

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy

Chapter XIV. - Joseph and his Brethren Episode 13

Jacob was an affectionate father. The words he uttered to his children were not his, spoken because he had retained an unforgiving spirit on account of their wrongs. He had forgiven them. He had loved them to the last. He mourned deeply at the loss of Joseph, and when Simeon was retained in Egypt, he manifested grief, and expressed his anxious wish that his children should return safely from Egypt with their brother Simeon. He had no resentful feeling toward his sorrowing children. But God, by the spirit of prophecy, elevated the mind of Jacob above his natural feelings. In his last hours, angels were all around him, and the power of the grace of God shone upon him. His paternal feelings would have led him to utter, in his dying testimony, only expressions of love and tenderness. But under the influence of inspiration he uttered truth, although painful.

After the death of Jacob, Joseph's brethren were filled with gloom and distress. They thought that Joseph had concealed his resentment, out of respect for their father; and now that he was dead, he would be revenged for the ill treatment he had suffered at their hands. "And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil; and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not; I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them."

Joseph could not bear the thought that his brethren should think that he harboured a spirit of revenge toward them whom he cordially loved.

Joseph illustrates Christ. Jesus came to his own, but his own received him not. He was rejected and despised, because his acts were righteous, and his consistent, self-denying life was a continual rebuke upon those who professed piety, but whose lives were corrupt. Joseph's integrity and virtue were fiercely assailed; and she who would lead him astray could not prevail, therefore her hatred was strong against the virtue and integrity which she could not corrupt, and she testified falsely against him. The innocent suffered because of his righteousness. He was cast into prison because of his virtue. Joseph was sold to his enemies, by his own brethren, for a small sum of money. The Son of God was sold to his bitterest enemies by one of his own disciples. Jesus was meek and holy. His was a life of unexampled self-denial, goodness, and holiness. He was not guilty of any wrong; yet false witnesses were hired to testify against him. He was hated because he had been a faithful reprove of sin and corruption. Joseph's brethren stripped him of his coat of many colours. The executioners of Jesus cast lots for his seamless coat.

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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 10th June 2026

Speaker: Brother Tapiwa Madzima

Topic: Chapter 17 – Prayer in the Home Circle

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

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: Brother Siti Buwawa

Topic: Chapter 18–Prayer and Worship

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Women's Ministry

Title: Hineni, Here Am I!

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:3-5, NKJV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 5:10pm Date: 10 th June 2026	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: June 14 th to June 19 th The Jumaye Family
End Time: 5:10pm Date: 13 th June 2026	Divine Service Offering Local Church	Duty 2: June 14 th to June 19 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 you join us.

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 13th of June is "The Law of God" **Topic 12:** Sabbath 20th of June "Law and Grace"

Topic 13: Sabbath 27th of June "Once Saved Always Saved" **Topic 14:** Sabbath 4th of July "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

WOMEN'S EMPHASIS SABBATH

Women's Emphasis Sabbath this coming Sabbath the 13th June at EACSDA.

SABBATH COMBINED LUNCH

We warmly invite you to join us 13th June for our pot luck lunch. If you are bringing food, please place your dishes in the kitchen before Divine Service so we have enough time to warm them up and have it ready for lunch. We look forward to sharing a wonderful time of fellowship together. On behalf of the Hospitality Team we thank you and God Bless. To God be the Glory!

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The Church Board will meet on Zoom at 9:30am to 12:00pm this coming Sunday the 14th of June.

DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

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

SABBATH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Sabbath School Council Meeting will be on the 20th June at 3:30pm to 5:00pm On Zoom

NOTICE FOR ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS

Next classes will be Sabbath 20th of June at 2:30pm-4:30pm and 21st of June at 9am-10:30am

CATALYST EXPRESS DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

June 21st – June 27th 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 8th June | <https://nnz.bluevineyardevents.com/catalyst26>

YOUTH RUSH CHRISTCHURCH

This is a two week Literature Evangelism program specifically designed for youth and young adults, from 28th June to 11th July. Students receive training and mentorship from experienced evangelism workers on how to effectively share their faith and Biblical literature in many settings – homes, churches, businesses, and more! Register now at <https://nnz.bluevineyardevents.com/youthrushchristchurch26> There is no registration cut off date listed.

DIGITAL STRATEGY FOR MISSION CONVENTION

This is three conferences—The entire convention will run from July 2nd to July-13th with each event hosted consecutively: • NLC (Hope Channel): July 2nd – 7th • GAIN: July 8th –11th • ATS: July 12th –13th held at Grand Millennium Hotel in Auckland. Registration Information not listed on the website.

<https://adventist.digital/convention> +

ONE VOICE27 - NZPUC LAUNCH

OneVoice NZPUC Launch — Special Event | Friday, 10th 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 14th End: August 16th Tui Ridge Park, 260 Anderson Road, Rotorua All attendees must be 18+ years. Registrations close 3rd August 2026.

<https://nnz.bluevineyardevents.com/spiritled26>

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Women's Emphasis Sabbath | 13th June | Sermonette Message | Sister Saru & Women's Ministries Team
2. Combined Church Lunch | 13th June after Divine Service
3. EACSDA Church Board Meeting | 9:30am to 12:00pm on Zoom
4. Digital Discipleship | June 19th – June 21st | Registration closes June 15th at 11:59pm
5. Adsafe Training Tour – Keeping our children safe | Thursday, 18th June – Saturday, 20th June
6. Sabbath School Council Meeting | 20th June | 3:30pm to 5:00pm | On Zoom
7. EACSDA Communion | Sabbath 20th June | 9:30am to 12:00pm | On Zoom only
8. OneVoice NZPUC Launch — Special Event | Friday, 10 July | 7pm | Papatoetoe SDA Church
9. Youth Rush New Zealand | 28th June to 11th July | With Adam Weal | Christchurch
10. DSM Convention | July 2nd to July 13th | Grand Millennium Hotel in Auckland

Prayer Requests

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 ESV

- 🙏 Praise God for His mighty work during Revival Week — for conviction, repentance, renewed faith, unity, and the 22 souls baptised. Pray that all who responded would remain rooted in Christ and grow as faithful disciples and witnesses.
- 🙏 Pray that the revival experienced in our church would continue, and that we would heed Christ's message in Revelation 3 by turning from lukewarmness and abiding fully in Him.
- 🙏 Pray for conviction of sin, full surrender, and grace to forsake anything drawing us away from Christ.
- 🙏 Pray for reconciliation with God and with one another — for forgiveness, healing, unity, and restored relationships.
- 🙏 Pray that our personal and family altars of prayer would be established, revived, and maintained, and that we would continually seek God for power, victory, and fruitfulness.
- 🙏 Submit our Pastor Kris and sister Daphne into God's capable hands. For God's 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 Spirit's 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 last week. Remember our sisters and their family at this difficult time.
- 🙏 Pray for our Alofia family as they navigate the loss of their Mama and Nana. May they find comfort in the beautiful legacy she leaves behind, knowing that you will see her again at the soon return of Jesus.
- 🙏 Pray that God would renew our burden for mission, helping us to live for the glory of God and the salvation of man through faithful witnessing, evangelism, and soul-winning.
- 🙏 Pray for our Care Groups, to strengthen the newly baptised, equip members for service, and reach new souls for Christ.
- 🙏 Pray for God's leading in the calling of a new pastor who will faithfully build upon the foundation laid, boldly uphold God's truth, and lead the church in its mission: Reflecting God's Love | Advancing His Kingdom
- 🙏 Pray that during this pastoral transition we would seek God more earnestly, remain united, and depend fully upon Christ.
- 🙏 Pray that our church would recognise its deep need of united prayer, and that more would be burdened to seek God together for the outpouring of His Spirit, power for service, and the salvation of souls.

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