

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy Chapter II

The Creation | Episode 1

The Father and the Son engaged in the mighty, wondrous work they had contemplated, of creating the world. The earth came forth from the hand of the Creator exceedingly beautiful. There were mountains, and hills, and plains; and interspersed among them were rivers and bodies of water. The earth was not one extensive plain, but the monotony of the scenery was broken by hills and mountains, not high and ragged as they now are, but regular and beautiful in shape. The bare, high rocks were never seen upon them, but lay beneath the surface, answering as bones to the earth. The waters were regularly dispersed. The hills, mountains, and very beautiful plains, were adorned with plants and flowers, and tall, majestic trees of every description, which were many times larger, and much more beautiful, than trees now are. The air was pure and healthful, and the earth seemed like a noble palace. Angels beheld and rejoiced at the wonderful and beautiful works of God.

After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now God says to his Son, "Let us make man in our image." As Adam came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of noble height, and of beautiful symmetry. He was more than twice as tall as men now living upon the earth, and was well proportioned. His features were perfect and beautiful. His complexion was neither white, nor sallow, but ruddy, glowing with the rich tint of health. Eve was not quite as tall as Adam. Her head reached a little above his shoulders. She, too, was noble—perfect in symmetry, and very beautiful.

This sinless pair wore no artificial garments. They were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear. While they lived in obedience to God, this circle of light enshrouded them. Although everything God had made was in the perfection of beauty, and there seemed nothing wanting upon the earth which God had created to make Adam and Eve happy, yet he manifested his great love to them by planting a garden especially for them. A portion of their time was to be occupied in the happy employment of dressing the garden, and a portion in receiving the visits of angels, listening to their instruction, and in happy meditation. Their labour was not wearisome, but pleasant and invigorating. This beautiful garden was to be their home, their special residence.

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SEVENTH-DAY
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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 March 7:00pm

Speaker: Pastor Tehui Leverd

Topic: “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way...” Mathew 7:14

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: Elder Fitu Ah-Young

Topic: “Strive to enter in at the strait gate...” Luke 13:24

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Pastor Adrian Webster

Topic: To Be Confirmed

BIBLE VERSE

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8, NKJV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 07:51pm Date: 7 th March 2025	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Mar 9 th - Mar 14 th The Alofia Family
End Time: 07:50pm Date: 8 th March 2025	Divine Service Offering Adventist World Radio General Conference	Duty 2: Mar 9 th - Mar 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SABBATH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We are excited to tell you that we have prepared special new lessons for your little ones for Sabbath School. We encourage you to bring your little ones by 9:30am on Sabbath to enjoy their time with Jesus. We would also like to invite Beginner to Primary classes to be at Sabbath School by 9:30am for our new full program.

We have many new things in store for the children to keep them occupied while you are at your own Sabbath School classes. This is an exciting new time for the children and for you as parents.

NATHAN LAUSBERG & EMMELYNE VIRASSAMY'S WEDDING

Nathan & Emmelyne would like to invite you to celebrate their wedding. March 9th at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary. Love is best celebrated with good company and great food! If you can, please bring a plate to share. The more the merrier!

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

Inviting all Church members to Youth Week of Prayer starting from next Sabbath 15th March and finishes the following Sabbath 22nd March. Join in for short heart felt devotions from the word and united seasons of prayer. Venue and time is yet to be confirmed. Zoom will be available.

ELIA WELLNESS COURSE – DESTRESS & THRIVE

Are you stressed or want to avoid stress or help someone with stress? Then join us for our "De Stress and Thrive" course to run for 6 sessions over 6 weeks. This is just for Church family as our new facilitators practice. Please pray for us and this course to be a blessing. If you are interested in being a facilitator, then please join us! Please see John M, Gladys or Antoinette to learn more. First session Sunday 16 March starts 10am at Church in Children's room.

HAYDEN WISEMAN VIOLIN CONCERT

At EACSDA Church on the Sabbath of March 22nd at 2:30pm.

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. We are asking for each member to bring just 1 item each to church and place it in the donation box. All contributions will be much appreciated. Thank you.

REMINDERS | CHURCH SECURITY & LOCK UP

1. We remind all church departments on leaving EA Church after meetings to check, secure and lock doors and windows and turn off all church lights at EA Church.
2. We remind all persons accessing IT room to lock and secure the room when closing down for the day e.g. Sabbath or any event at EA Church.
3. All persons who have access to church alarms to turn off security alarms and turn on security alarms to complete the process to arm and disarm security alarms at any time during the week and at weekends.
4. 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.
5. **PLEASE! NO CHEWING GUM** is to be bought into the EA Church facility at any time.
6. 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.

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. No church combined lunch this Sabbath it will be pushed forward to Sabbath the 15th of March
2. Nathan and Emmelyne's wedding | 9th March | at 2:30pm | All invited (See note overleaf)
3. Youth Week Of Prayer | 15th to 22nd of March | Venue and time to be confirmed | Zoom available
4. Elia Wellness Course | 16th March | 10am | In Church Children's room
5. EA Church Communion to end Q1 | Sabbath, 22nd March
6. Violinist Hayden Wiseman Concert | At EACSDA Church | 2:30 PM | Sabbath, March 22nd
7. EA Church Board Meeting | Sunday 23rd March at 5.30pm | Zoom only
8. Next Church Business Meeting | Sunday, 30th March | at 5.30pm | At Church and On Zoom












Prayer Requests

'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

– Luke 18:13

"Our ONLY claim to God's mercy is our GREAT NEED!"

– Ministry of Healing. p. 461

-  Praise God for the Cross, let all praise go back to Calvary - Worthy is the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world.
-  Ask for the latter rain to prepare our characters fit for heaven and for strength to endure trials permitted to refine us.
-  For the baptism of Holy Spirit to empower our leaders in the frontline, Pastor Tehui and family, Elders and their families, Deacons and Deaconess, Board members and Ministry leadership team.
-  Pray for Jesus leading over our church mission and families, children, students, teenagers, young adults, elderly, parents, single parents and etc
-  Keep close in prayers our Daniel's family mourning the loss of sister Karen. Especially her dear daughter Daniella and son Moimoi for Holy Spirit's comfort, healing and renewed hope of reunion with Jesus and mom by God's grace.
-  Specific prayer for our sister Lewa and children's visa in process. God's hand and will to prevail upon their family and His comforting arm over them.
-  Uplift in prayer the wedding of our children Nathan and Emmelyne. For His hands upon the plans in place and heart preparation as they soon make a covenant with God and each other. Every area of the wedding to glorify God and bear witness of His love.
-  Continuous prayers upon each care-group, to continue strong in the Lord with missional mindset and hunger for God and burden of souls.
-  Pray for the harvest around East Auckland community and ways how you, an individual, and a family can witness for Jesus to those around you.
-  Pray for outpouring of Holy Spirit upon our North New Conference, Union and leadership team. For the World church, leaders and pastors, local and abroad to live for God's glory and move in the power of God's Holy Spirit.
-  Pray for church evangelism plans 2025 and prayerfully prepare your heart and family for God's mission and harvest in our East Auckland Suburb.

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