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: SPIRITUALISM EXPOSED.

1. A pagan teaching infiltrates the Christian church
   a) Matthew 10:28 Jesus did not teach that we have a naturally immortal soul.
   b) John 6:39-40 Why would we need a resurrection to experience everlasting life if we all possess a naturally immortal soul?
   c) 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Who alone has immortality?
   d) When will those redeemed by faith in Jesus receive the gift of immortality? 1 Corinthians 15:51-55
   e) The Scriptures do not teach that we have an immortal soul. Where did this pagan doctrine come from and when did it enter the Christian church?
   f) Why is the unbiblical teaching of a naturally immortal soul so dangerous?

2. Teaching about life and death in the Old Testament
   a) Genesis 2:7 Do we have a soul or are we a soul?
   b) According to the inspired authors of the Hebrew Scriptures, what happens when we die? Psalm 13:3, 17:15, 115:17, 146:2-4, Ecclesiastes 9:5, etc.
   c) What prophecy did the prophet Daniel give concerning those who rest in the sleep of death? Daniel 12:2 (see also John 5:25-29)

3. Teaching about life and death in the New Testament
   a) John 11:11-14, 21-25 What testimony did Lazarus give about the sleep of death after his resurrection?
   b) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 How does the apostle Paul describe death and why is the resurrection of the redeemed so vitally important? (See also 1 Corinthians 15:12-23)
   c) What hope is ours through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord? 2 Timothy 1:10, 1 Peter 1:3-4

4. The rise of spiritualism in the last days
   a) What prophecies did the apostle Paul give about last-day deceptions? 2 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 2 Corinthians 11:13-14
   b) By whose power do these false teachers perform signs and wonders? Matthew 7:21-23
   c) What prophecies did the apostle John give about last-day deceptions? Revelation 13:11-14, 16:13-14
   d) What prophecy did Jesus give about last-day deceptions? Matthew 24:21-26
   e) Share a time when forces of darkness tried to deceive you or someone close to you.
   f) Where are you seeing a rise of spiritualism in these last days of earth’s history?
   g) How can we protect ourselves from these last-day deceptions? Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 8:19-20, etc.
   h) How would you try to help a friend who is getting involved in spiritualism?