

Editor's Page

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This issue opens the 2014 offerings for *JATS*. Several of our articles for this issue deal with aspects of contemporary challenges that face both our world and our church—challenges such as leadership in divisive times; the Christian's role in relation to our ecosystem, health initiatives, and creation care; issues of race as seen through an historical perspective of our own church; and socio-political challenges that confront us all. We also have an article that directs us into Scripture—the foundation of our beliefs and touchstone for how we should live in these difficult times. We have an article looking at one of our beloved doctrines, the sanctuary, as well as articles on the book of Revelation—a look at both the meaning of the Thrones, and the Second Coming.

Lael Caesar starts this issue off with a look at Moses' model for leadership which has implications for the church and beyond. Next Dragoslava Santrac looks at the relationship of the sanctuary and the structure of Psalms. Warren Shipton examines the ecosystem of community health initiatives and how we should care for creation. We then move to the New Testament with Rabach Symon Odek's look at the expression, "I am coming soon," in Revelation. We continue in the book of Revelation with the final installment of Laszlo Gallusz' study on the "thrones." Trevor O'Reggio then guides us on a journey back in time to look at the father of Black Adventism—Charles M. Kinny—an important and often neglected chapter of our history. Finally, Michael F. Younker looks at the risks for believers in getting too entangled in contemporary socio-political issues.

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We hope you will find food for thought, discussion, and further study as you read these articles. We trust that you will enjoy and be blessed by this issue.

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