

## Prophetic and Other Publications

by Edwin de Kock

*The Truth About 666 and the Story of the Great Apostasy* (2011). \*Book \$39.95, Data CD, \$19.95.

*The Identity of 666 in Revelation* (2012), \*\*Video DVD (Power Point presentation), \$14.95.

*Seven Heads and Ten Horns in Daniel and the Revelation* (2011). \*\*\*Data CD, \$14.95.

*Christ and Antichrist in Prophecy and History* plus 13 other items (2007). \*\*\*\*Data CD, \$19.95.

*The Use and Abuse of Prophecy* (2007). Book, \$14.95.

\*Ranging over the entire Christian era, *The Truth About 666 and the Story of the Great Apostasy* is a penetrating 874-page book in three volumes for both scholars and lay people concerned about past, present, and future events. This is the most comprehensive work on prophecy and history ever produced by a Seventh-day Adventist, with the assistance of excellent researchers and scholars. About the earliest Christian centuries, it agrees with and defends Ellen G. White's *Great Controversy* as well as Uriah Smith's *Daniel and the Revelation*, but it adds much that neither of them dealt with.

For instance, the Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths were not really Arians. Most of them were ancient Sabbathkeepers, who stood in the way of papal supremacy. Therefore, they had to be eliminated. The popes were supported by the kings and emperors of Europe in persecuting those who opposed the Roman Church. For centuries, the pontiffs also struggled to dominate these rulers.

With amazing new discoveries in Latin as well as five other languages, this book vindicates Uriah Smith's conclusion that the 666 in Rev. 13:18 really refers to *vicarius Filii Dei* (the vicar of the Son of God). This title first appeared during 753 or soon afterwards in a document known as the *Donation of Constantine*, which was forged by the papacy to claim ecclesiastic supremacy as well as secular domination. The narrative of *The Truth About 666* is enlivened by many fascinating episodes. For instance, it shows that the people of Brazil, the largest country in Latin America, speak Portuguese,

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while the others speak Spanish, due to a papal decision based on that fraudulent manuscript.

This book is a storehouse of brand-new discoveries. One of its treasures is an Appendix with material quoted from more than eighty non-Seventh-day Adventist writers, mostly Protestants who lived and labored before Uriah Smith. They testified to the fact that *vicarius Filii Dei* was indeed a papal title. Most of them also showed that it had a number value of 666.

Very many Catholic writers also bore witness to the fact that the popes have for more than a thousand years been called the *vicars of the Son of God*, in Latin as well as the other leading languages of Western Europe.

In its third volume, this book discusses the problem of some Seventh-day Adventist scholars who now say that 666 does not refer to the pope but only means human sinfulness or imperfection. Some of them also claim that the number, the name, and the mark of the Beast are one and the same thing. By implication, there will therefore be no Sunday laws, nor will America cooperate with the papacy in its pursuit of world domination. Such ideas undermine the third angel's message, suggesting that Seventh-day Adventists are not really the Remnant Church of prophecy. As *The Truth About 666* demonstrates, these scholars have most unfortunately been influenced by writers from outside their church: Sundaykeepers, Protestants and Catholics, as well as others, including Spiritualists.

*\*\*The Identity of 666 in Revelation (2012), Video DVD.* The author had been invited by the Adventist Theological Society (Southeastern Chapter) to lecture on this topic pursuant to the publication of his book, *The Truth About 666 and the Story of the Great Apostasy (2011)*. This is a copy of his Power Point presentation with a subsequent session of questions and answers in a very full Lynwood Hall Chapel at Southern Adventist University, College Place, Tennessee, on Saturday, 14 January 2012, at 3:30 p.m.

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\*\*\**Seven Heads and Ten Horns in Daniel and the Revelation* (2011) looks penetratingly at the woman Babylon depicted in Rev. 17. She rides a Beast with seven heads and ten horns, the identity of which has so far eluded all Historicist prophetic interpreters. Amongst other things, this work examines nine interpretations by Seventh-day Adventist writers, showing that these unfortunately fail to solve the mystery of Rev. 17:10 and related Scriptures. It presents a brand-new Historicist explanation and resolves a number of awkward problems concerning the beasts and horns described in Dan. 8.

\*\*\*\**Christ and Antichrist in Prophecy and History* (2001). This work only, as a single item, sent by e-mail attachment, \$10.00, but it is also available on a data CD for \$19.95, which additionally contains 13 further items:

1. An updated revision of *Christ and Antichrist in Prophecy and History*, originally printed in 2001. (440 pages.) While in print, it was prescribed for Master of Divinity classes at the Seminary, Andrews University, at least three times by two professors. This work only, as a single item, can be sent as an e-mail attachment, \$10.00. But the price for the whole data CD is \$19.95. This includes 13 additional articles, i.e.:

2. "The Role of Prophecy in Our Lives" (28 January 2008) by Ria de Kock, which was originally published in the South African *Signs of the Times*. Amongst other things, this article surveys the totality of her husband's prophetic writing in the English language.

3. *Africa and the Bible* (1988, revised in 2006). Israel first became a nation in Africa and was partly Egyptian. That ancient continent is also where the first Bible writer was born and the infant Jesus found shelter. Africans have played a significant role in salvation history. An uplifting read for black people everywhere in the world. *Africa and the Bible* is a revised and considerably augmented version by Edwin de

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Kock of *Africa in the Bible*, an undated pamphlet by Fares Muganda, a Tanzanian church leader and evangelist.

4. “About Diet, Law, and Holy Days,” a four-page letter written to a non-Seventh-day Adventist scholar during 2006 to answer his e-mail query about Rom. 14:5-6 against its larger context in both that chapter and the rest of the Bible.

5. “Ingredients, Scope, and Structure of *The Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White,” 27 July 2006. Amongst other things, this deals with nonverbal as opposed to verbal inspiration, the prophetic writer’s use of sources, and so-called plagiarism.

6. “Why People Were Created with Freedom of Choice,” 28 May 2005, a short, unpublished article. It shows that choice extends beyond religion; it is what makes us human. Without it, we would be robots, lacking all real freedom and creativity, even on the most humble level of everyday life.

7. “Prophecy Validated by Events,” ADVENTISTS AFFIRM, Fall 2005. This article validates the Seventh-day Adventist interpretation of the two-horned beast described in Rev. 13:11-17 within its historical context, showing how ridiculous it must have seemed during the nineteenth century, even as late as the first World War (1914-1918), and yet how feasible it is today.

8. “Letters About Inspiration” (c. 2003), to a correspondent. Three forms of inspiration mentioned or discussed are: *The Lord or His Angels Speak Directly to the Prophet*, which “often takes the form of an actual voice”; *The Prophet Has a Dream or a Vision* but describes the objects or actions seen in his or her own words; and *Guidance in the Writing Process*. An example of this is the Gospel according to Luke, who did diligent research and also quoted extensively from his predecessors.

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9. “A Dispensationalist Calculation Error,” *Ministry* magazine, August 2002. Amongst other things, this article demonstrates that Futurism is based on bad arithmetic in claiming that the 1260 days, 42 months, and 3½ years of Daniel and Revelation are literal time. That is, the math for fitting this period into Dan. 9:27 is wrong.

10. “The Main Reason for the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” an unpublished article (c. 2000). It surveys the interaction of Jews and Arabs over the centuries. Among the myths debunked is the idea that all people in the Middle East who speak Arabic are descendants of Hagar, Abraham’s concubine.

11. “How Pieter Wessels and My Mother Became Seventh-day Adventists,” a Vespers on 26 January 1996 in Inchon, South Korea, at the SDA English Language Institute where Edwin de Kock was teaching English as a second language as well as Bible classes. Pieter Wessels was an Afrikaner who lived at Kimberley in the Northwestern Cape Province of South Africa during the last part of the nineteenth century. In that area, where the richest diamond strike in the world had been made, he was one of the men whom this made very wealthy. Wessels discovered the true Sabbath from his own reading of the Bible and soon not only pioneered but also funded the Seventh-day Adventist Church in his country. De Kock then told how his mother likewise discovered the Sabbath by reading the Ten Commandments on her own. He went on to tell how for him these events were linked, because they also caused him to meet his wife Ria who was born within thirty-five miles of Kimberley.

12. “The Best Book About the Sabbath” (*South African Union Conference Lantern*, 1 June 1987) relates how in 1935 Susanna E. de Kock (born Olivier) discovered the truth about the Sabbath by reading the Ten Commandments and afterwards became a Seventh-day Adventist. At that time her five-year-old son, the future writer of *The Truth About 666*,

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understood what she was doing and decided to follow her example.

13. "Three Golden Calves" (*South African Union Conference Lantern*, November 1979). A cautionary tale of an event from more than three thousand years ago. It traces the destructively evil influence of the golden calf, which the high priest Aaron made at Sinai, on Israel's subsequent history.

14. "The Influence of Most Fiction, Whether in Books, Movies, or Plays," adapted from a sermon preached in a South African Church, during the 1960s or the 1970s. The main point was: "Story books, movies, and plays very often destroy a love for the Bible and sacred things. Our main concern should not be where the reading or viewing takes place (at home or in a theater), but the pernicious influence of fiction."

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