

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy

Chapter VIII - Disguised Infidelity | Episode 4

It has been the special work of Satan to lead fallen man to rebel against God's government, and he has succeeded too well in his efforts. He has tried to obscure the law of God, which in itself is very plain. He has manifested a special hate against the fourth precept of the Decalogue, because it defines the living God, the maker of the heavens and the earth. The plainest precepts of Jehovah are turned from, to receive infidel fables.

Man will be left without excuse. God has given sufficient evidence upon which to base faith, if he wishes to believe. In the last days, the earth will be almost destitute of true faith. Upon the merest pretence, the word of God will be considered unreliable, while human reasoning will be received, though it be in opposition to plain Scripture facts. Men will endeavour to explain from natural causes the work of creation, which God has never revealed. But human science cannot search out the secrets of the God of Heaven, and explain the stupendous works of creation, which were a miracle of almighty power, any sooner than it can show how God came into existence.

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever." Men, professing to be ministers of God, raise their voices against the investigation of prophecy, and tell the people that the prophecies, especially of Daniel and John, are obscure, and that we cannot understand them. But some of the very men who oppose the investigation of prophecy because it is obscure, eagerly receive the suppositions of geologists, which disprove the Mosaic record. But if God's revealed will is so difficult to be understood, certainly men should not rest their faith upon mere suppositions in regard to that which he has not revealed. God's ways are not as our ways, neither are his thoughts as our thoughts. Human science can never account for his wondrous works. God so ordered that men, beasts, and trees, many times larger than those now upon the earth, and other things, should be buried in the earth at the time of the flood, and there be preserved to evidence to man that the inhabitants of the old world perished by a flood. God designed that the discovery of these things in the earth should establish the faith of men in inspired history. But men, with their vain reasoning, make a wrong use of these things which God designed should lead them to exalt him. They fall into the same error as did the people before the flood—those things which God gave them as a benefit, they turned into a curse, by making a wrong use of them.

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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: Sister Penny

Topic: Special Season Of Prayer

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: TBC

Topic: TBC

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Pastor Tehui Leverd

Title: Addressing Family Issues Related to Mental Health | Luke 2:52

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double"
(Zechariah 9: 12, ESV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 8:21pm Date: 28 th November 2025	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Nov 30 th - Dec 5 th The Ah-Young Family
End Time: 8:22pm Date: 29 th November 2025	Divine Service Offering Local Church	Duty 2: Nov 30 th - Dec 5 th The Ah-Young 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.

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.

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!

EACSDA & PONSDA CHOIR OUTREACH CONCERT

On behalf of Pastor, and Sister Vaea, I would like to bring to your attention a beautiful ministry initiative and we are pleased to confirm that the official Auckland Council Street Performance Licence, has now been issued. This permit authorises our Choir as the approved performance activity and allows our ministry to operate lawfully within designated city locations, including Manukau City Centre. We praise the Lord for this open door and the opportunity it provides. The choir leadership has proposed their first outreach as follows: Outreach Concert | Manukau Square City Centre | December 6th | 4:30pm | Both EA & Ponsonby Choirs

CHURCH PICNIC

Weather permitting we will join together at Shakespeare Bay | December 7th | There will be games for the children and much, much more. We are looking into hiring a bus for the trip. | More details to come. Keep the day free so you can join in the festivities.

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.

STEWARDSHIP & SAFETY REMINDER

This past Sabbath, 22nd November, we discovered that the HVAC air-conditioning system had been left running since last Wednesday, and Sunday morning we also found the men’s toilet light still on overnight. These create unnecessary power costs and place extra strain on our facilities.

We kindly remind all members:

- Please check all lights, air-conditioning units, windows, and doors before leaving the church.
- If you are on-site late in the evening for meetings or preparation, please ensure the front gate is closed and locked to maintain safety and prevent unauthorised access.

Thank you for helping us care for God’s house and keep our church safe for everyone.

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](#)

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. STAFF training for ALL church members | Tuesday Evenings on Zoom | 7pm – 8pm
2. Pastor Appreciation Day | Special Combined Lunch 29th November
3. Special 13th Sabbath School Programme | Sabbath, 6th December | at 9:30am
4. Sabbath School Council Meeting | 6th December | 3:30pm | On Zoom
5. Outreach Concert | Manukau Square City Centre | December 6th | 4:30pm | Combined EACSDA & PONSDA Choirs
6. Church Picnic | Shakespeare Bay | December 7th | More details to follow
7. Youth Rush | Literature Evangelism | 16-35 years of age | 7th- 21st December
8. PONSDA & EACSDA Church Combined Lunch | 13th December | at EACSDA
9. 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 heath 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.
- 🙏 **Urgent Prayers** for our dear Buwawa Family as they grieve and navigate the loss of their/our beloved sister Talei who passed away at approximately midday 26th November. Prayers for the Holy Spirit to comfort and for the peace from above to overwhelm our sister Lani and brother Siti during this difficult time.
- 🙏 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