

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy

Chapter XVI. - The Plagues on Egypt – Episode 2

The Lord told Moses that the signs and wonders which he should show before Pharaoh would harden his heart, because he would not receive them, and God would multiply his signs. Every punishment which the king rejected would bring the next chastisement more close and severe, until the proud heart of the king would be humbled, and he should acknowledge the Maker of the heavens and the earth as the living and all-powerful God.

The Lord brought up his people from their long servitude in a signal manner, giving the Egyptians an opportunity to exhibit the feeble wisdom of their mighty men, and array the power of their gods in opposition to the God of Heaven. The Lord showed them by his servant Moses that the Maker of the heavens and the earth is the living and all-powerful God, above all gods; that his strength is mightier than the strongest—that Omnipotence could bring forth his people with a high hand and with an outstretched arm. The signs and miracles performed in the presence of Pharaoh were not given for his benefit alone, but for the advantage of God's people, to give them more clear and exalted views of God, and that all Israel should fear him, and be willing and anxious to leave Egypt, and choose the service of the true and merciful God. Had it not been for these wonderful manifestations, many would have been satisfied to remain in Egypt rather than to journey through the wilderness.

"And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded; and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers. Now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments; for they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them, as the Lord had said."

The magicians seemed to perform several things with their enchantments similar to those things which God wrought by the hand of Moses and Aaron. They did not really cause their rods to become serpents, but by magic, aided by the great deceiver, made them to appear like serpents, to counterfeit the work of God. Satan assisted his servants to resist the work of the Most High, in order to deceive the people, and encourage them in their rebellion. Pharaoh would grasp at the least evidence he could obtain to justify himself in resisting the work of God performed by Moses and Aaron. He told these servants of God that his magicians could do all these wonders. The difference between the work of God and that of the magicians was, one was of God, the other of Satan. One was true, the other false.

Pharaoh declared that Moses and Aaron were impostors, and could accomplish no more than his magicians. Said Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh, That Jehovah whom thou pretendest not to know, will convince thee that he is more powerful than all gods. They informed him that God would yet perform greater wonders, which would leave him without excuse, and which would be perpetual monuments of his providence and power in behalf of Israel.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And thou shalt say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness; and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. Thus saith the Lord, In this thou shalt know that I am the Lord; behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river."

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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 2nd September

Speaker: Sister Stella Marsters

Topic: Chapter 27: Satan and Prayer

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

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: Week of Prayer: Otahuhu Care Group

Topic: Day 5: The Spirit's Real Work

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00AM

Divine Service Speaker: Elder Ross Davidson

Title: Lent To The Lord | 1 Samuel 2:1

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies" (2 Corinthians 4:8–10, ESV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 6:02PM Date: 4 th September 2026	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Sept 4 th to Sept 9 th Sister Penny Maivalenisau
End Time: 6:03PM Date: 5 th September 2026	Divine Service Offering Local Church	Duty 2: Sept 4 th to Sept 9 th Sister Penny Maivalenisau

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.

OPEN TO ALL- BAPTISMAL SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

Baptismal class now located front left of stage. This week lesson 2. Our day in the light of Bible Prophecy. Next week lesson 3. A World in Turmoil. The class is for all preparing for Baptism and others that would like to study the topic. Elder John will be your facilitator. Please bring your Bibles, a smile and a pen.

PATHFINDERS FUNDRAISER

Reminder Honours Market Fundraiser 13th September at Royal Oak SDA. This is a fundraising event, there will be Pathfinder souvenirs, food & drinks for sale & lots of nice surprises. Please support our Pathfinders

WEEK OF PRAYER | SEPTEMBER 5–12

Theme: Grounded in the Bible. Focused on Mission. “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” — John 17:17

Join us for a special Week of Prayer as we seek God together through His Word and prayer.

All on Zoom **Zoom ID:** 836 3376 4709 – **Password:** eacsda

Times: **Sabbath:** 5th September: 6:30AM – 7:30AM | **Sunday to Friday:** 7PM – 8PM

Friday: 7:00PM – 8:00PM | **Sabbath:** 12th September: 6:30AM – 7:30AM

Wednesday evening will run as our normal Mid-Week Prayer Meeting with both in-person and Zoom options available. Come and experience a week of prayer, revival, fellowship, and renewed focus on God’s mission. Everyone is welcome!

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS

Our young church children have a special camp coming up which has required them to fundraise. However, they are coming up a little short despite their best efforts and we ask that you open your hearts to donate towards the children’s costs. You can make your contribution by depositing in the church bank account 38-9010-045635 2-00 Name: EACSDA and for the reference mark it Adventurers or Pathfinders, your choice of group. God bless.

ASDAH, PONSDA & EACSDA COMBINED SABBATH

On the 12th September at EACSDA we will hold a special program involving ASDAH, Ponsonby SDA and EACSDA. Pastor Anthony Manu will be preaching, then after Divine we will have our usual combined lunch followed by a special event with the ASDAH Brass Band playing inspiring music. This will be a HIGH Sabbath for sure. Worshipping our God with Sabbath School, Divine, Lunch and worship music. Praise the Lord!

CHURCH WORKING BEE

Sunday, 27th September starting at 8.30AM until 12.30PM we will be having a church working bee. Please contact Brother Sam Crichton if you have any questions.

MARRIAGE & HOME FOCUS EVENT

Pastor Evans & Dr Esther Nwaomah are excited to present this very special event for our benefit. Held at EACSDA and will be open to all on September 18th, 19th, 20th. This is a great opportunity for all, singles, dating, betrothed and married people. Celebration Lunch Registration closes 10th September

<https://tinyurl.com/Home-And-Marriage-Event>

PATHFINDER & ADVENTURERS RALLY FAIR

October 2nd — October 4th | Tui Ridge Park | Registration closes 21st September

<https://nnz.bluevineyardevents.com/rallyfair26>

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UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Children’s Fathers Day** | Children will present this special day | 5th September
2. **Week Of Prayer** | 5th to 12th September 2026
3. **Pathfinders Honours Market Fundraiser** | 13th September at ROSDA 8:30AM | Registration Needed
4. **Women’s Retreat** | 11th – 13th September | Tui Ridge Park | Registration closes 31st August
5. **ASDAH, PONSDA & EACSDA Combined Sabbath** | 12th September at EACSDA
6. **Marriage & Home Focus Weekend** | Pastor Evans & Dr Esther Nwaomah | September 18th, 19th, 20th Celebration Lunch RSVP Required with a \$20 cover charge.
7. **PIVOT Young Adults Conference** | September 25th – September 27th | Reg close 14th September
8. **Working Bee** | Sunday, 27th September | 8.30AM -12.30PM | Full Church Working Bee
9. **Pathfinder & Adventurer Rally Fair** | October 2nd – October 4th | Tui Ridge Park | Registration Required | Please read note on the other page.
10. **Generation Multiply – Big Camp 2027** | 8th – 16th January 2027 | Tui Ridge | Registrations now open

Prayer Requests

Ask the Lord for rain. In the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone. (Philippians 4:6 NJKV)

- 🙏 Pray for continued revival in our church – turning from lukewarmness and abiding fully in Christ.
- 🙏 Pray for Holy Spirits guidance upon each Care Group leading Week of Prayer from Sept 5th– Sept 12th For the whole church to come into Unity in prayer, revival and reformation.
- 🙏 Pray for our newly baptised to remain rooted in Christ & grow as faithful disciples and witnesses.
- 🙏 Pray for God to hand pick our new Pastor, the man after God’s own heart & carry a deep burden for souls. A spirit filled man & his family. May God’s will be done in the process of electing our new Pastor.
- 🙏 Pray for conviction, full surrender, and victory over anything drawing us away from Christ.
- 🙏 Pray for reconciliation, forgiveness, healing, and unity with God and one another.
- 🙏 Pray for the revival of personal and family altars of prayer.
- 🙏 Praise God for the Amazing Facts Oceania broadcast on TV3 NZ every Sunday at 8AM. Pray that many hearts and homes will be reached with God’s truth.
- 🙏 Pray that God would awaken and prepare His church to receive the souls He is reaching watchful prayerful, Spirit-filled, and faithfully upholding His truth.
- 🙏 Continued Prayer for Pastor Kris & Sister Daphne Kumar.
- 🙏 Continued Prayer for Sister Leanne Manaro.
- 🙏 Continued Prayer for Auntie Moira Wong in hospital.
- 🙏 Continued Prayer for Auntie Miriam.
- 🙏 Pray for Brother Ignatius Serfontein healing, who has had a serious shoulder surgery.
- 🙏 Pray for Sister Katherine Righton – recovery following her recent operation.
- 🙏 Pray for Papa John Mokoi Mata’afa as he recovers from severe illness & Elder Brother John as he looks dad at home.
- 🙏 Pray for Sister Vivianne’s mother, Mama Kafo.
- 🙏 Pray for a renewed burden for mission, faithful witnessing, evangelism, and soul-winning.
- 🙏 Pray that the Lord of the harvest would raise up willing labourers from among us.
- 🙏 Pray for our Care Groups to strengthen new members, equip members for service, & reach souls for Christ.
- 🙏 Pray for God’s leading in calling a new pastor after His own heart, His truth and burden for souls
- 🙏 Pray for unity, earnest seeking of God, and full dependence upon Christ during our pastoral transition.
- 🙏 Pray for a greater burden for weekly prayer meetings and daily united prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit 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