

WEEKLY SERIES
The Great Controversy
Chapter XV. - Moses - Episode 5

Moses did not expect that this was the manner in which the Lord would use him to deliver Israel from Egypt. He thought that it would be by warfare. And when the Lord made known to him that he must stand before Pharaoh, and in his name demand him to let Israel go, he shrank from the task.

The Pharaoh before whom he was to appear, was not the one who had decreed that he should be to death. That king was dead, and another had taken the reins of government. Nearly all the Egyptian kings were called by the name of Pharaoh. Moses would have preferred to stand at the head of the children of Israel as their general, and make war with the Egyptians. But this was not God's plan. He would be magnified before his people, and teach not only them, but the Egyptians, that there is a living God, who has power to save, and to destroy. Moses was commanded first to assemble the elders of Israel, the most noble and righteous among them, who had long grieved because of their bondage, and say unto them, "The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt; and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. And they shall hearken to thy voice; and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us; and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God."

The Lord also assured Moses that Pharaoh would not let Israel go. Yet his courage should not fail; for he would make this the occasion of manifesting his signs and wonders before the Egyptians, and before his people. "And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof; and after that he will let you go."

The powerful works of God, which he wrought before the Egyptians for the deliverance of the Hebrews, would give them favour in the sight of the Egyptians, that when they should leave Egypt they should not go empty-handed; "but every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment; and ye shall them upon your sons, and upon your daughters, and ye shall spoil the Egyptians."

The Egyptians had made slaves of the children of Israel, when they were not slaves, and the Egyptians were not entitled to their labour. They had only allowed the children of Israel a sustenance, and had enriched themselves with the labour which they had extorted from them. They had oppressed them, and bound them down under heavy burdens, until God interposed in their behalf. And as they were to go from their oppressors, they would need for their long journey that which they could exchange for bread, and use as their circumstances should require. Therefore, God directed them to borrow of their neighbours, and of the stranger that sojourned with them; that is, the Egyptian that had been appointed over them to see that they performed a certain amount of labour each day. Although they might borrow quite an amount, it would be but a small recompense for the hard labour they had performed, which had enriched the Egyptians.

Moses plead with the Lord, and said, "But behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice; for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee." The Lord then assured him by the miracle of the rod's becoming a serpent, and the hand's turning leprous, that by such signs and wonderful works would he cause the Egyptians and Pharaoh to fear, so that they would not dare to harm him. By these signs he assured Moses that he would convince the king and his people that a greater than himself was manifesting his power before them. And yet, after they should perform many miracles before Pharaoh in the sight of the people, they would not let Israel go. Moses wished to be excused from the laborious task. He plead a lack of ready speech as an excuse; that is, he had been so long from the Egyptians, that he had not as clear knowledge and ready use of their language as when he was among them.

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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 29th July 2026

Speaker:

Topic:

Zoom ID: 836 3376 4709 – Password: eacsd

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: TBC

Topic: TBC

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Elder Ross Jenkin

Title: Spiritual Health | 2 Timothy 4: 3, 4

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"
(1 Corinthians 10:31, NKJV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 5:34pm Date: 31 th July 2026	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Aug 2 nd to Aug 7 th Crichton Family
End Time: 5:35pm Date: 1 st August 2026	Divine Service Offering Local Church	Duty 2: Aug 2 nd to Aug 7 th Crichton 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.

OPEN TO ALL- BAPTISMAL SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

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

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

SABBATH SCHOOL PRELIMS

We need people who would like to lead the Sabbath School Prelims: on Sabbath Mornings

If you are interested please contact: Sister Nancy 027 242 9046 Many Thanks.

SABBATH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Confirming that there will have the Sabbath School Council Meetings on these Sabbaths By God's Grace on the 8th of August (Sabbath) and 7th of November (Sabbath). These will be on Zoom.

PATHFINDERS & ADVENTURERS

Next classes will be Sabbath 1st of August at 2:30pm-4:30pm and 2nd of August at 9am-10:30am

PATHFINDERS FUNDRAISER DATE CHANGE

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

NEW DISABLED CAR PARKS

Reminder that we have newly marked disabled car parks for disabled and elderly please respect these spaces for those who need to be closer to the entrances of the church.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Reminder for children to be supervised especially during church services and wandering outside to hazardous environments, and moving into the Hangar and surrounding areas. Please encourage children not to play around the drinking machine and expressing water that may flood surrounding areas nearby.

YOUTH RALLY

Beautifully Imperfect. God's power shines brightest through imperfect people. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9. 10 am at Hamilton Central Baptist church, 33 Charlemont St, Whitiara, Hamilton. Speaker Pr Andrew Hoeflich.

CARE GROUPS

Care Groups are actively meeting we encourage church members and leadership to invite seekers and follow up new baptised church members to attend every week.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meetings are a vital part of church spiritual growth and nurturing and faith building discipleship and community. We encourage all church members to attend every Wednesday at 7pm-8pm

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>

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UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Children's Sabbath** | 25th July | Rock Solid With God | Global | Not EA
2. **EA Church Business Meeting** | Sunday, 2nd August to close Q2 | 6.30pm by Zoom only
3. **EA Sabbath School Council Meeting** | Sabbath 8th August | 3:30pm – 5:30pm | On Zoom only
4. **Church Combined Lunch** | 8th August
5. **Spirit Led** | August 14th August 16th Tui Ridge Park | Registration by 3rd August
6. **Beautifully Imperfect Youth Rally** | 10 am | 33 Charlemont St, Whitiara, Hamilton | 22nd August
7. **Badminton Tournament** | 22nd -23rd August | Eastlink Badminton Stadium, 60 Old Farm Road, Hamilton East, Hamilton | Age: 12+ years age limit
8. **Adventist Nurses Symposium** | Bethesda Village Conference Centre, 743 Great South Road, Wiri, Auckland | Start:26th August, 12:00 pm End:28th August, 12:30 pm | Registrations close 23rd August
9. **Pathfinders Honours Market** | 13th September at Royal Oak 8:30am | Registration required

Prayer Requests

...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

- 🙏 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 that all newly baptised would remain rooted in Christ and grow as faithful disciples & witnesses.
- 🙏 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 Gods Holy Spirit to heal and help in their journey of recovering.
- 🙏 Continuing prayers 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.
- 🙏 Pray for God's healing upon Sister Leanne. Pray for comfort and strength as she battles the daily attacks of the enemy.
- 🙏 Prayers for Desiree (Elder Fitu's niece recovery + rehabilitation from a lung transplant)
- 🙏 Special prayers for Eleazar (Stella's son recovering from surgery)
- 🙏 Prayers for Sister Katherine Righton as she recovers from the recent operation
- 🙏 Keep in prayer Brother Elder John and Sister Naomi for father Papa John Mokoi Mata'afa who is very ill at Waitakere Hospital. We thank all the EA Church families who have visited.
- 🙏 Pray for Sister Vivianne's Mother. Mama Kafo.
- 🙏 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 that the Lord of the harvest would send forth labourers from among us, equipping us with willing hearts to serve wherever He calls.
- 🙏 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 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