

## WEEKLY SERIES

### The Great Controversy

#### Chapter XIV. - Joseph and his Brethren Episode 12

Jacob told the king that his years had been few and evil; that is, he had seen much trouble, and suffered much perplexity, which had cut short his years. The life of Jacob had not been smooth and peaceful. The jealousy of his wives had brought a train of evils. Some of his children had grieved him, and made his life very bitter. But the last years of Jacob's life were more peaceful. His sons had reformed.

As Jacob was about to die, his children gathered about him to receive his blessing, and to listen to his last words of advice to them. He forgave his children for all their unfilial conduct, and for their wicked treatment of Joseph, which had caused him many years of grief as he had reflected upon his supposed dreadful death. As he spoke with his children for the last time, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon him, and he uttered prophecies concerning them, which reached far in the future. While under the spirit of inspiration, he laid open before them their past lives, and their future history, revealing the purposes of God in regard to them. He showed them that God would by no means sanction cruelty, or wickedness. He commenced with the eldest. Although Reuben had no hand in selling Joseph, yet previous to that transaction he had grievously sinned. His course was corrupt, for he had transgressed the law of God. Jacob uttered his prophecy in regard to him: "Reuben, thou art my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity and the excellency of power; unstable as water, thou shalt not excel."

He then prophesied in regard to Simeon and Levi, who practised deception to the Shechemites, and then, in a most cruel, revengeful manner, destroyed them. They were also the ones who were the most guilty in the case of Joseph. "Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united! for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they dug down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel."

Jacob thus uttered the words of inspiration to his sorrowing sons, presenting before them the light in which God viewed their deeds of violence, and that he would visit them for their sins. His prophetic words in regard to his other sons were not as gloomy.

In regard to Judah, Jacob's words of inspiration were more joyful. His prophetic eye looked hundreds of years in the future to the birth of Christ, and he said, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Jacob predicted a cheerful future for most of his sons. Especially for Joseph he uttered words of eloquence of a happy character: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall. The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him; but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob. (From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel.)" "The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors, unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren."

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

**Speaker:** Pastor Jean-Noel Adeline

**Topic:** Revival – The Hour Has Come

**Zoom ID:** 836 3376 4709 – **Password:** eacsd

### Next Week Prayer Meeting

**Speaker:** TBC

**Topic:** Chapter 17 – Prayer in the Home Circle

### Sabbath

**Divine Worship – 11:00am**

**Divine Service Speaker:** Pastor Jean-Noel Adeline

**Title:** "The Cost of a Compromised Life" | Revelation 3:15-16, 19

### BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, NKJV)

### This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
<b>Start Time:</b> 5:11pm <b>Date:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	<b>Sabbath School Offering</b> GC for World Mission	<b>Next Week</b> <b>Duty 1:</b> June 7 <sup>th</sup> to June 12 <sup>th</sup> Brandon, Sue & Fitu Ah-Young
<b>End Time:</b> 5:11pm <b>Date:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	<b>Divine Service Offering</b> Avondale University South Pacific Division	<b>Duty 2:</b> June 7 <sup>th</sup> to June 12 <sup>th</sup> Brandon, Sue & Fitu Ah-Young

## 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.

### **\*\*SPECIAL BAPTISM\*\***

Leading in to the final session for our Revival this coming Sabbath afternoon 6<sup>th</sup> of June we have a special baptism at 3pm. Please come and witness those giving their lives and hearts to Jesus. Praise God!

### **FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR PASTOR TEHUI, SISTER VAEA AND THE CHILDREN AT EACSDA**

A farewell function will be held +Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at EA Church from 12:30pm–3pm.

Sister Leilani and the Hospitality team will be coordinating the food for farewell with Ponsonby Church.

Please reach out to Sister Leilani to help the team or support for plates of food. If you would like to contribute toward food for this day, please bring your dishes to the church before 12pm.

We are expecting extended church friends from network from around Auckland and EA church members to attend. It is a sad day to say goodbye to the pastoral family that we love so dearly, but the Lord knows what He is doing, and He has plans for our Leverd family that we know nothing of.

Let us join together on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June to wish them love and God speed. Until we are separated no more by the home we will share at Jesus' return.

### **OPEN TO ALL- BAPTISMAL SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS**

Study Topics from the little book "What the Bible says about..." by E. L. Melashenko.

**Topic 11:** Sabbath 6<sup>th</sup> of June is "The Law of God" **Topic 12:** Sabbath 13<sup>th</sup> of June "Law and Grace"

**Topic 13:** Sabbath 20<sup>th</sup> of June "Once Saved Always Saved" **Topic 14:** Sabbath 27<sup>th</sup> of June "The Bible Sabbath" The class is open to all church members. You are welcome to attend for whatever topics you want to be refreshed on or learn more about. Meet us in the dining room. Please bring a smile and your Bibles

### **NOTICE FOR ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS**

Classes will be cancelled for Sabbath 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Classes will resume 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **WOMEN'S EMPHASIS SABBATH**

Women's Emphasis Sabbath 13<sup>th</sup> June at EACSDA. Church Combined Lunch to follow.

### **LEVERD FAMILY DEPARTURE**

We are sad to see our pastoral family leave us. But God has plans for them that we know nothing of. As Isaiah 55:8-9 says "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts." We wish them great harvests as they embark on their new journey for Jesus. And know that we will see them again on that glorious day of Jesus' return, and we will be separated no more. We love you our Leverd family. God bless you always until we meet again.

### **DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE**

Digital Discipleship Conference | June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup> Papatoetoe SDA Community Church 16 Puhinui Road, Papatoetoe. Registration closes June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm | Register <https://www.digitaldiscipleship.org.nz/>

### **CATALYST EXPRESS DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING**

June 21<sup>st</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup> Tui Ridge Park 260 Anderson Road, Rotorua

All attendees must be 18+ years. Catalyst Express will set you up for your disciple-making journey as you experience the essentials of discipleship; a renewed transformational relationship with Jesus. Registration closes 8<sup>th</sup> June | <https://nznz.bluevineyardevents.com/catalyst26>

### **ONE VOICE27 - NZPUC LAUNCH**

OneVoice NZPUC Launch — Special Event | Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July | 7pm | Papatoetoe SDA Church, 16 Puhinui Road, Manukau | General Conference President, Pr. Erton Köhler, in person | Theme is: OneVoice27 — Mission for All | For Christ, For Mission, For All

### **SPIRIT LED LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

The Spirit Led Leadership Summit — August 14<sup>th</sup> End: August 16<sup>th</sup> Tui Ridge Park, 260 Anderson Road, Rotorua All attendees must be 18+ years. Registrations close 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026. <https://nznz.bluevineyardevents.com/spiritled26>

## UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pathfinders and Adventures Meeting | 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of June
2. Revival Series Nightly | At EACSDA | 7pm | 1st June to 5<sup>th</sup> June
3. Anchored Leadership Convention | June 5<sup>th</sup> | 5pm – June 7<sup>th</sup> 12pm
4. Revival Divine Service Sabbath 6<sup>th</sup> June | 11am | Pastor Jean-Noel | Fellowship Lunch following Divine Service **"Bring a packed lunch"**
5. Baptism | Sabbath 6<sup>th</sup> of June at 3pm
6. Revival final session 4pm after the baptism with Pastor Jean-Noel Adeline.
7. Farewell Function For Our Leverd Family | Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at EA Church from 12:30pm–3pm
8. Women's Emphasis Sabbath | 13<sup>th</sup> June | Sermonette Message | Sister Saru & Women's Ministries Team
9. Combined Church Lunch | 13<sup>th</sup> June after Divine Service
10. Digital Discipleship | June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup> | Registration closes June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm
11. Adsafe Training Tour – Keeping our children safe | Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June
12. EACSDA Communion | Sabbath 20<sup>th</sup> June
13. OneVoice NZPUC Launch — Special Event | Friday, 10 July | 7pm | Papatoetoe SDA Church, 16 Puhinui Road

### Prayer Requests

**"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV**

**"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Psalm 85:6**

- 🙏 Pray for our Revival Week — that God would bring true revival and reformation, beginning in our hearts, homes, and church family.
- 🙏 Pray for conviction of sin, full surrender to Christ, and grace to forsake anything drawing us away from Him.
- 🙏 Pray for reconciliation with God and with one another — for forgiveness, healing, unity, and restored relationships.
- 🙏 Pray that hearts would awaken to the urgency of the times, and for conversion and reconversion as souls return fully to God.
- 🙏 Pray that our personal and family altars of prayer would be revived.
- 🙏 Submit our Pastor Kris and sister Daphne into God's capable hands. For Gods Holy Spirit to heal and help in their journey of recovering. For His provision and we as a church to support in ways we can especially with our prayers.
- 🙏 Pray for aunty Moira in a hospital bed, for the Holy Spirits presence and healing as He wills. Pray for aunty's children and that her faith be a blessing for each of them.
- 🙏 Prayers for Sister Carol Goliath, Sister Lisa Helm, Sergio and Megan as they navigate the loss of their ex-husband and father Carl, who passed away in South Africa this week. Remember our sisters and their family at this difficult time.
- 🙏 Pray that we would realise our deep need of prayer — that before serving God or labouring together, we would first seek Him, for true power, victory, and fruitfulness come through abiding in Christ.
- 🙏 Pray for a deeper work of God's Spirit in our lives, preparing hearts for what He desires to do in these final days.
- 🙏 Pray that Revival Week brings repentance, breakthroughs, renewal, unity, & lasting spiritual fruit.
- 🙏 Pray for our united morning prayer meetings — that more would join in seeking God together for revival.

**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](mailto:pnakuta679@gmail.com)**