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Hello Bible Explorations Family! Time is going by and we know we are nearing the end. As we all know, toward the end more and more will be going to sleep in Jesus. We recently lost John Hall (Cheri's husband) which was a shock to all of us! (Chris Hall's dad). He will be greatly missed. And just a couple days ago we lost Norma Hughes! They were both great support and helped with this ministry and both helped so much at our camp meetings! Please keep their families in prayer.

We are getting ready to get back on the U.S./Canada satellite, too! That dream is coming true hopefully by April. Please continue to support this. So many do not have the ability to watch our live or YouTube etc., but do have that satellite and will be able to watch us again!

Brent Meikle is also finishing up his book The Covenant Code and it will be on Amazon soon!! This also costs money so please support this, too. It will be a fantastic tool to use to share our beliefs with others and also help you understand more how to share our faith! It has lots of proof in it about the Bible, the feast days, including Sabbath, etc. You will want to get it for friends! Elder VanDenburgh has great books he wrote and this book just continues that message in more detail. They all go together great!

We are still not quite sure about Passover. It is a challenging time to find a place since the last day of Tabernacles (Sunday) is actually also "Easter" and so places are being booked up. However, we will ALWAYS be on zoom live as we always do, so please continue to like and share videos and our website with others! We will let you know our plans. We sort of have something for Tabernacles...we will also let you know about that one It will be near Nevada and a great place! He is coming soon, we need to gather and learn and SHARE!!! Blessings and thanks to all of you for the continued financial support and prayers!!

## LOOK WHO'S INVITED Ted Schultz

### ONLY HOLY PEOPLE CAN KEEP HOLY THINGS HOLY

The apostle Paul stressed how essential holiness of life is to salvation. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14. "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." 2 Thess. 2:13. The apostle emphasizes that our being holy is the will of God. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thess. 4:3. The words holiness and sanctification in these texts come from the same Greek word and therefore mean the same thing. The testimony of the apostles is the same as that of the law and the prophets of the Old Testament. God is calling His covenant people to be holy. God called Israel out of Egypt and promised them that if they would obey His voice and keep His covenant they would be a holy people. Exodus 19:5. This holy calling is now extended to God's end time remnant people. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal

priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9.

### **WHY DID ISRAEL FAIL?**

So why did Israel fail of being that holy nation that God wanted them to be? The apostle Paul tells us exactly on what point they failed and gives a warning not to repeat their failure. “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” Hebrews 4:1, 2. It was not because God’s promises to Israel failed, but because they did not have faith in Jesus to fulfill His promises to them. “But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? [Why?] Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.” Romans 9:31, 32.

### **ONLY HOLY PEOPLE KEEP HOLY SABBATHS HOLY**

“No other institution which was committed to the Jews tended so fully to distinguish them from surrounding nations as did the Sabbath. God designed that its observance should designate them as His worshipers. It was to be a token of their separation from idolatry, and their connection with the true God. But in order to keep the Sabbath holy, men must themselves be holy. Through faith they must become partakers of the righteousness of Christ. When the command was given to Israel, ‘Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,’ the Lord said also to them, ‘Ye shall be holy men unto Me.’ Ex. 20:8; 22:31. Only thus could the Sabbath distinguish Israel as the worshipers of God.” The Desire of Ages, p. 283.

### **WAR AGAINST THE MIQRAH**

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.” Rev. 12:1. “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon; having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.” Rev. 12:3. In vision John saw the woman, the church, locked in war with the dragon, Satan. Satan who had started war in heaven began to wage war against God’s church. This war will continue until he is cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:10. Reference is made nineteen times to the woman throughout chapter twelve and the assaults that Satan brings against her. Then comes the prophecy that speaks in a special way to our time. “The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus

Christ.” Revelation 12:17. Some who today are living on the earth will see these words fulfilled. The same spirit that in ages past led men to persecute the true church, will in the future lead to the pursuance of a similar course toward those who maintain their loyalty to God. Even now preparations are being made for this last great conflict.” Prophets and Kings, p. 605. Some have charged the writer of these words for being a false prophet because no warfare was taking place against commandment keepers in 1890 when that statement was published. But in this the critics are mistaken. At that very period of time Seventh-day Adventists were being jailed, fined, put on chain gangs, or having their property confiscated because they were too poor to pay the fines levied against them. Commandment keepers were indeed feeling the ire of the dragon. In 1888 A. T. Jones testified before the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor to argue against bill S.2983 introduced by Senator Blair proposing an amendment to the constitution which stated in part, “A bill to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord’s day, as a day of rest, and to promote its observation as a day of religious worship.” The National Sunday Law, p. v.

### **U. S. CONGRESS PASSES A SUNDAY LAW**

In 1893 U. S. Congress received thousands of petitions signed by millions of citizens clamoring for the World’s Fair to be closed on Sunday, “to save the Lord’s Day from desecration.” Catholic Mirror, Sept. 2, 1893. The General Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists held that same year drafted Resolutions which were sent to Congress under the title Appeal and Remonstrance. This appeal was also published in an Extra of The Religious Liberty, March, 1893. Even though Congress had the clear witness of both history and biblical truth set squarely before them in 1888 as to why Congress had no right nor authority to pass a Sunday law, they, nevertheless, bowing to pressure from the populace passed a Sunday law and the World’s Fair was closed on Sunday. 1893 General Conference Bulletin, p. 72. This action by Congress was not only an act of apostasy, it was a direct violation of the Constitution. This very thing had been predicted. “Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. The Great Controversy, p. 592. Make no mistake about this. The prophecy of Revelation 12:17 was beginning to be fulfilled in the year 1890 when the statement was made that “Some who today are living on the earth will see these words fulfilled.” The accuracy of this statement has been verified to the letter.

In His mercy for the remnant, God put a hold on the closing events of earth's history until the remnant could be sealed. They were not sealable in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

They were ever so close, but close is not close enough. They had yet to receive and experience truths that they even at that time were not willing to receive. God had gems of truth that were to be gathered up and made the property of the remnant, but they were not walking in all the light that God had already given them.

### **THE WOMAN WITH THE MOON UNDER HER FEET**

The woman of Revelation 12:1 is represented as having the moon under her feet. The S.D.A. Bible Commentary on this states, "This symbol is understood by many commentators as representing the system of types and shadows of OT times, which were eclipsed by the greater revelation that came through Christ. The ceremonial law, being fulfilled in the life and death of Christ, could well be represented by the moon, which shines with light borrowed from the sun." S.D.A. Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 807. There is a kernel of truth in the above statement in that the woman with the moon under her feet has a connection to Old Testament times. The holy convocations are regulated by the new moons. Remember, the feasts which are regulated by the new moons are statutes and statutes are "not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ." Review and Herald, May 6, 1875. The prophet Isaiah informs us that the new moon will continue to regulate special times of worship in the new earth.

"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." Isaiah 66:22, 23. Further, not everything represented by the system of types and shadows was fulfilled in the life and death of Christ. There are types yet to be fulfilled as Christ continues His ministry in the heavenly sanctuary.

### **CHRIST REVEALED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AS CLEARLY AS IN THE NEW**

"Beginning at Moses, the very Alpha of Bible history, Christ expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Had He first made Himself known to them [on the road to Emmaus], their hearts would have been satisfied. In the fullness of their joy they would have hungered for nothing more. But it was necessary for them to understand the witness borne to Him by the types and

prophecies of the Old Testament. Upon these their faith must be established. Christ performed no miracle to convince them, but it was His first work to explain the Scriptures. They had looked upon His death as the destruction of all their hopes. Now He showed from the prophets that this was the very strongest evidence for their faith.

"In teaching these disciples, Jesus showed the importance of the Old Testament as a witness to His mission. Many professed Christians now discard the Old Testament, claiming that it is no longer of any use. But such is not Christ's teaching. So highly did He value it that at one time He said, 'If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.' Luke 16:31.

"It is the voice of Christ that speaks through patriarchs and prophets, from the days of Adam even to the closing scenes of time. The Saviour is revealed in the Old Testament as clearly as in the New. It is the light from the prophetic past that brings out the life of Christ and the teachings of the New Testament with clearness and beauty. The miracles of Christ are a proof of His divinity; but stronger proof that he is the world's redeemer is found in comparing the prophecies of the Old Testament with the history of the New." The Desire of Ages, p. 799.

### **PAUL AND THE NEW MOONS**

Paul in Colossians 2:16 in speaking of the new moon and holy days [Gr. Heorte, feast] said they "are a shadow of things to come." Paul did not put the new moons with the ceremonial law and nail them to the cross. He saw them as having continuing application. Paul himself did not regard the annual holy convocations as a part of the ceremonial law. In previous studies evidence has been given that the early apostolic church observed the holy convocations. So it could be truly said that the early apostolic church took its stand for the sacred assemblies which were regulated by God's sacred calendar which in turn was regulated by the new moons. Thus that early church is fitly represented by the woman with the moon under her feet.



### **THE CHURCH OF THE WILDERNESS**

Not only did the early apostolic church have the moon under its feet, but so did the church that fled into the wilderness. Beside the seventh day Sabbath, the observance of the Lord's feast days was one of the causes for which the early Christians were persecuted. It was on the question of when the Passover was to be observed "that



the bishop of Rome made his first attempt at absolutism.” “Upon this the thunder of excommunication began to roar.” A. T. Jones, *The Great Empires of Prophecy*, p. 383, 384. It was during the time of Bishop Victor (A.D. 192-202) that the thunders of excommunication were roaring against the Asiatics who declared “with great spirit and resolution, that they would by no means depart in this manner from the custom handed down to them by their ancestors.” Ibid. p. 384. That sounds like they were observing the Passover as it had been observed since the days of the apostles, since a mere 100 to 150 years previous to their time would take them and their ancestors back to the time of the apostles.

## CHRISTIANS SUFFER CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR OBSERVING PASSOVER

Christians would suffer more than excommunication for observing the Lord’s holy convocations. During the reign of Theodosius in 385 A.D. “capital punishment was inflicted on the Audians, or Quartodecimans, who should dare to perpetrate the atrocious crime of celebrating on an improper day the festival of Easter.” Edward Gibbon, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Vol. 3, p. 93.

Hislop makes it clear that the so-called “Easter” of Rome was not the “Easter” of the early Christian Church. “The festival, of which we read in Church history, under the name Easter, in the third or fourth centuries, was quite a different festival from that now observed in the Romish Church, and at that time was not known by any such name as Easter. It was called Pasch, or the Passover, and though not of Apostolic institution, was very early observed by many professing Christians, in commemoration of the death and resurrection of Christ. That festival agreed originally with the time of the Jewish Passover, when Christ was crucified, a period which, in the days of Tertullian, at the end of the second century, was believed to have been the 23rd of March. That festival was not idolatrous, and it was preceded by no Lent.

”To conciliate the Pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and Pagan festivals amalgamated, and, by a complicated but skillful adjustment of the calendar, it was found no difficult matter, in general, to get Paganism and Christianity—now far sunk in idolatry—in this as in so many other things, to shake hands.” Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, p. 104, 105.

Hislop rightly observes that the Passover was “not of Apostolic institution.” In other words the apostles did not establish the observance of the holy

convocations, but rather the apostolic churches were established on the law of Moses and the prophets. Thus we see that the woman with the moon under her feet had as the basis of her standing before the universe the commandments, statutes, and judgments given to Israel.

After much persecution and rampant apostasy, the woman fled into the wilderness. There in a place of tenuous safety she was “nourished” and preserved. Mosheim provides an insight into the church in its wilderness retreat. “In Lombardy, which was the principal residence of the Italian heretics, there sprang up a singular sect, known (for what reason I cannot tell) by the denomination of Pasaginians, and also by that of the circumcised. Like the other sects already mentioned, they had the utmost aversion to the dominion and discipline of the church of Rome; but they were, at the same time, distinguished by two religious tenets, which were peculiar to themselves. The first was a notion, that the observance of the law of Moses, in every thing except the offering of sacrifices, was obligatory upon Christians, in consequence of which they circumcised their followers, abstained from those meats, the use of which was prohibited under the Mosaic economy, and celebrated the Jewish Sabbath.” Johann Lorenz Mosheim, *An Ecclesiastical History, Ancient and Modern*, Vol. 1, p. 333. J. P. Perrin in his *History of the Old Waldenses Anterior to the Reformation* (1618), p. 25 informs us that the name Pasaginian (of which Mosheim speaks) is one of many names given to the Waldenses. Historian Gilly states, “Passagi and Passagini, or the inhabitants of the passes from the Latin word *passagium*, is one of the names given by ancient authors to the Waldenses.” William Stephan Gilly, *Waldensian Researches* (1831), p. 61.

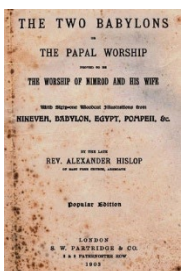
Peter Allix, a French Protestant, refers to a Romish writer confirming Waldensian observance of the law of Moses and the Sabbath. “He lays it down also as one of their opinions, ‘that the law of Moses is to be kept according to the letter, and that the keeping of the Sabbath, circumcision, and other legal observations ought to take place.’” Pierre Allix, (1641-1717), *Ecclesiastical History of the Ancient Churches of the Piedmont*, p. 169. (...to be continued)

## STORIES OF MY GRANDMOTHER

### Battling the Enemy



My grandparents were on the road again. Forty miles of their trip had to be made by stagecoach over rough, dusty roads. Every ten miles the stage coach would stop for the exchange of horses, and Elder White would escort



his wife to the lobby of the inn, where she could rest on a couch for ten or fifteen minutes. Little did they dream of the surprise awaiting them at Sutton, Vermont.

After Elder White had spoken to the company there, Mrs. White stood up to speak. How tired and pale she looked! After the meeting, as the people stood around talking, someone remarked, “The Whites travel so much; surely they should have an easier way to get around; they need a horse and carriage of their own.”

The suggestion was quickly caught up. “Why can’t we get them one?” Everybody wanted to have a part in the gift. Within a few minutes \$175 was raised.

On Monday morning, according to arrangements, Elder and Mrs. White met their friends at the crossroads where the men who had horses to sell were to come. The Whites were told to select one for their own. “We’ll take this one,” Mrs. White said, pointing to a sleek, dappled chestnut with an intelligent face and gentle ways. “Last night I was given a dream in which the angel of the Lord spoke to me. I saw this exact group of people standing here. I saw these three horses led out, and was told to choose this one.”



“All right, Mrs. White, Charlie is yours,” said their friends. Two men harnessed Charlie to a covered carriage and presented the gift to the happy couple.

How much pleasanter the rest of the journey was! When tired, they could stop and rest by the roadside. At noon James would unharness the horse and tether him where he could eat grass. Not having a rope, James made one by braiding the tall roadside grass into long strands. Then he would spread their coats or a blanket under a shady tree, where they could sit while they ate their lunch and rested.

One day while trotting along, Charlie reached down and picked up an apple from the ground. His master loosened the check rein so that he could reach apples more easily. After that, whenever Charlie saw an apple tree, he would slow down, select a good apple within reach, then throw his head high in the air and dash on at full speed, munching as he went.

At Centerport the Whites again stayed with the Harris family. James White called his helpers together, then when their committee work was done, he harnessed Charlie to the carriage and took Elder Rhodes to catch the canalboat. Since it was only two miles to the landing, Mrs. White went with them, leaving her year-old Edson with Clarissa, his nurse.

When they returned, Mrs. Harris met them at the door. “Your baby is dying!” she cried. Rushing to his bed, they found him unconscious, his eyes closed, his little arms purple.

Trying to steady her voice, Mrs. White said, “Our only hope is in God; let’s call the elders and pray immediately.”

“What can we do?” sighed Elder White. “Brother Rhodes is the only minister nearby, and he’s on his way to Michigan!” Without waiting for an answer, he hurried downstairs, jumped into the carriage, and drove as fast as old Charlie could gallop back to town and along the towpath after the canalboat. Five miles down the path he overtook the boat, got Elder Rhodes off, and rushed him back to the Harris home.

There in the little upstairs room they prayed and anointed the baby. Immediately he opened his eyes and smiled. God had answered their prayer.

Soon after this James suffered severe cramps in his legs. His wife rubbed them until her strength gave out. “It looks like cholera,” she said. Many were dying of cholera in the city.

“Pray! Ellen, pray!” he whispered between groans. Sarah, Clarissa, and Mrs. Harris were standing near. The three women knelt beside the bed while Mrs. White laid her hands on her husband’s head and pleaded with God for healing. At once the pain left, and natural color returned to his face.

That same night, about midnight, my grandparents heard screams in the room above. They rushed upstairs. Clarissa was holding little Edson in her arms, and he was clinging frantically to her. Now and then he would let go of her arm and fight the air with both hands, crying out in terror, “No! no! no!” Again he would clutch her arm and scream, “No! no! no!”

“He sees something that’s frightening him, something invisible to us,” his father said.

“Yes,” replied Ellen. “I’m sure Satan has sent one of his angels to torment the child.” Again they knelt in prayer. In the name of Jesus, Elder White rebuked the evil spirit. Little Edson immediately fell asleep and did not waken till morning.

His father, too, slept until light shone through their bedroom window. As soon as he opened his eyes, he said to Ellen, “This is the day we go to Auburn for proof sheets of the paper. Satan is doing all he can to hinder us, just as

you were warned. Shall we let him stop the work? No, never!”

Still feeling weak and shaky, he dressed and prepared to go. When he climbed into the carriage, Ellen got in beside him and picked up the reins. “I’ll go with you,” she said. They drove the six miles, praying as they went. With every mile, Elder White gained strength. All Satan’s schemes had not delayed the paper one day.

They brought the printed sheets home, then called the family together to fold, wrap, and address them. Snatching food when they could, they worked early and late.

As soon as the rush was over, the Whites were off again. Since they had lent Charlie and the carriage to one of the traveling ministers, they made this short trip in a farm wagon drawn by two horses. James and Ellen sat on the high seat in front. Suddenly the horses shied. The wagon was thrown against a steep bank and turned over on its side. Extricating themselves, the riders scrambled to their feet.

“Are you hurt, Ellen?” “Scarcely a scratch or bruise. And you?” “The same; not hurt a particle!”

They straightened up the wagon and went on their way with a song of thanksgiving.

Soon after this Clarissa became severely ill. She too was healed by prayer. Again Satan’s plans were defeated. Mrs. White wrote to Mrs. Bates, “Oh, what battles we have had to fight with the enemy since we commenced to get out the paper! We have had to pray, pray, pray, and have faith, faith, faith, and that is the only way we have been able to live!”

Were they discouraged? No, indeed! The more trouble the devil caused them, the more earnestly they prayed and the more diligently they worked. Elder White enlarged the Present Truth and changed its name to The Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald. This was the beginning of the “good old Review.”

A publishing committee was appointed, and young John Andrews was chosen as a member. As he gave his strength and time to the work of God, he rapidly developed into one of the greatest of Seventh-day Adventist writers, preachers, and missionaries.

The next summer the Whites were needed at Saratoga Springs. Of course the publishing work had to move with them. They rented a house and set up housekeeping with borrowed furniture, as usual. The day the Review came off

the press, Ellen’s sister Sarah was married to Stephen Belden, a son of their good friend in Rocky Hill.

The borrowed furniture must have been slow in arriving, for we read in one of Mrs. White’s letters: “The same day that we moved, Number 1 of Volume II of the paper came off, and we folded and wrapped them. And, not having a table to fold and wrap on, we took a fireboard and put it on an old sink and made that answer. By sitting up late we got the papers into the mail the next morning.” No doubt the bride and groom were there with the others, mailing papers.

In August, Ellen G. White’s **first book was printed**—a small, paperbound volume called A Sketch of the Christian Experience and Views of Mrs. E. G. White, commonly shortened to Experience and Views.

<http://www.earlysda.com/christexp/christian-experiences.html>



“Thank God,” she breathed, as she took the book lovingly in her hand.

“Thank God,” echoed her husband, “we no longer have to spend weary hours copying the visions to send to our friends. Now we have them printed in a book!”

Why did Satan try so hard to discourage those who were printing the Advent Review? No doubt it was because this paper reminded the Adventist people of the wonderful blessings they had experienced while giving the “midnight cry.” The articles it contained explained their disappointment in 1844 and showed where they had misunderstood the prophecy. They showed from the Scriptures that the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 years was not on earth but in heaven.

They also showed that even the great disappointment itself had been foretold in Revelation 10, and they called special attention to the words, “Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” For a time, while expecting Jesus to come in the immediate future, the Adventists had thought their work on earth was finished. Now they were called to give another message to the world.

The fourteenth chapter of Revelation contains a prophecy of three messages that would go to all the world just before Jesus comes. The Adventists had been preaching only the first and second. Now they saw that there was a third—the great Sabbath message, which must go to the entire world.



The church waiting for Christ's coming must be keeping all the commandments of God, including the Sabbath commandment. In calling attention to the very last Christian church, the angel said, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." The true Sabbath is a sign between God and His people, a constant reminder that God created the heavens and the earth.

No wonder Satan did everything in his power to hinder the printing of that paper. But God defeated all of the devil's schemes. Today the message of Jesus' soon coming and the call to honor the day He sanctified are being proclaimed in nearly every country of the world.

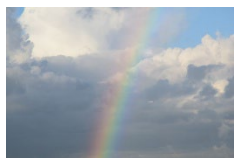
God's waiting people are more than a hundred years nearer the coming of the Saviour and their heavenly home than when the Review and Herald was first published. If we follow Jesus, we shall soon be with Him in our eternal home.

### **DON'T COME EMPTY?** **Elder John VanDenburgh**

The Passover/Unleavened bread offering is one that our Lord notices. It is an offering given to maintain the sanctuary, its operations, and the priests as well as hope for the poor. Bible Explorations has helped the poor at times when we could, and the expenses go on and on. Deut. 16:16 "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:" Here is an opportunity to give abundantly to the sanctuary and the messages that it gives. (Deu 16:17) "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee." Have you been blest this past year? Accordingly, we are to give, and obviously the faithful are noted by our God. This is truly a high honor.

### **SUMMER IS NEAR!** **Ellen G. White**

This life at best is but the Christian's winter; and the bleak winds of winter-- disappointments, losses, pain, and anguish--are our lot here; but our hopes are reaching forward to the Christian's summer, when we shall change climate, leave all the wintry blasts and fierce tempests behind, and be taken to those mansions Jesus has gone to prepare for those that love Him.--*Life Sketches of Ellen G. White*, pp. 239, 240.



There, immortal minds will contemplate with never-failing delight the wonders of creative power, the mysteries of redeeming love. There will be no cruel, deceiving foe to tempt to forgetfulness of God. Every faculty will be developed, every capacity increased. The acquirement of knowledge will not weary the mind or exhaust the energies. There the grandest enterprises may be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations reached, the highest ambitions realized; and still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of mind and soul and body.

All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's redeemed. Unfettered by mortality, they wing their tireless flight to worlds afar--worlds that thrilled with sorrow at the spectacle of human woe and rang with songs of gladness at the tidings of a ransomed soul. With unutterable delight the children of earth enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. They share the treasures of knowledge and understanding gained through ages upon ages in contemplation of God's handiwork. With undimmed vision they gaze upon the glory of creation--suns and stars and systems, all in their appointed order circling the throne of Deity. Upon all things, from the least to the greatest, the Creator's name is written, and in all are the riches of His power displayed.

And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence, and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more rapturous joy they sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise.

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5:13.

The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect

joy, declare that God is love.--*The Great Controversy*, pp. 677, 678.

Study, study! Share, share! Be Ready, Be Ready! He is coming soon!



## AN EASY VEGAN RECIPE!

### Pumpkin Pasta Sauce

NoraCooks.com

*This satiny smooth and comforting Pumpkin Pasta Sauce is made with pumpkin puree, a short list of pantry staples, and warm fall flavors. With your pick of pasta, this luxurious sauce creates a vegan pasta dinner the whole family will love!*

Prep: **5minutes mins**

Cook: **15minutes mins**

Total: **20minutes mins**

Servings: **8 servings**

### INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
1/2 teaspoon dried sage  
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper omit if you don't like heat  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
15 ounce can tomato sauce  
15 ounce can pumpkin puree  
1/2 cup coconut cream or unsweetened vegan creamer (or cashew cream)  
12 ounces pasta of choice

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Cook your pasta according to package instructions, then drain in a colander and set aside while you make the sauce.

In a large skillet over medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add the minced garlic and sauté for 1-2 minutes until fragrant.

Add the sage, oregano, cayenne pepper, cinnamon and salt and stir, cooking for 1 minute.

Pour in the tomato sauce and pumpkin puree and stir everything together. Let the sauce simmer for 10 minutes, stirring often.

Lastly, stir in the coconut cream or other creamer. Taste; add more salt if needed.

Stir in the pasta and serve. You can also mix in some baby spinach (just add a few handfuls to the sauce in the last few minutes to let it wilt). I figure it isn't spring quite yet so...good winter sauce. Of course I think it's be good anytime! Enjoy!!

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