

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy

Chapter XIII. - Jacob and the Angel Episode 2

Esau was marching against Jacob with an army, for the purpose of killing his brother. But while Jacob was wrestling with the angel that night, another angel was sent to move upon the heart of Esau in his sleeping hours. In his dream he saw Jacob an exile from his father's house for twenty years, because he was afraid of his life. And he marked his sorrow to find his mother dead. He saw in his dream Jacob's humility, and angels of God around about him. He dreamed that when they met he had no mind to harm him. When Esau awoke, he related his dream to his four hundred men, and told them that they must not injure Jacob, for the God of his father was with him. And when they should meet Jacob, not one of them should do him harm. "And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men." "And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept." Jacob entreated Esau to accept a peace-offering, which Esau declined, but Jacob urged him: "Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it."

Jacob and Esau represent two classes: Jacob, the righteous; and Esau, the wicked. Jacob's distress when he learned that Esau was marching against him with four hundred men, represents the trouble of the righteous as the decree goes forth to them to death, just before the coming of the Lord. As the wicked gather about them, they will be filled with anguish; for, like Jacob, they can see no escape for their lives. The angel placed himself before Jacob, and he took hold of the angel, and held him, and wrestled with him all night. So also will the righteous, in their time of trouble and anguish, wrestle in prayer with God, as Jacob wrestled with the angel. Jacob in his distress prayed all night for deliverance from the hand of Esau. The righteous in their mental anguish will cry to God day and night for deliverance from the hand of the wicked who surround them.

Jacob confessed his unworthiness: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truths, which Thou hast showed unto thy servant." The righteous in their distress will have a deep sense of their unworthiness, and with many tears will acknowledge their utter unworthiness, and, like Jacob, will plead the promises of God through Christ, made to just such dependent, helpless, repenting sinners.

Jacob took firm hold of the angel in his distress, and would not let him go. As he made supplication with tears, the angel reminded him of his past wrongs, and endeavoured to escape from Jacob, to test and prove him. So will the righteous, in the day of their anguish, be tested, proved, and tried, to manifest their strength of faith, their perseverance and unshaken confidence in the power of God to deliver them.

Jacob would not be turned away. He knew that God was merciful, and he appealed to his mercy. He pointed back to his past sorrow for, and repentance of, his wrongs, and urged his petition for deliverance from the hand of Esau. Thus his importuning continued all night. As he reviewed his past wrongs, he was driven almost to despair. But he knew that he must have help from God or perish. He held the angel fast, and urged his petition with agonising, earnest cries, until he prevailed. Thus will it be with the righteous. As they review the events of their past lives, their hopes will almost sink. But as they realise that it is a case of life or death, they will earnestly cry unto God, and appeal to him in regard to their past sorrow for, and humble repentance of, their many sins, and then will refer to his promise, "Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me, and he shall make peace with me." Thus will their earnest petitions be offered to God day and night.

God would not have heard the prayer of Jacob, and mercifully saved his life, if he had not previously repented of his wrongs in obtaining the blessing by fraud.

The righteous, like Jacob, will manifest unyielding faith and earnest determination, which will take no denial. They will feel their unworthiness, but will have no concealed wrongs to reveal. If they had sins, unconfessed and unrepented of, to appear then before them, while tortured with fear and anguish, with a lively sense of all their unworthiness, they would be overwhelmed. Despair would cut off their earnest faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God thus earnestly for deliverance, and their precious moments would be spent in confessing hidden sins, and bewailing their hopeless condition

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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 04th March 2026 7:00pm

Speaker: Sister Penny Maivalenisau

Topic: God's Promises Concerning Prayer

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

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: TBC

Topic: TBC

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Elder Ross Jenkin

Title: Plagues | Matthew 28:20

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ" (Colossians 2:16, 17, NKJV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 7:53pm Date: 06 th February 2026	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Mar 08 th to Mar 13 th The Buwawa Family
End Time: 7:51pm Date: 07 th February 2026	Divine Service Offering Adventist World Radio General Conference	Duty 2: Mar 08 th to Mar 13 th The Buwawa 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.

STAFF DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

S.T.A.F.F. Discipleship Training with Pr. Tehuiarii Leverd Tuesday 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 make payments to this fund through eGiving, envelope or bank deposit. Reference Sabbath School Pamphlet fund for envelope or bank deposit. Or See Sister Nancy or Elder Ross D or Brother Madu.

NOTICE FOR ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS

Registrations are still open for Adventurers & Pathfinders 2026. Classes for 2026 will start on the 14th of March. Please return registration forms by then. Registration is \$5 for Adventurers and \$10 for Pathfinders.

Both Pathfinders and Adventurers are in need of more teachers if there are any volunteers.

Our induction ceremony is the 14th of March after combined lunch at 2:30pm.

Forms: We would like for parents to hand in there child's already filled out form. Please contact Sister Charlene or Sister Toia for the forms if you need them.

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.

ADSAFE AWARENESS TRAINING REMINDER

All leaders and members serving with children and youth (Pathfinders, Adventurers, Children's and Youth Ministries, and Sabbath School) are encouraged to complete Adsafe Awareness Training.

Register at: <https://www.adsafe.org.au/safeguarding/training>

A Live Zoom session will be held on Sabbath, 14th March between 5:00pm and 7:30pm. Training can be completed either online or via the Zoom session. Registration closes: Thursday, 12th March (5pm) Recommended completion: by 31st March. For more information, please contact Elder Fitu or Sister Perelini.

REMINDER HOUSEKEEPING

1. We request that **NO FOOD is to be eaten in the Church Sanctuary** anywhere at anytime, including the IT room. Snacks for children can be eaten in the Children's Room | Mothers Quiet Room during church services but no hot food or plates of food during Combined Lunch are to be eaten inside the Children's Room or the Mothers Quiet 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 turn off the lights, the heat pump/air conditioner and heaters before leaving.

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/>

Phone: 0800 694 673 **Sky Channel:** 204 **Freeview Channel:** 27

Church Bank Account: 38-9010-0456352-00 **Phone Payment** 09 277 8529

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UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. STAFF Training | Every Tuesday Evening | 7pm on Zoom or at Pastors house in person
2. EA Church Elders Meeting | Has been postponed. | New date TBC
3. Deacons & Deaconesses have a short meeting after the main service Sabbath 07th of March
4. Sister Vaea, Elisee and Hinavai Leverd leave for Tahiti | 06th of March
5. Pathfinder Leadership Award Training Camp | 06th March to 08th March | Dickey Flat
6. Women's Ministry | Prayer Breakfast | 08th of March | 8:45am at EA
7. Pathfinder & Adventurers Induction Ceremony | 14th of March
8. Church Combined Lunch | 14th of March
9. Brother Noah Leverd leaves for Tahiti on 20th March
10. Pastor Leaves for Tahiti on the 23rd March
11. Teen Camp | April 7th to April 10th | Tui Ridge Park
12. 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.
- 🙏 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