

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today's topic: EARTH'S CLOSING EVENTS.

**1. Truth that sets us free**

- a) In the great battle between truth and error, how did Jesus describe Satan, the arch enemy? John 8:44
- b) In contrast, how did Jesus describe Himself? John 14:6
- c) Why does truth matter? John 8:32
- d) Where can we discover truth? John 17:17, Psalm 119:105,130,160, 1 Peter 1:16-21, John 16:13, etc.
- e) Reflect on the following quotation from The Great Controversy: “None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict.” GC 593

**2. The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast**

- a) Revelation 7:1-2, 14:1
- b) Ephesians 4:30 What is the relationship between being sealed by the Holy Spirit and honoring God in every aspect of our lives? (John 14:15-17)
- c) Exodus 20:8-11 What is the significance of the Sabbath for those who have chosen to worship God and recognize His authority over their lives? (See also Revelation 4:11, 14:12)
- d) Revelation 14:6-7 How does the message of the First Angel reaffirm the importance of the Sabbath truth?
- e) Revelation 13:16-17 What is the Mark of the Beast power, the seal of its authority?

- f) Explain why the Mark of the Beast can be received on the right hand or the forehead, but the Seal of God can only be received on the forehead.
- g) If we are saved by grace through faith, why is it important to share the truth about God's holy Sabbath day with others?
- h) When will the Sabbath become a testing issue for faithful followers of Jesus? Revelation 13:13-17

**3. Empowered by the Holy Spirit**

- a) Joel 2:21-24 What important message was the prophet Joel giving when he spoke about the former rain and the latter rain? (See also Joel 2:28-29)
- b) What testimony did the apostle Peter give on the Day of Pentecost? Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 14-18
- c) How did empowerment by the Holy Spirit impact the witness of the early Christians? Acts 2:41-47, 6:6-7, 8:4, 17:6, etc.
- d) Why is it important to pray for the latter rain? Zechariah 4:6, 10:1
- e) What will the Holy Spirit accomplish through empowered followers of Jesus? Revelation 18:1-4, Habakkuk 2:14, Matthew 24:14, etc.
- f) What personal preparation can we make to receive the latter rain of the Holy Spirit?

