

WEEKLY SERIES
The Great Controversy
Chapter XV. - Moses - Episode 3

Moses was too fast in slaying the Egyptian. He supposed that the people of Israel understood that God's special providence had raised him up to deliver them. But God did not design to deliver the children of Israel by warfare, as Moses thought; but by his own mighty power, that the glory might be ascribed to him alone.

God overruled the act of Moses in slaying the Egyptian to bring about his purpose. He had in his providence brought Moses into the royal family of Egypt, where he had received a thorough education; and yet he was not prepared for God to entrust to him the great work he had raised him up to accomplish. Moses could not immediately leave the king's court, and the indulgences granted him as the king's grandson, to perform the special work of God. He must have time to obtain an experience, and be educated in the school of adversity and poverty. His father-in-law feared God, and was especially honoured of all the people around him for his far-seeing judgment. His influence with Moses was great.

While Moses was living in retirement, the Lord sent his angels to especially instruct him in regard to the future. Here he learned more fully the great lesson of self-control and humility. He kept the flocks of Jethro; and while he was performing his humble duties as a shepherd, God was preparing him to become a spiritual shepherd of his sheep, even of his people Israel. He had been fully qualified as a general, to stand at the head of armies; and now the Lord would have him learn the duties, and perform the offices, of a faithful shepherd of his people, to tenderly care for his erring, straying sheep. As Moses led the flock to the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb, "the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush. And he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither. Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, and God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task-masters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me; and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

The time had fully come when God would have Moses exchange the shepherd's staff for the rod of God, which he would make powerful in accomplishing signs and wonders, in delivering his people from oppression, and in preserving them when pursued by their enemies. "And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you, and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am. And he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you. This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."

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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 08th July 2026

Speaker: Jovy Crallan

Topic: Chapter 20 - Praying in the Name of Jesus

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

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: Brother Neipolinione Waqanivalu

Topic: Chapter 21 - Divine Guidance through prayer

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Pastor Hillary Baatjies

Title: “The Shadow That Saves” | Psalm 121:4

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10, ESV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 5:24pm Date: 17 th July 2026	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission Divine Service Offering Union Global Partnership Project – MENA NZ Pacific Union Conference	Next Week Duty 1: July 19 th to July 24 th Elder John Mata’afa Duty 2: July 19 th to July 24 th Elder John Mata’afa

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.

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 1st of August (Sabbath) and 7th of November (Sabbath).

PATHFINDERS & ADVENTURERS

Next classes will be Sabbath 18th of July at 2:30pm-4:30pm and 19th of July at 9am-10:30am

PATHFINDERS

Sunday the 19th there will be a Hike at Waitakere Ranges Regional Park, all are welcome to join. Remember to pack their backpacks for the day. Meet at EACSDA at 9am.

Honours Market Fundraiser 26th of July. Royal Oak SDA. Registrations close on the 21st July. Cost 18.00. This is a fundraising event, and there will be Pathfinder souvenirs, food & drinks for sale & lots of nice surprises.

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.

HOUSEKEEPING REMINDER

Reminder to lock and secure church facilities if used during the weekend e.g. socials and during the week for any meetings on site e.g. turn of lights, lock doors and close windows and lock the main gate.

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. EA Church Board meeting | Sunday, 19th July | 6.30pm by Zoom only
2. Children's Sabbath | 25th July | Rock Solid With God
3. EA Church Business Meeting | Sunday, 26th July to close Q2 | 6.30pm by Zoom only
4. EA School Council Meeting | 1st August | 3:30pm | On Zoom
5. Pathfinders Hike | 19th July | Waitakere Ranges Regional Park |
6. Pathfinders Honours Market | 26th July at Royal Oak 8:30am | Registration by 21st July
7. Spirit Led | August 14th August 16th Tui Ridge Park | Registration by 3rd August

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 God's Holy Spirit to heal and help in their journey of recovering.
- 🙏 Continuing prayers 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.
- 🙏 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 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