

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy

Chapter VIII - Disguised Infidelity | Episode 3

Bones of men and animals are found in the earth, in mountains and in valleys, showing that much larger men and beasts once lived upon the earth. I was shown that very large, powerful animals existed before the flood, which do not now exist. Instruments of warfare are sometimes found; also petrified wood. Because the bones of human beings and of animals found in the earth are much larger than those of men and animals now living, or that have existed for many generations past, some conclude that the world is older than we have any scriptural record of, and was populated long before the record of creation, by a race of beings vastly superior in size to men now upon the earth.

I have been shown that, without Bible history, geology can prove nothing. Relics found in the earth do give evidence of a state of things differing in many respects from the present. But the time of their existence, and how long a period these things have been in the earth, are only to be understood by Bible history. It may be innocent to conjecture beyond Bible history, if our suppositions do not contradict the facts found in the sacred Scriptures. But when men leave the word of God in regard to the history of creation, and seek to account for God's creative works upon natural principles, they are upon a boundless ocean of uncertainty. Just how God accomplished the work of creation in six literal days, he has never revealed to mortals. His creative works are just as incomprehensible as his existence.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."

"Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number."

"Which doeth great things, and unsearchable; marvellous things without number."

"God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend."

"Oh! the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?"

The word of God is given as a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Those who cast his word behind them, and seek by their own blind philosophy to trace out the wonderful mysteries of Jehovah, will stumble in darkness. A guide has been given to mortals whereby they may trace Jehovah and his works as far as will be for their good. Inspiration, in giving us the history of the flood, has explained wonderful mysteries that geology, independent of inspiration, never could.

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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 19th November 7:00pm

Speaker: Elder Samuel Aruwa

Topic: James 3:1-12

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: TBC

Topic: TBC

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Elder Ross Davidson

Title: New Life, New Living, New Belief - Isaiah 12: 1,2

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13: 7, ESV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 8:14pm Date: 21 st November 2025	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Nov 23 rd - Nov 28 th The Jumaye Family
End Time: 8:15pm Date: 22 nd November 2025	Divine Service Offering Hope Channel NZ New Zealand Pacific Union Conference	Duty 2: Nov 23 rd - Nov 28 th The Jumaye 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.

SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST

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

STAFF DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

☛ Special Announcement ☛

S.T.A.F.F. Discipleship Training with Pastor Leverd on Zoom or at Pastor's house:

☛ Tuesday evenings at 7pm-8pm | Meeting ID: 345 280 6394 Passcode: Tehui ☛

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM ANDREW & LAYLA ABOUT THEIR WEDDING

☛ We're so grateful for all the love, excitement, and support we have received towards our wedding!

Due to venue and catering limits, our celebration is by invitation only — Whilst not everyone is invited to the reception, we can't wait to share photos and videos with everyone afterward! Thank you for your love, support and understanding.

BABY DEDICATION

Sabbath November 22nd Pastor will be officiating a baby dedication for Joel & Kalolaine Jumaye (parents), of baby Nichola-Blessing Georges Jumaye and Quentin Kata & Tania Mokokoko (parents) of Quentin Jr Lorenzo Mokokoko & Lisa Te Rangimarie Ataahu Maria Kata.

HOPE CHANNEL NZ OFFERING

Your offering on 22nd November supports Hope Channel NZ, your Adventist media ministry reaching homes, families, and communities with uplifting programs that inspire faith & hope. Through meaningful, faith-filled programs that reflect God's love & creation, Hope Channel is sharing hope with Kiwis everywhere. Your offering helps make this possible. Please give generously to Hope Channel NZ this Sabbath. Your gift truly makes a difference.

SPECIAL PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY AND COMBINED LUNCH

November 29th we will show our appreciation to our Pastor and our Pastoral family. A special combined lunch will be held after Divine.

THANK YOU FROM THE TANUVASA AND JENKIN FAMILY

Special thanks to Pastor Tehui, Sis Vaea, Elder Fitu & Sis Sue, Jumaye family, Sis Leanne, Elder John, Sis Saru, our church family and all those who came to Prayer Meeting at our home.

Thank you so much for your love, Sincere Prayers, Phone Calls and Messages, beautiful flowers and cards, and your love and your precious time. Most Appreciated

May God Shower His Blessings upon you all.

Tanuvasa and Jenkin Family

CHILDREN & TEACHERS SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Family, don't miss this special 13th Sabbath School Programme on Sabbath, 6th December starting at 9:30am. Come and witness our children and their teachers lead out in this joyful programme of songs, stories, and faith. We've brought it forward from Sabbath, 27th December as many will be away for the holidays, so let's all come together and celebrate before the year ends! EACSDA Church – See you there!

SPECIAL COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE & LUNCH

Combined Ponsonby SDA Church and EA Church Sabbath at EA Church, Sabbath, 13th December and final combined church lunch for 2025.

YOUTH RUSH AUCKLAND

Youth Rush is an exciting Literature Evangelism program designed for youth and young adults.

Programs run in the winter and summer holidays and uni breaks. For 16-35 years of age.

December 7th to 21st 2025. Register here [Youth Rush](#) | [Adventist Church in New Zealand](#)

PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

North & South New Zealand Conferences | 28th December 2025 – 2nd January 2026 | Tui Ridge Park Rotorua. Registration https://adventist.org.nz/pathfinder_camporee/

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. STAFF training for ALL church members | Tuesday Evenings on Zoom | 7pm – 8pm
2. Baby Dedication | Pastor Tehui | Sabbath 22nd November
3. 50's Plus Weekend | 22nd to Nov 24th Nov, 2025 | Enriching Days at Tui Ridge.
4. Church Business Meeting | Zoom only | 24th November | 7pm – 8pm to discuss the 2026 budget.
5. Pastor Appreciation Day | Special Combined Lunch 29th November
6. Special 13th Sabbath School Programme | Sabbath, 6th December | at 9:30am
7. Sabbath School Council Meeting | 6th December | 3:30pm | On Zoom
8. Youth Rush | Literature Evangelism | 16-35 years of age | 7th- 21st December
9. PONSDA & EACSDA Church Combined Lunch | 13th December | at EACSDA
10. Pathfinder Camporee | 28th December to 2nd January 2026 | Tui Ridge Park Rotorua.

Prayer Requests

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. —Romans 8:18

“Keep His praise in your heart from morning till night. Speak not one word of repining, but ask for the healing power of God to come to your heart and mind. Be cheerful and hopeful. Praise the Lord...” EGW.

- 🙏 Praise God for whom all blessings flow! For His wonderful and attractive attributes of Love, Purity and Righteousness meditate on these.
- 🙏 For trials and suffering God allows to strengthen our Faith and hold on Him, pray for fresh eyes of God's Spirit to endure and learn lesson in the midst of trials.
- 🙏 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.
- 🙏 Special prayers for our Sister Nancy and Elder Ross J as they navigate the loss of their beloved Brother and Brother-in-law Lemalu Tanuvasa. May the Lord support them in their grief.
- 🙏 Prayers for our Mama Daisy for God's healing care and guidance for one of her eyes that has had lots of issues that are delaying a cataract surgery and affecting her other eye.
- 🙏 Continuous prayers for our dear Pastor Kris's health and strength for sister Daphne as she attends to Pastor. We pray for God's will alone to prevail in their lives and God's Divine intervention upon the doctors, their families and upon Pastors health.
- 🙏 Pray for all active Care groups all around Auckland for rich Spiritual fellowship in the Jesus. To be harbour and a light house for weary souls to unburden, pray for each other, be honest and offer encouragement in the Word and fellowship in the Spirit for this walk is not easy but Jesus is ever near.
- 🙏 Praise God for the Midnight Cry Concert, for His name was lifted up in the highest. May He draw to Himself all that He drew and give us wisdom to reach out to them.
- 🙏 Uplift the Nominating committee as they prepare the work God has fit them for. For the Holy Spirit to be imbued in them and choose whom He is preparing.
- 🙏 Let's continue to watch and pray, focus and make time for our 1,2 and 3 daily in our personal devotion time and as a family.
- 🙏 Pray also for the S.T.A.F.F Discipleship Training class happening every Tuesday evening at 7pm-8pm on Zoom and at Pastor's house. For the Holy Spirit to teach and equip His workers, for the Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

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