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What you need to know about

# Revelation of Hope

**Revelation Of Hope is an evangelistic outreach of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The purpose of these meetings is to introduce you gradually to the unique beliefs of Adventism and to convince you, by the end of the series, that Adventism is the only true church and that you should become a member.**

**T**he 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. While you will hear many Bible texts in the sermons you attend in these meetings, the application of these texts arises from the writings of Ellen White and not from evangelical biblical interpretation.

The Seventh-day Adventist church has a well-developed proselytizing program of which Revelation Of Hope is merely one venue. They specialize in converting people who already have some background in Christianity but who are not well-grounded in personal knowledge of the Bible by weaving their unique doctrines and private biblical interpretations into normal-sounding Christian words.

## **Add to the Gospel**

They add to the gospel by including the seventh-day Sabbath as a requirement and by teaching 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).

## **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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[www.FormerAdventist.com](http://www.FormerAdventist.com)

[www.exAdventist.com](http://www.exAdventist.com)

[www.LifeAssuranceMinistries.org](http://www.LifeAssuranceMinistries.org)

[www.EllenWhiteExposed.com](http://www.EllenWhiteExposed.com)

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