatly appreciated. Please drop your vegetarian dishes off in the kitchen before Divine Service starts for our team to warm up. On behalf of the hospitality team, we thank you, God bless.

SPEAKER JOHNNY WONG

Thursday 13 Feb: Topic | Paradigm Shift Needed for Church Growth | 7pm | EA Church Sanctuary

Sunday 16 Feb Topic | How do we train Care Group Leaders? | 10am | EA Church Sanctuary

Pastor Johnny Wong, Gateway Adventist Centre, is a church planter in Melbourne, Australia, and the founder of Gateway Adventist Centre. He has conducted training in over twenty (20) countries worldwide, covering topics such as Care Group, Discipleship, Leadership, and Church Planting.

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

The Men's Ministry Meeting, will be held Sabbath, the 15th of February at 4pm. We invite all Men single and married to attend for fellowship, planning and prayer.

FIRST-AID TRAINING

We ask that all members participate in the first-aid training that we will have at the church on 23rd February 2025. This is special training which will incorporate the usage of our new defibrillator. We never know when someone will need the help of this device, so it is necessary for all members to know how to use it in the event that someone needs lifesaving first-aid. Interested people, please write your names down at the front desk. Thank you.

EA LEADERSHIP DAY

EA Leadership Day, Sunday the 23rd of February with lunch starting at 12.30pm and meeting starting from 1pm to 5pm. We invite all church leadership from all church departments to attend for planning and GROW discussions for 2025.

PLEASE HELP - COMMUNITY SERVICES

Some of our local church members are facing some hard times and are seeking help with groceries. Our supplies are very low at the moment, and we kindly ask for any donations of food, toiletries and cleaning materials so we can assist our families. All contributions will be much appreciated. Thank you.

REMINDER HOUSEKEEPING

1. As a general condition we request **No Food to be eaten in the Church Sanctuary** anywhere immediate area at any time and including IT Room. Snacks for children can be eaten in Children's Room | Mothers Quiet Room during Church Services but we request no hot food or plates of food during combined lunches are to be eaten inside the Children's Room | Mothers Room

2. **PLEASE! NO chewing gum** is to be bought into the EA Church facility at any time.

3. A gentle reminder for all Church Departments to remember to secure the gate before leaving EA Church premises and facilities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We ask that all parents keep their children close to them whilst at church. Anyone under the age of 12 years old should have a parent with them at **ALL** times. No child is to be left wandering around the church for health and safety reasons. For any safety issues, please see Brother Samuelu Crichton.

CARE GROUPS

CARE stands for 'Christ Attitude Reflected in Everybody' C.A.R.E Group is not merely a place for sharing the word of God, but a place to share by our own lives for Jesus Christ. Anyone interested in joining a C.A.R.E. group, please let sister Lorna or any of the evangelism committee know.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Our church website [You can see it HERE](#) or <https://www.eacsdn-z.com/>

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UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Combined Church Lunch | 8th February
2. Speaker Johnny Wong | Thursday 13th February | 7pm | EA Church Sanctuary
3. Men's Ministry Meeting | Sabbath 15th February 4pm
4. Speaker Johnny Wong | Sunday 16th February | 10am | EA Church Sanctuary
5. First-Aid training | 23rd February at 10am | EA Church
6. EA Leadership Day | Sunday, 23rd February | Fellowship Lunch 12:30pm | Meeting 1pm-5pm
7. Next Church Board Meeting | 23rd February | 5:30pm on Zoom
8. Women's Ministry prayer breakfast on the 2nd of March (Time to be confirmed)
9. Violinist Hayden Wiseman Concert | At EACSDA Church | 2:30 PM | Sabbath, March 22,
10. Next Church Business Meeting | Sunday, 30th March | On Zoom and In Person (Time to be confirmed)

Prayer Requests

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." — 2 Peter 3:9 NKJV

The greatest blessing that God can give to man is the spirit of earnest prayer. All heaven is open before the man of prayer.... The ambassadors of Christ will have power with the people after they have, with earnest supplication, come before God. —(The Review and Herald, October 20, 1896.)

- 🙏 Praise the Lord for who He is, His wonderful attributes and great love towards us His wayward children. Let's yield all in earnest prayer, harness this great gift and boldly claiming Fathers precious promise of making us ambassadors for His Glory and Kingdom.
- 🙏 Give permission for Jesus subdue your life, your thoughts and choices today and always. Ask for His cleansing blood to blot out your sins and pour out His Holy Spirit in and through you.
- 🙏 Continuously pray over our young adults and youths attending NZYC this weekend. To encounter Christ, get acquainted with Him and choose to live for Him. Be filled with Holy Spirit and protection from enemies snares and lies. Keep eye level on Jesus alone.
- 🙏 Pray for the blood of Christ to cover our leaders in the frontline, Pastor and family, Elders and family, Deacons and Deaconess, Board members and Ministry leadership team.
- 🙏 Pray for church evangelism plans 2025 and prayerfully prepare your heart and family for God's mission and harvest in our East Auckland Suburb.
- 🙏 Uplift in prayer our young people planning to attend NZYC in Christchurch from Feb 6 till Feb 10, for God's providence and Spirit's leading.
- 🙏 Special prayers for our sister Lewa and children's visa in process by God's grace to live closely by their immediate family and allow kids to join school when school begins.
- 🙏 Surrender our children and students into Christ's capable hands. For wisdom and might are His as they start the new school year and protection for 2025.
- 🙏 Pray for sister Leanne's foster family who lost a young man (Jade) to stroke. His sister Billie-Joe is struggling to come to terms after finding him. Pray for support and uplifting in this time of grief.
- 🙏 Keep close in prayers all struggling Spiritually, Physically, Mentally n Financially intercede and lend a hand when the Lord prompts.
- 🙏 Remember in prayers all affected by natural disasters, war n etc worldwide, pray for outpouring of the Holy Spirit to comfort, help, prepare and transform lives as there is a better world to come.
- 🙏 Special prayers for the unemployed trying to find work in this tough economic climate. Ask for God's guidance, support, and provision.

**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**