

Branch Letters

Description

Ben Roden's *Branch Letters* were written mostly (if not entirely) from the mid-1950s to the end of the 1960s. Many of the letters were written as open letters to Seventh-day Adventists, or to Davidians, or to the leaderships of either group. These letters communicate the core elements of Ben Roden's teachings and include some of his most important writings. This is perhaps especially true of the *Seven Letters to Florence Houteff* and the *Seven Letters to Elder Figuhr* which make up the first of his writings, and in that sense, the foundational teachings of the Branch Davidian message.

In organizing the *Branch Letters*, we have created separate pages for the *Seven Letters to Florence Houteff* and the *Seven Letters to Elder Figuhr* respectively, and below that we have all the *Branch Letters* organized by publishing date.

[Seven Letters to Florence Houteff](#)
[Seven Letters to Elder Figuhr](#)

1955

[To DSDA Executive Council \(7L-FH L1\)](#) – Sep. 23
[What the People are Saying \(7L-FH L2\)](#) – Oct. 3
[What the People are Saying \(7L-FH L3\)](#) – Oct. 7
[What the People are Saying \(7L-FH L4\)](#) – Oct. 18
[What the People are Saying \(7L-FH L5\)](#) – Nov. 15

1956

[What the People are Saying \(7L-FH L6\)](#) – Feb. 3
[What the People are Saying \(7L-FH L7\)](#) – March 12
[To Elder Figuhr and GC Committee \(7L-EF L1\)](#) – Sep. 27
[To Elder Figuhr and GC Committee \(7L-EF L2\)](#) – Oct. 1
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[To Elder Figuhr and GC Committee \(7L-EF L3\)](#) – Oct.
[Davidian Questions and Answers](#) – Oct.
[To Elder Figuhr and GC Committee \(7L-EF L4\)](#) – Oct. 22
[To Elder Figuhr and GC Committee \(7L-EF L5\)](#) – Oct. 26
[To Elder Figuhr and GC Committee \(7L-EF L6\)](#) – Oct. 29

1957

[To Elder Figuhr and GC Committee \(7L-EF L7\)](#) – Feb. 22

1958

[The Stone](#) – Nov. 24

[The Stone: Summary 2](#) While this letter is not dated, the evidence indicates that it could have been published anytime from Nov. 24 – Dec. 31. The two facts that bear this out are 1) that it summarizes *The Stone*, which was published on Nov. 24 and 2) that it refers to 1959 as being “next year.” The only qualifier to this is if Ben Roden had the spring-spring scriptural calendar in mind, then it is possible the date could be pushed ahead as late as spring 1959.

1959

[The Fall of Assyria and the Liberation of the Saints](#) – March 16

[The Atonement and Passover Feast](#) – April 14

[Dear Fellow Believer](#) – Dec. 8

1960

[Dear Heritage of God](#) – Aug. 17

1961

[The Arm of The Lord](#) – March 27

[Blow Ye The Trumpet In Zion](#) – Sep. 10

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[Jezreel Letter #1](#)

[The Healing of the Nations](#)

[The Healing of the Nations 2](#)

[The Remnant Church and Babylon](#)

[11th Hour Extra – Riddle #1](#)

[Tyre and Zidon](#)

[The Law of Moses in the Light of Revelation 14](#)

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