
What you need to know about

Messiah's Mansion

Messiah's Mansion is a Seventh-day Adventist evangelistic outreach. The purpose is to introduce you to unique but unbiblical Adventist doctrines through the symbolism and stories associated with the Old Covenant Mosaic Sanctuary and to influence you to join their church.

The Seventh-day Adventist church originated in the mid-1800's as a result of the Millerite movement in New England that predicted Jesus would return in October, 1843. Its formation dovetailed in time with that of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) and also with Jehovah's Witnesses (JW).

Just as the Mormons have a prophetic voice in Joseph Smith and the Witnesses have one in Charles Taze Russell, so the Adventists also have a prophetic voice: Ellen G. White. Her large body of writings continue to be the foundation of biblical interpretation for the Adventist church. Their Fundamental Belief #18 states that her writings are a "continuing and authoritative source of truth..."

Add to the Gospel

Seventh-day Adventists assume that the Ten Commandments apply to all Christians today in the same way they applied to Israel. Their reasoning is that those who properly obey God (meaning those who keep the Ten Commandments, including the fourth, and who also accept the rest of the Adventist beliefs) are "spiritual Israel". Therefore, since the seventh-day Sabbath was a sign between Israel and God throughout all their generations, it is still the sign that a person belongs to God. They dismiss the fact that the New Testament does not give any instructions for Sabbath-keeping to the new Gentile Christians.

The Adventists' teaching of the continuing authority of the seventh-day Sabbath as outlined in the fourth commandment is the "hook" that convinces many Christians that the Adventist church is the "true church".

In addition to adding to the gospel by including the seventh-day Sabbath as a requirement, they also teach the Health Message (which they call the "right arm of the gospel"). The Bible says, "The kingdom of God is not about eating and drinking but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). It also says, "One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind" (Romans 14:6).

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Subtract from Jesus

Adventists subtract from Jesus' finished work by saying He began a new work in heaven in 1844 in which He is investigating those who claim to be Christians to discover if they are really saved. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life" (John 5:24).

Divide the body, multiply the required knowledge

Adventists divide the body of Christ by claiming to be the one true remnant church of Bible prophecy, and they multiply the knowledge required for salvation from "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31) to include Ellen White's teachings that the Sabbath is the sign of salvation and that Sunday church attendance is the mark of the beast.

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- **exAdventist.com** Articles, studies, video
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