

*Are the teachings in the book called The Great Controversy 1888 by Ellen G. White true?*

Ellen Gould White (1827 – 1915) was a false prophet and author (1 Jn 4:1). She helped to found the Seventh-day Adventist Church which denies the deity of Jesus Christ (Jn 1:1-3).

Her book *The Great Controversy 1888* begins with a historical overview of the Christian church beginning with the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 through the Reformation and culminates in a lengthy description of the end times. White contradicted the bible and historic facts.

She taught (and SDAs still teaches today) that Jesus was a created being like Michael, the Archangel Michael.<sup>1</sup>

White made a number of failed predictions when she lived.<sup>2</sup>

The bible says:

When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him. Dt 18:22

White: gave bad health care advice, plagiarized her writings and wrote numerous contradictory statements.<sup>3</sup>

In her book *The Great Controversy* White praised the Albigensians who were also false teachers denying the deity of Jesus Christ. She claimed that they preserved the church.

The bible says:

Every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. 1 Jn 4:3

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2 Jn 7

The Albigensians claimed that the Jehovah of the Old Testament was an evil God and the Old Testament itself was from Satan.

The bible says God's word is trustworthy:

The words of the prophets agree (Ac 15:15b).

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<sup>1</sup> SDAs eventually spawned offshoots, including Armstrongism and the Branch Davidians.

<sup>2</sup> Failed visions include: Civil War Predictions, The Salமானca Vision, The Avondale Furrow Tale and Sword of Fire Hung over Battle Creek.

<sup>3</sup> An Adventist named H.L. Hastings published a book named *Great Controversy before Mrs. White's Great Controversy?*; Historical Errors in *Great Controversy* chapters 3, 4, 15, 25, and 35, The Albigensians of chapters 6, 15 [addressed here]; The Interdicts of 1411 and 1412: Huss and Jerome; Ellen White's Visions of Martin Luther: chapter 7: Luther's Separation from Rome"; The Diet of Speyer, 1529: "Protest of the Princes"; "The Bible and the French Revolution"; Signs of the End: The 1755 Earthquake, the 1780 Dark Day, the 1833 Meteor Shower: "Heralds of the Morning"; Josiah Litch's predictions: "Prophecies Fulfilled"; "Spiritualism"; The Millennium chapters 40-42; etc. *Great Controversy Examined*.

The Albigensians avoided marriage and the eating of meat.

The bible says:

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Ti 4:1–3

The church was not preserved by a false teachers (2 Cor. 4:2). It is preserved by Christ (Mt 16:18) and his faithful followers (Re 1:9).

Jesus is not a created being. He is the second person of the Trinity (Ge 1:1–3, 26) who became flesh to die for man's sin (1 Pet. 1:18, 19). His sacrifice satisfied God's justice (Ro 3:25, 26) reconciling God and man (2 Co 5:18, 19). He offers men his perfect righteousness (2 Cor. 5:20, 21) when they trust in him (Ro 10:13).