

Lucan: It's time to begin. Pastor, will you please offer the opening prayer?

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in Heaven. We are blessed to be in Your Presence once again for Sabbath fellowship and worship. We ask that Your Spirit refresh us according to our various needs and we thank You in advance for answering our prayer at this time in YAHSHUA's holy and precious name, AMEN.

Barb: Amen

Adriel Dean777: Amen, Amen

Lucan: Amen

Daphna: Amen

Peter: Amen

Ruthline: Amen.

Elyna1: Amen

Naraiel: Amen.

Lucan: One of the things that originally struck me about the article, "From the Caves to the Courts," was how the concept of trademarks, and commercial trade in general, were front and center during the time of the apostles. From silversmiths opposing Paul for unfair competition (Acts 19:24-38) to the prominence of trademarks in Rome during and after the time of John, Scripture and history offer several threads that weave together to form the principles of protest in this generation.

Tonight's study is called "The Merchant Church," and we will be looking at one thread in particular that runs much longer than expected; that is the concept of "merchandise."

There are a few verses that may come to mind immediately: "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: ... cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. (Rev. 18:11,13; NKJV)

"And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Yahshua went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." (John 2:13-16)

"Happy [is] the man [that] findeth wisdom, and the man [that] getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it [is] better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She [is] more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." (Proverbs 3:13-15)

I've quoted the NKJV for the verse in Revelation as it renders the Greek more accurately; where we read "slaves, and souls of men" in the KJV, the passage itself says "soma kai psyche," or literally "bodies and minds/spirits/souls" of men. While the traditional reading would have us understand that souls are being bought and sold as goods in addition to slaves, the Scripture here shows us a church – Babylon, the great city – that trades men, specifically both body and soul, with the merchants of the earth.

Neither the selling of men's bodies into slavery or the merchandising of the body and soul were new concepts to the apostles. We read in the law of Moses: "If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you." (Deut. 24:7)

We may note that this verse is in the beginning of Deuteronomy 24, which is precisely where we find two other notable laws to Seventh-day Adventism. First, the law against a woman (or a church, prophetically speaking) remarrying her first husband after being put away and joining to another; we find here the physical law reflecting the spiritual principle taught by early Adventists: "When the early church departed from God and imbibed pagan errors, she became Babylon. When she united with the state, she fell, and, as

an organization, was the body of Christ no longer." [First Quarter Sabbath School, Lesson IX, February 29, 1896]

And again: "It has ever been true that a backslidden body, one that has turned from God's word to men, from God's power to the state, was never reformed in itself. Invariably God's message has called out those from the fallen church who would do His will and preach His gospel." [First Quarter Sabbath School, Lesson X, March 7, 1896]

When a church "puts away" Christ and fornicates with the kings of the earth, sealing their union in marriage by persecuting with civil power, there is no returning to her first husband, no reforming the organization; invariably, God's message calls His people out from the fallen Church into a new body.

Secondly, Deuteronomy 24:1-7 gives the law against taking either the upper or the lower millstone from a man as pledge. As Bro. David stated in his study on this subject of "millstones" in the Scripture: "The Law of Yah presses us into Christ. Without the Law, Christ is not needed, and He is just a Stone we can stand on without any sanctification taking place. Without Christ, on the other hand, the upper millstone presses us into the ground, and we are destroyed, wasted. . . The "lower millstone," the great Rock upon which we rest, is the faith of Yahshua Himself. The "upper millstone," the Law of Yahweh, would be condemnation to us without Christ, but with Him is the means of our refinement – turning the people of Yahweh from "wheat" into useful flour."

When a church uses civil power to prevent the ministry of those represented by the gathering angels, they attempt to "take the millstone." In the attempt to take either the name "Creation 7th day" OR "Adventist," there is an attempt to take the testimony of either the commandments of God on one part, or the faith of Yahshua on the other. There is an attempt to take down part of the banner, one of two pillars, one of two witnesses, one of two millstones between which the faithful are sanctified and made ready in the last great division of mankind. To those who offend in this manner, "it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:6)

We may read of “menstealers” elsewhere in Scripture, however for now it is evident that kidnapping to sell into slavery was known.

What of the spiritual component of man in addition to the physical? “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.” (2 Peter 2:1-3)

To this day the Church encounters those who through covetousness attempt, with feigned words, to make merchandise of the gospel dispensation. In Australia, in Canada, in Africa, and abundantly in America we have encountered those who take the work of self-sent ministry so that they might live off the tithe, “making merchandise” of the saints through their covetousness.

While abusing the spiritual lives of others for personal profit is not a new disease, we may fail to realize how very old it is, and by whom it was invented: “Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.....Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.” (Ezekiel 28:14-16, 18)

"By the multitude of thy merchandise" was Lucifer, and the king of Tyre in symbol, filled with violence. "By the multitude of thy merchandise" was he cast out as profane, and rejected from the position of covering Cherub. "By the iniquity of thy traffick" are his sanctuaries defiled; the Hebrew word for "traffick" here is the same as for "merchandise," and is notably also defined as "trade."

A number of questions may arise here. Why does Lucifer have sanctuaries to defile? Does this speak of literal merchandise? Was he pawning baubles and trinkets in the courts of Heaven, a place without currency as we know it?

No; there is evidently a spiritual component at work here. Lucifer took his great advantages as a sign of personal worth; he presented himself to others in his pride, and he sold himself and his leadership to them in place of the light of Yahweh, with which he had been entrusted. Those who have bought what he sells have found that they had actually sold themselves to him, becoming the very slaves they had feared to be. So it is with every one that "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2 Thess. 2:4)

So it is that "the iniquity of thy trade" defiles what were once sanctified houses. So it is that Yahshua made a whip of cords, and drove out those who would turn the temple of Yahweh into a house of merchandise, for through the multitude of merchandise they had filled the midst with violence. It should be no surprise, then, that the mark Satan seeks to impose over the earth in his final show of authority is one that deals not only with the Sabbath, but also with the merchandising of spiritual things, the claim of a fallen church to own what proceeds from the voice of God, and the abuse of the faithful as "customers" in the house of God for personal profit.

Under the most benign of pretenses, the enforcement of the Seventh-day Adventist trademark name is an attempt to silence the sharing of the gospel for personal gain, reputation, and protection. It is the very spirit and course of Lucifer, who lifted himself up at the cost of others, and to this day seeks to

lessen his own judgment by preventing the “buying” of the lost and the “selling” of their sins in the day of atonement.

We will revisit that concept in a moment.

Those that use the methods of the world to control and convert are buying “bodies and souls of men” using the means of the world – their trade is with the “merchants of the earth” rather than the merchant of God. That Yahweh buys and sells His own merchandise is well established: “The great Redeemer represents Himself as a heavenly merchantman, laden with riches, calling from house to house, presenting His priceless goods, and saying, “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me”” (Revelation 3:18-20) [1SM 358]

“Buy the truth, and sell [it] not; [also] wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” (Proverbs 23:23)

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.” (Matthew 13:44-46)

“Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.” (Luke 12:33)

“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark - the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Revelation 13:17)

"And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."
(Revelation 14:3-4)

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."
(Revelation 5:9-10)

These last two verses in Revelation, speaking of the "new song," may seem out of place in the study, however they have something notable in common: they are the only three times in all of Scripture where the Greek word "agorazo" is translated as "redeemed." In every other of 31 total uses, including Revelation 13:17 and the other passages quoted, the word is translated as "buy." This is its primary definition. If we conclude that both translations are accurate, however, Revelation 13:17 may read thus: "And that no man might redeem or sell, save he that had the mark, the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

If we conclude that only or primarily the word "buy" is accurate, as seems to be likely, then the other passages in Revelation read thus: "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were bought from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were bought from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb." (Revelation 14:3-4)

And again: "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast bought us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and

nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:9-10)

Do we begin to see why Satan would use a mark to prevent "buying and selling" in the last days? This is a much deeper and more spiritual concept than merely the inability to do business while in jail. This is not an unusual proposal; as the Scripture says, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:20)

And again, "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men." (1 Cor. 7:23)

Revelation deals with trade and spiritual commerce as fully as the rest of the Scripture, if not moreso; it is fitting, then, that the mark of the beast should be aimed at restricting such trade, lest any should be redeemed, "bought from the earth" to form the 144,000.

We know that the 144,000 are bought as the result of the message given by the three angels, which are repeated in the power of the fourth. We know these are they who have received the message to Laodicea, and have bought gold tried in the fire, eyesalve that they might see, and white raiment that they might be clothed from the heavenly merchantman.

Why should this message be repeated under the fourth angel, with the denunciation of the sins committed by the church added? It can only be because the church itself became corrupted, "the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." It can only be because those who were to be the merchants of the things of Yahweh have "defiled their sanctuaries by the multitude of their iniquities, by the iniquity of their trade." It can only be because those who were made the repositories of sacred trusts have "by the multitude of their iniquities been filled with violence, and have sinned."

What church is it that makes merchandise of the bodies and souls of men, through the merchants of the earth? What church is it that prevents those that would "buy and sell" under the three angel's messages, and has been

cast out from their high estate to be a terror in the earth? What organization is it that must suffer the wrath of Yahweh, such that He will "bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee?" It can only be that which has followed the very path of Lucifer, whose leadership sits in the temple of God, showing themselves that they are God by claiming to be the source of that which God Himself has provided.

"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning." (Revelation 18:8-9)

May every denominated Seventh-day Adventist hear assuredly what Yahweh has said of their organization: "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." (Revelation 18:1-3)

"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft [he be], shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." (Revelation 18:21-24)

The mention of the bridegroom and the bride is not made idly, nor is the mention of the millstone, or the oil among the things that the merchants of the earth sell to the fallen church of Revelation 18: "And at midnight there

was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut." (Matthew 25:6-10)

Such will be the end of all who persist in buying and selling after the manner of the earth and not the manner of God, making merchandise of the saints and the house of God. May Yah have mercy as the winds of strife are held back a little longer, awaiting the sealing of those who are to be bought from the earth and among men in violation of the mark that restricts such trade. May His loud cry be heard through all the earth: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Revelation 18:4)

Lucan: Are there any comments on the study tonight?

Adriel Dean777: Amen

Lucan: If not, I'll ask David to offer the closing prayer.

Pastor Chick: Q

Lucan: Go ahead

Pastor Chick: I am assuming there is more that can be (and will be said) along these lines ... am I correct? END

Lucan: Which lines specifically? I suppose there's always more than can be said. 😊

Pastor Chick: A

Lucan: Go ahead

Pastor Chick: In terms of the merchandising of souls, and the depth of the mark. END

Pastor Chick: C

Lucan: You can keep going 😊

Pastor Chick: The "early rain Prophetess" was Ellen White and the simple application of the mark was enforcement of the Sunday, replacing and displacing the keeping of the DAY called "Sabbath" ... right? But, there arose the "latter-rain Prophet" who is EliYAH and the mark has become deeper in spiritual significance and we have realized that the Great Controversy is more than the choice between YAH's Sabbath and the Papal Sunday and Ellen White had a view of our day, but it was not fully revealed to her just as many things were not revealed to the pioneers of the Advent movement so, all that can be (and will be) said cannot possibly be detailed in one sitting. END

Lucan: Well, yes; there's nearly 30 years of writings and history in the background that would be difficult to put into one study. I suppose conditional prophecy alone would be a whole study of itself. Generally, when a church falls, the prophecies are fulfilled in a slightly different way than expected. For example, no Jew reading the prophets of the Old Testament would ever have expected a "New Jerusalem" in heaven, or "spiritual Israel..." Ezekiel even saw different gates on the city than John did; so we see that a change in the church brings a change in the prophecies given to them.

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Lucan: That's part of why I open for comments and questions at the end; there's potentially a lot to unpack, so it's helpful if anyone isn't clear or has a question on something, and we can go from there. 😊

Pastor Chick: C

Lucan: Go ahead

Pastor Chick: I am amazed at how the scroll has unfolded during my 30 years in this Truth. Things that were difficult to see in the beginning are now

like "old light" in my experience but, at every incremental increase in Light the NEW meshes with the OLD and makes the OLD brighter along the path.
<smiles> END.

Adriel Dean777: Amen 😊

Peter: Q.

Lucan: Go ahead

Peter: Based upon your last comment bro Luke, things have changed based upon the response to the prophecies. So then could it be that seeing that the trademark is not accepted by SDA as the Mark Of the Beast would you say then that Yah will be modifying the end time result as well? End.

Lucan: Hm, I'm not sure if I understand what you're asking...

Peter: Ok...the church does not think that the trademark will have an impact upon their lives, so therefor they ignore it thinking it is ok. End.

Pastor Chick: A

Lucan: Well, yes... the Protestant churches didn't think Sunday was a big deal either. 😊 Go ahead

Pastor Chick: Since the SDA Church employs the world's methods to reach their goals and protect their institutions, they are blinded to the very MARK that they have imposed ...

EliZabeth: Q

Pastor Chick: I wonder ???... Did Lucifer understand what MARK he was imposing on Heaven in the beginning of the War in Heaven? It is called in Scripture, "the mystery of iniquity" Right?...

Adriel Dean777: yes

Pastor Chick: Christ once said, "You do not know what spirit you are" (Luke 9:55) ... I find that there is "safety in a multitude of counsellors" ...

Adriel Dean777: C

Pastor Chick: If we are just an island to ourselves ... an "independent ministry" or minister ... we have no accountability and therefore, we are a law unto ourselves. As I see it, YAH formed the Church to protect His people from the devices of the Enemy of Souls and to enlighten each other in the principles of sanctification ...

Adriel Dean777: Amen

Pastor Chick: so that we maintain a straight path in the order of Heaven.
END.

Peter: Amen.

Lucan: Right; persecutors rarely see themselves as such. Generally, they "think they are doing God service," or think themselves the victims somehow. I suspect if anyone realized they were persecuting; they would stop persecuting. 😊

Lucan: Go ahead, Elizabeth

EliZabeth: Ok. 1Co 6:11 So it is written: And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. This word sanctified is past tense, so if it is are we sanctified now?

Zahakiel: A

Lucan: Go ahead, David

EliZabeth: and justified?

Zahakiel: The word "sanctified" means "made holy." It is used in different ways in the Scriptures, just like the word "saved" and the word "perfect." Depending on the verse... in one place we read that we "have been saved." In another, we read that we are "being saved," and in yet another, that we "will be saved." In that we are justified by the death and resurrection of Christ, all who accept Him are "made holy." In that, they are already sanctified. We call that use of it "justification." In that we continue to find things to put away, and therefore be more and more pleasing to the Father, more suitable to be His servants, we are being made holy. This is the "sanctification" that is the work of a lifetime 😊 When we are sanctified to the degree that there is no unknown sin left,

EliZabeth: Ok I see Great!

Zahakiel: we are "sanctified" to the point of full spiritual maturity, and then the body is transformed to match the spirit. Ok 😊 Then I will End there.

Adriel Dean777: 😊

EliZabeth: What a wonderful ending. Thx.

Adriel Dean777: 😊

Lucan: Go ahead, Jody/Dean

EliZabeth: Great explanation.

Adriel Dean777: Referring to the SDA church being blinded to the MARK - I would think that the verse (paraphrasing) "because they received not the love of the truth Yahweh sent them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie" applies here as well. End.

EliZabeth: C

Lucan: Go ahead, Elizabeth

EliZabeth: I really need this transcript please?

Adriel Dean777: yes

EliZabeth: and thank you.

Pastor Chick: C

Lucan: Go ahead, Pastor

Pastor Chick: The Adventist understanding of ATONEMENT is different from the evangelical application ...

Peter: Q.

Pastor Chick: Any who have come into the Sabbath Truth and Adventist message from other Sunday-keeping denominations must unlearn and relearn much from the Scriptures ...

EliZabeth: C

Pastor Chick: We understand two (2) phases of the ATONEMENT ...

EliZabeth: Anyone who is indoctrinated by false doctrine of the Sanhedrin, must unlearn and relearn.

Pastor Chick: Christ won salvation for everyone in the world via His stepping down to partake of sinful flesh, by His living a sinless life IN sinful flesh, and giving Himself as the satisfactory sacrifice for the sins of the whole world on the cross but, that was the completed work for our justification (and for the sanctification of, for example, the thief on the cross). That was phase 1 of the ATONEMENT, but "Thy way, of YAH, is in the sanctuary". Christ became our High Priest in Heaven in the Heavenly Sanctuary which began phase 2 of the ATONEMENT...

EliZabeth: HmMMM!

Pastor Chick: In order to form a "glorious Church without spot or blemish," there must be a process of sanctification to bring about what Bro. David was explaining above. We need to understand that we are NOT selfishly TRYING

to GET to Heaven. We are cooperating with The Spirit of the Father and the Son, along with Heavenly Angels, ...

EliZabeth: C. I agree.

Pastor Chick: to vindicate the character of YAHWEH, and prove to the universe that YAH was correct all along and that Lucifer was truly the enemy of righteousness. END.

Lucan: Go ahead, Peter

Peter: Can one be merchandising themselves without realizing it? Was Paul doing so when he said "Follow me as I follow Christ?" End.

Pastor Chick: A

Lucan: Well, so long as Paul was following Christ, I would see that as merchandising Christ in him. That's the proper type of "selling." 😊

Lucan: Go ahead, Pastor

Pastor Chick: "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked". Paul was not "guilty" because he was "transformed by the renewing of (his) mind" BUT all humans are vulnerable to the devices of Satan. We "walk by faith" and "not by sight". As was pointed out last week, in Bro. David's study our conscience cannot be our guide, because it must be sanctified daily. YES, we MUST be true to conscience but, as we are in connection with the channel of YAH, via His Church, we have a Divine Conscience Regulator that balances us in all our ways ...

Adriel Dean777: 😊

Pastor Chick: IF, at any point, we are veering off the path via some distraction, there is a brother/sister noticing and they make an alarm to save us from falling off the path. END

Adriel Dean777: Amen

EliZabeth: Hmmm!

Marie: Amen

Lucan: I saw a C from Elizabeth earlier; was that just for the "I agree" that followed, or do you have a further comment?

Adriel Dean777: C

EliZabeth: As you have said Luke just a "I agree"

Lucan: Okay 😊 Go ahead, Jody

Adriel Dean777: Regarding Pastor's last comment brought to mind (again paraphrasing) – “and do not forsake the gathering of yourselves together and even more so as you see the day approaching.” End

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Lucan: Are there any further comments tonight?

Peter: C.

Lucan: Go ahead

Peter: I just want to praise Yah for the beautiful study

Pastor Chick: C

EliZabeth: C. Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Peter: That he has given to us to open the sabbath. And the great blessings that we receive. End

Lucan: Go ahead, Pastor

Pastor Chick: Here is something that we have not talked about lately.

Chick: The modern-day Adventists (including most, if not all, of the separated brethren) ...

EliZabeth: C

Pastor Chick: do not rightly teach the two phases of the ATONEMENT. The first phase of ATONEMENT presents us HOLY before the Throne of YAH with "victory over all known sin" which is the TRUE and ACCEPTABLE doctrine of "justification". BUT, in the common Adventism of our time brethren are trying to reach the "state" of having victory over all known sin while calling it "the process of sanctification". They completely skip "justification by faith" and jump to "sanctification by faith" (without being justified by faith). This will prove their eternal ruin. END.

Lucan: Go ahead, Elizabeth

EliZabeth: The righteousness by which we are justified is imputed; the righteousness by which we are sanctified is imparted. The first is our title to heaven, the second is our fitness for heaven. {FLB 116.2} Many commit the error of trying to define minutely the fine points of distinction between justification and sanctification. Into the definitions of these two terms they often bring their own ideas and speculations. Why try to be more minute than is Inspiration on the vital question of righteousness by faith? {FLB 116.3} As the penitent sinner, contrite before God, discerns Christ's atonement in his behalf, and accepts this atonement as his only hope in this life and the future life, his sins are pardoned. This is justification by faith. {FLB 116.4} Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime. It is not gained by a happy flight of feeling, but is the result of constantly dying to sin, and constantly living for Christ. Wrongs cannot be righted nor reformations wrought in the character by feeble, intermittent efforts. It is only by long, persevering effort, sore discipline, and stern conflict, that we shall overcome. {FLB 116.5} It [sanctification] is not merely a theory, an emotion, or a form of words, but a living, active principle, entering into the everyday life. It requires that our habits of eating, drinking, and dressing be such as to secure the preservation of physical, mental, and moral health, that we may

present to the Lord our bodies--not an offering corrupted by wrong habits but--"a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." {FLB 116.6}

Ruthline: Q

Lucan: Go ahead, Ruthline

Adriel Dean777: Amen

Ruthline: In reference to Rev 18:11, 13 who are the worldly merchants/merchants of the earth that weep, considered today? End.

Lucan: Well, I don't know if there's a specific class fulfilled by the merchants; they seem to be those made rich through the trade of the city. So, it would likely be some combination of worldly counselors, members of the church, and those in the world who benefit temporally from their compromise with it. If other members have further insights on that, please feel free to share. 😊 In the meantime, go ahead Pastor.

Pastor Chick: Okay, so, for EliZabeth. I liked the FLB quotes you posted. Because you did not qualify your reason for posting, I could not tell if you were supporting what is being said with those quotes, or if you saw something different that we need? END

EliZabeth: I was clarifying for things that were missing in your posting, that is all. END

Pastor Chick: (Filling between the lines?)

EliZabeth: Yes indeed!

Pastor Chick: (Thanks for that.)

Lucan: Are there any further comments or questions? If not, let's close with prayer. Bro. David, will you please offer the closing prayer?

Zahakiel: Let us pray... Dear Father in Heaven, We thank you for the blessing of your holy Sabbath day, and for the blessing of fellowship that we enjoy during its sacred hours. We thank you for the ability to congregare, even from distant locations, so that we may rejoice before your throne in one-

another's company. We are blessed to know, by your gift of revelation, the language of your symbols... so that the path of your work on behalf of mankind may be traced through the ages, understood by oil, and millstones, and merchandise. We are everlastingly grateful for your divine merchandising, the purchase of our souls from Satan's power, and for the commission given to us to bring others also into your kingdom by means of this sacred transaction. May the light from your Spirit continually be shed upon our path, refreshing that which has come before, and revealing that which lies ahead. May our communion with you, and with each other, continue into tomorrow's meeting, and may we depart from this study in peace, to enjoy the sacred hours with which we have been gifted. This we ask in Yahshua's name.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Peter: Amen

Barb: Amen

Adriel Dean777: Amen. Amen

EliZabeth: and Amen!

Marie: Amen