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What's Ahead?—A Forecast

A new section of a super highway opened near Frank's home. He decided to travel this wide smooth roadway. He was enjoying the drive when a bright yellow sign appeared overhead reading, "End of Freeway."

Suddenly there was a huge rumbling noise and vibration as if some giant force was shaking the car like a baby's rattle. "What could have happened," thought Frank. Then he noticed wide gashes in the new roadway every few inches.

Why mar this new road? Drivers needed to realize the warning sign was for real. Danger loomed ahead. They were at the end of the road. They must slow down and exit now before it was too late.

How did we get our spiritual guidebook, the Bible, which tells which way to go and warns us of the approaching end? How does inspiration operate? Can we trust the Bible as it tells us the confusion and troubles of today are saying, "Wake up; it's here; the end of our world is at hand"?

Let's find the Bible answer to these questions.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

This seminar focuses on Jesus in the past, present, and future, drawing from the Bible and history lessons to guide us today. There are correlated readings from The Great Controversy which many claim is the most thorough, inspiring, and yet clear explanation of the past history and future of the Christian era.

How We Got Our Bible

1. What two names did Jesus apply to the sacred writings we call the Bible?
   Matthew 21:42 _____ **Luke 8:21** _____
   "Bible" does not appear in the text. It is from the Greek *biblia* meaning "little books." There are 66 books written by 35-40 people over a period of 1500 to 1600 years.

2. Who directed the Bible writers in recording the messages given to them? **2 Peter 1:21**
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3. Who is speaking through these Bible writers? **Hebrews 1:1** _____
   What are these writers called? _____

4. The Holy Spirit communicates through six patterns.
   a. **Isaiah 6:1, 8**: He speaks to the prophet through visions and dreams.
   b. **1 John 1:1-3**: He inspires the prophet to tell what was seen and heard.
   c. **Luke 1:1-3**: He guides the prophet's use of historical and eyewitness accounts to bring God's message.
   d. **1 Corinthians 7:10, 25, 40**: He inspires the prophet to give His counsel.
   e. **1 Corinthians 2:1-13**: Prophetic proclamation (counsel) is guided by Him.
   f. **Psalms**: The prophet is inspired to express feelings and emotions in poetry.

How Inspiration Operates

To better understand how inspiration works, please read ***The Great Controversy,*** Introduction, pp. **v-xiii** (vii-xiii). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

1. Whom does the Bible point out as its author? p. **v** (vii) _____

2. What were given by "inspiration of God"? p. **v** (vii) _____
   How were these expressed? _____

3. What do the God-given Bible truths combine? p. **vi** (vii, viii) _____
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4. Why do book styles and characteristics vary? p. **vi** (vii) _____
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5. Why are the same truths often more strikingly presented by one Bible writer? p. **vi** (viii) _____
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6. Instead of discrepancy, what will reverent and thoughtful students see? p. **vi** (viii) _____
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7. Who qualified and enabled the Bible writers? p. **vi** (viii) _____
   How did they know what to say and write? _____
   How was their testimony conveyed? _____

You Can Trust the Bible

1. What claim about its origin do the Holy Scriptures make? **2 Timothy 3:16** _____
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2. Why does the Bible mention coming things? **John 14:29** _____
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A Bifocal Look Into the Future

Please read **Matthew 24:1-51**. **Verses 4-20** apply to Jerusalem's destruction and the world's end. **Verses 21-26** mainly describe events from Jerusalem's destruction to the end. **Verses 27-51** describe events before Christ's return, how He comes, and rewards.

1. As the disciples showed Jesus the temple building, what did Jesus say? **Matthew 24:2** _____
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2. What two events did His disciples associate with the temple destruction? **Matthew 24:3** _____
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3. Name some events which took place from A.D. 31-70 that signaled the approaching doom of Jerusalem. ____

4. What does "the abomination of desolation" (Matthew 24: 15) mean? ***The Great Controversy*, pp. 25, 26 (8)**

5. When Christians saw this, what were they to do? **Matthew 24:16** ____

6. Why were His disciples not to worry about wars and rumors of wars? **Matthew 24:6** ____

7. **Matthew 24:9, 10** forecast persecution. List some Christian church leaders who suffered. **Acts 4:3-7, 13; 7:59, 60; 12:1-4** ____

8. As wickedness would increase, what would happen? **Matthew 24:12, 13** ____
   Who would be saved? ____

9. What is to be preached and where before Christ returns? **Matthew 24:14** ____

10. Before the destruction of Jerusalem, for what were believers to pray? **Matthew 24:20** ____

PERSPECTIVES

Josephus, the first-century Jewish historian, quotes Titus, Jerusalem's Roman conqueror: "God . . . brought down the Jews from these strong-holds; for what power have human hands or engines against these towers."—*War, vi. 9. 1;* cited in *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Students' Source Book*, p. 539.

ENRICHMENT READING

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- **Revelation 6:3, 4**—The Second Seal (A.D. 100-313)—a secular view of religious history.
- ***The Great Controversy,*** chapters 1, 2, **pp. 17-48** (1-28).
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"The Destruction of Jerusalem"—"The Love and Long-suffering of Christ"—A.D. 70.
The Great Controversy, Chapter 1, pp. **17-38** (1-20)

A. What symbol did Christ see in Jerusalem? p. **22** (5) (Remember bold page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks). _____

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B. Why was the future veiled from His disciples? p. **25** (8) _____

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C. How did the Jews reject God's last offer of mercy? p. **28** (10) _____

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D. How many Christians perished in Jerusalem's violent destruction? p. **30** (12) _____

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E. What may we see in the destruction of Jerusalem? p. **36** (18) _____

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F. What will happen to God's people in the final destruction of the world? p. **37** (18) _____

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G. When will our judgement come? p. **38** (19) _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

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- For Revelation 2:1-7—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 89-100, 120, 121, 141-144. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 361-368.**
- For Revelation 6:1, 2—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 174-178, 210-212. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 425, 426.**
- For Revelation 6:3, 4—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 179-187. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 426-428.**

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Darkness and Torches

As night came to San Diego, California, Diana and Cody decided to drive to a friend's house on a hill by the bay.

Diana suggested they try a shorter way. A few turns later, they were on top of a hill overlooking the bay, but the desired street was no where in sight.

"Turn left here," suggested Diana, "now make a right there, and our street is just over there a couple of blocks."

Going up, over, and around the hill several times and coming to the same spot, Cody said, "Let's look at the map."

They were in the right general area but on the wrong hill. Locating themselves on the map, they planned how to get to the friend's house. In a few minutes they found it.

Diana and Cody were sure they were right following what seemed correct. But how far they wandered from their goal because they did not consult the map!

Early Christian persecutions did not destroy the church. So Satan got most Christians to forsake God's map, the Bible, and do what seemed right with disastrous results!

BIBLE INSIGHTS

The Origin of Suffering and Persecution

1. What does the Christian's real adversary seek to do to them? **1 Peter 5:8** _____

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2. With whom did sin—the cause of all trouble, persecution, pain and death—originate? **1 John 3:8** _____

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3. Where was the devil's original home, and by what name was he known? **Isaiah 14:12** _____

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4. How does Ezekiel describe Satan's original ways? **Ezekiel 28:15** _____

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5. How did Lucifer's beauty affect him, and what happened to his wisdom? **Ezekiel 28:17** _____

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6. What began because of Lucifer's rebellion? Revelation 12:7, 8 _____

What happened? _____

7. Against what forces do God's children of all ages struggle? **Ephesians 6:12** _____

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8. Why does Satan get people or groups to persecute the righteous? a. **1 John 3:12**

b. **John 3:20** _____

c. **John 16:2** _____

9. What values do trials have for Christians? **1 Peter 4:12, 13** _____

James 1:3, 4, 12 _____

10. What is the reward of the faithful who are persecuted for Christ's sake? **Matthew 5:10-12** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

Rome's burning in A.D. 64 necessitated a scapegoat. Nero blamed the Christians and "pulled . . . away from . . . toleration. Peter and Paul no doubt met death at that time."—*A Short of Christianity*, p. 58.

Political and Religious Situation of Rome

- A.D. 410: Rome sacked by Alaric and the Visigoths.
- A.D. 455: Rome sacked by the Vandals.
- A.D. 590-604: Pope Gregory I controlled, insisting Europe's clergy and all eastern bishops be subject to him.

The Great Controversy (pp. **54, 55, 60** [33, 34, 39]) says the Bishop of Rome's accession of power begins the Dark Ages. From the eighth to the thirteenth centuries, kings and emperors bowed to his decrees; the Bible was almost unknown. Europe made little advancement in learning or civilization.

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus' past, present, and future read these Bible passages and *The Great Controversy* parallel comments.

- **Revelation 2:12-17**—The Pergamos Church history period (A.D. 313-538) as God sees it.
- **Revelation 2:18-29**—Thyatira Church history period (A.D. 528-1798) as God sees it.
- **Revelation 6:5, 6**—The Third Seal (A.D. 313-538)—a secular view of religious history.
- **Revelation 6:7, 8**—The Fourth Seal (A.D. 538-1517)—a secular view of religious history.
- **Revelation 8:6-13**—Trumpets 1 to 4 (A.D. 395-491)— military history, the fall of Western Rome.
- **Revelation 13:1-10; 12:6** (A.D. 538-1798)—God's picture of Roman oppression.
- **Revelation 12:1-17**—Religious intolerance.
- ***The Great Controversy,*** Chapter 2, pp. **39-48** (21-28), Chapter 3, pp. **49-60** (29-40), Chapter 4, pp. **61-78** (41-56). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"Persecution in the First Centuries" — "The First Christians—Loyal and True" — A. D. 60-300. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 2, pp. **39-48** (21-28)

A. What did Christ also see as He looked over Jerusalem? p. **39** (21) (**Remember bold page** numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks). _____

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B. What acts did society falsely accuse Christians of committing? p. **40** (22) _____

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C. After thousands of Christians were jailed and slain, what happened? p. **42** (23) _____

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D. When persecution failed, what did Satan substitute? p. **42** (23, 24) _____

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E. What happened to most of the early Christians? p. **43** (24) _____

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F. What did Satan inspire deceived Christians to do? p. **45** (26) _____

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G. After a long and severe conflict, what did the faithful few do? p. **45** (26)

H. Why is there so little persecution of Christians today? p. **48** (28) _____

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"An Era of Spiritual Darkness" — "Rejecting God's Word" — A.D. 300-1233. *The Great Controversy,* chapter 3, pp. **49-60** (29-40)

A. What brought about the "man of sin" Paul predicted? _____
p. **50** (30) _____

B. Which commandment of God's ten did this "man of sin" remove? pp. **51, 52** (31) _____
Which one did he divide? _____

C. What did Constantine issue early in the fourth century? p. **53** (32) _____

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D. When the papacy became firmly established in the sixth century, what two periods begin? pp. **54, 55** (33, 34)

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"The Waldenses"—"Defending the Faith in the Mountains"—A.D. 538-1300. *The Great Controversy,* chapter 4, pp. **61-78** (41-56)

A. What three Bible truths were cherished by some in every age? p. **61** (41) _____

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B. Why are there so few traces of God's true people during the dark years from A.D. 600-1200? p. **61** (41)

C. What was the foundation of the Waldenses' faith? p. **64** (43)

D. Name one main cause of the true church's separation from Rome. p. **65** (44)

E. What did some true Waldenses in the dark ages deny and reject? p. **65** (44)
What did they keep?

F. As they did their disguised missionaries work, what were secretly carried? p. **71** (49)

G. What was the effect of these faithful Waldenses? p. **78** (55, 56)

INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

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- For Revelation 2:18-29—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 106-109, 141-144. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 376-381.**
- For Revelation 6:5, 6—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 179-187, 210-212. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 428-431.**
- For Revelation 6:7, 8—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 179-187, 210-212. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 431, 432.**
- For Revelation 8:6-13—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 223-242. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 475-491.**
- For Revelation 12:1-17—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 309-324. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 549-559.**
- For Revelation 13:1-10—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 324-340. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 561-571.**

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The Way to Heaven

Thirty stories above a street in New York City ironworkers toiled, constructing a new office building.

One of these workers slipped and desperately grabbed for something to keep from falling. But the worker missed and plummeted toward the street.

At the street level, directly below the falling worker, an electrician was installing cable for this new building. There was a sickening thud as the falling body landed on the electrician.

Rescuers were amazed to find the fallen ironworker alive, but the street-level electrician was dead. He had broken the fall of the ironworker, but in so doing had died.

Once a man and a woman fell from a sinless existence in a perfect world into the darkness of sin. Jesus spared their lives by giving His life on the cross to save them and us.

Which is our way to escape eternal death and go to heaven—acts of penance, surrender of allegiance to a church, or faith in Christ? Let's find God's answers in our Bibles.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

How to Get to Heaven

1. Is every person a sinner? **Romans 3:23** _____

   How does the Bible define sin? **1 John 3:4** _____

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   In other words, a sinner is one who breaks God's law. If we deny being a sinner, who is deceived and what is lacking? **1 John 1:8** _____

2. How can one get rid of past sins and the guilt they cause? _____

   a. What must we first do, and what will God then do? **1 John 1:9** _____

   b. If we accept forgiveness by faith, what will God do with even the stains sin leaves in a person's mind? **Isaiah 1:18** _____

3. How is it possible to overcome sin's power and be obedient?

   a. Ask God for what two new things? **Ezekiel 36:26** _____

   b. What will God's Spirit enable one to do? **Ezekiel 36:27** _____

   God diagnoses our disease as sinfulness. His remedy is the saving power of Christ which we must accept. This is the way to heaven—not penance, prayers, or good works. The power and guidance of the Holy Spirit bridges the gulf between knowing the gospel and living it.

4. Name some of the works of the Holy Spirit.

   a. **2 Peter 1:21** _____

   b. **John 16:8** _____

   c. **John 3:3-8** _____

d. **John 16:13** _____

e. **Acts 1:8** _____

5. What does the Spirit do for our inner person? **Ephesians 3:16, 17** _____

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What does this make possible? _____

6. What must we do to receive the Holy Spirit? **Luke 11:13** _____

The New Testament reveals a pattern of receiving the Spirit like humans falling in love. Love develops by mutual attraction (Luke 19:10), drawing nearer (James 4:8), self-surrender (Acts 2:1), and trust causing continued adjustment (Acts 15:28).

7. How will I know when I have received the Spirit? **Galatians 5:22-25** _____

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"When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven." —*The Desire of Ages,* p. 173 (137, 138).

PERSPECTIVES

"Three mighty currents were running through the life of Prague. The first, a moral movement, involved the moral improvement and efficiency of the clergy; the second, a movement of doctrinal reform, centering in the views of Wycliffe; the third, a patriotic movement.... In all three... Huss was the acknowledged leader."—*John Huss, His Life, Teaching, and Death,* p. 58.

"It is doubtful, if we except the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, whether the forward movement of religious enlightenment and human freedom have been advanced as much by the sufferings and death of any single man as by the death of Huss."—David S. Schaff, *John Huss, His Life, Teachings, and Death,* p. 2.

Of Jerome, Poggio Bracciolini, papal representative at the Council of Constance said, "Thus perished a man eminent beyond belief.... Socrates did not drink poison as willingly as this man submitted to the flames."—Will S. Monroe, *Bohemia and the Czecks.* pp. 227-229

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- **Revelation 9:1-11**—The Fifth Trumpet (A.D. July 27, 1299-July 27, 1449)—Military history focused on Eastern Rome; the rise and progress of the Arabs.
- **Revelation 9:13-21**—The Sixth Trumpet (A.D. July 28, 1449-August 11, 1840)—Military history focused on Eastern Rome; the decline of the Ottoman Empire.
- **Revelation 13:1-10; 12:6**—God's picture of Roman oppression (A.D. 538-1798)
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"John Wycliffe"—"The Light Breaks in England"—A.D. 1300-1418. The Great Controversy, chapter 5, pp. **79-96** (57-71)

A. What did Wycliffe—the "Morning Star" of the Reformation—find in the Bible? p. **80** (57) (**Remember bold page** numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks). _____

B. What was the real purpose of the tracts Wycliffe published against the "friars"? p. **84** (61) _____

C. While he was a professor at Oxford, what did he say he intended to do? p. **87** (64) _____

D. Where did Wycliffe's Bible find its way? pp. **88, 89** (65) _____

E. Who had appointed him his work, and why was his life prolonged? pp. **92, 93** (69) _____

F. What did Wycliffe consider was the Bible's origin? For what is it sufficient? Who is its interpreter? p. **93** (69, 70) _____

"Huss and Jerome"—Two Heroes Face Death—A. D. 1300-1600. The Great Controversy, Chapter 6, pp. **97-119** (72-92)

A. Where was Huss educated, and what was he later made? pp. **98, 99** (73) _____

B. When Jerome brought some of the writings of Wycliffe to Prague, who read them? p. **99** (75) _____

C. Who now united with Huss in the work of reform? pp. **102, 103** (77) _____
What was the result? _____

D. Why did not all the light of truth come at once in the Reformation? p. **103** (77, 78) _____

E. After a long imprisonment and enfeebled by illness, what did Huss choose instead of recantation? p. **107** (81)

F. What did Huss do as the flames were kindled about him on July 6, 1415? p. **109** (83) _____

G. What did the council later force Jerome to do? p. **111** (84, 85) _____

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H. Lacking peace, what did he renounce, and request? p. **112** (84, 85) _____

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I. Soon after Jerome was condemned, what happened on May 30, 1416, at the same spot where Huss died? pp. **114, 115** (88) _____

J. How did the papal leaders finally suppress the Bohemians? p. **118** (90) _____

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- For Revelation 6:7, 8—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 180-187, 141-144. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 431-432.**
- For Revelation 9:1-11—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 242-250, 262-265. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 493-505.**
- For Revelation 9:13-21—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 251-265. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 505-517.**
- For Revelation 12:1-17—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 309-314, 319-324. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 549-559.**
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By Faith Alone

An eastern United States printer puts its impressive trademark, a circle with the company's name and the words "I never disappoint," on every job package. How similar to the trademark God places on every promise in His Word!

Notice how God's promise to never leave or forsake His followers was fulfilled to the reformer, Martin Luther.

The night before Luther was to present his final answer to the Emperor Charles V and the assembled princes of Germany at the Diet of Worms, he became discouraged. "For a time his heart sank. . . . His faith faltered; fearfulness and trembling came upon him, and horror overwhelmed him. . . . It was not the fear of personal suffering, a dread of torture or death. . . ., that overwhelmed him with its terror. He had come to the crisis, and he felt his insufficiency to meet it. . . . In his utter helplessness his faith fastened upon Christ. . . . He was strengthened with the assurance that he would not appear alone before the council."—*The Great Controversy,* pp. **156, 157** (125, 126).

God did not disappoint his faithful witness, and He will not disappoint us if we place our faith in Christ and by faith follow only what the Bible teaches. Let's notice how these were the keys in the life of Luther.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

There Is Hope

We are sinners because we have done many wrong things. But there is hope, our unjust acts can be justified, and we can be free from the guilt these evil acts bring.

1. By what means are we justified and given hope? **Titus 3:7** _____

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2. How can we experience this justification? **Romans 3:28** _____

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3. When Abraham "believed in the Lord," how did God count it? **Genesis 15:6** _____

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4. What must we do to have Abraham's experience? **Romans 4:5** _____

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5. Can we be justified partly by good works and partly by faith? **Romans 11:6** _____

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6. How are both Jews and Gentiles justified? **Romans 3:29, 30** _____

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7. When Abraham believed God's staggering promises, what was accounted to him? **Romans 4:20-22** _____

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8. How can we have righteousness accounted or imputed to us? **Romans 4:23, 24** _____

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9. When we accept Christ as our justification by faith, what comes to us? **Romans 5:1** _____

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10. How does justification by faith affect God's law? **Romans 3:31** _____

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11. What is the law's function? **Romans 3:20** _____

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12. Dare we ignore God's law and go on sinning so we may remain in grace or grow? **Romans 6:1, 2** _____

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13. How does James tell us to identify living faith? **James 2:26** _____

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14. What exchange did Christ accomplish for us? **2 Corinthians 5:21** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

"By posting his ninety-five theses against indulgences on the Wittenberg church door, he [Luther] made his rupture with the papacy inevitable, and his determination to answer the summons to appear at the Diet of Worms to defend his position before the emperor made him a national hero. His translation of the Bible into the German language ranks him among the masters of German prose. The doctrine of justification by faith, made popular by him, became the battle cry of the Reformation."—*Heroes of the Reformation,* p. 297.

ENRICHMENT READING

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- **Revelation 6:7, 8**—The Fourth Seal (A.D. 538-1517)—a secular view of religious history.
- **Revelation 9:1-11**—The Fifth Trumpet (A.D. July 27,1299-July 27, 1449)—Military history focused on Eastern Rome; the rise and progress of the Arabs.
- **Revelation 9:13-21**—The Sixth Trumpet (A. D. July 28, 1449-August 11, 1840)—Military history focused on Eastern Rome; the decline of the Ottoman Empire.
- ***The Great Controversy,*** chapters 7, 8, pp. **120-170** (93-138). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

THINK IT THROUGH

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"Luther's Separation From Rome"—"A Man for His Time"—A.D. 1483-1521. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 7, pp. **120-144** (93-114)

A. Where did Luther first see a whole Bible and what did he say? p. **122** (95) _____

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B. Because he saw himself a sinner, what did he try to do? Whom did God raise up to help him? What did he tell him? pp. **123, 124** (96) _____

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C. After becoming a priest and a professor at Wittenberg, where did God lead him? What did he see everywhere? pp. **124, 125** (96, 97) _____

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D. Ascending Pilate's so-called staircase, what words did he hear, and what did he do? **p. 125** (97) _____

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E. To raise funds to build St. Peter's Cathedral at Rome, who was sent to Germany, and what was his system? pp. **127, 128** (99) _____

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F. What filled Luther with horror, and why did he refuse absolution to some? pp. **128, 129** (99, 100) _____

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G. When Luther post the 95 theses (propositions against indulgences he was willing to defend) on the church door on Oct. 31, 1517, what happened within a few days? With what was he charged? pp. **129-135** (100-105) ____

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H. At Luther's Augsburg trial when they saw his reasoning was unanswerable, what was he told? How did Luther react? pp. **136, 137** (106, 107) _____

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I. What did the pope's decree of June 15, 1520 against Luther and his followers provide? p. **141** (111) _____

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J In the presence of a crowd of students, citizens, and doctors, what did Luther do with the pope's bull, canon law, and similar items? p. **142** (112) _____

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"Luther Before the Diet"—"A Champion of Truth"—A. D. 1521. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 8, pp. **145-170** (115-138)

A. When asked by the council to retract his teachings, what did Luther reply? pp. **155, 156** (125) _____

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B. Why did God lead the council to ask him to repeat his reply in Latin? p. **159** (128) _____

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C. What was his seven-word reply when again asked, "Will you, or will you not retract?" p. **160** (128) _____

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D. How did Luther's testimony affect the council? p. **161** (129, 130) _____

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E. Why is it not safe to cling to old traditions, refusing new light? p. **164** (131, 132) _____

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F. Shortly after Luther left Worms, what did Rome prevail upon the emperor to issue? pp. **167, 168** (135) _____

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G. How did God deliver Luther? p. **168** (136) _____

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H. What did Luther do during these ten months? p. **168** (136) _____

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I. Why was this period of friendly captivity permitted? pp. **169, 170** (136, 137) _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 2:18-29—***God Cares, Vol. 2,*** **pp. 122-126, 141-144.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,*** **pp. 376-381.**
- For Revelation 6:7, 8—***God Cares, Vol. 2,*** **pp. 180-187, 141-144.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,*** **pp. 431-432.**
- For Revelation 9:13-21—***God Cares, Vol. 2,*** **pp. 251-265.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,*** **pp. 505-517.**

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What A Difference

A group of visitors and their guide were deep inside a cave when all the lights went out. The blackness was so intense it seemed it could be felt.

Each of the nearly fifty people in the group felt isolated and alone because of the overpowering darkness.

The guide struck a small cardboard match, and instantly you could see the walls of the cavern, the large open area where they stood, and the faces of the group.

"All this," you say, "from one small match?" Yes, because of the great blackness. That small light was the source of comfort, hope, and guidance.

During the intense spiritual darkness of the "Dark Ages," people seemed almost alone and hopeless. Many could not conscientiously follow the dictates of the established church ruling through the civil power. When the Bible was given to the people in their language, it became the light that brought comfort, hope and guidance.

Let's look at the Bible, the Christian, and the state and see how this Book influenced Germany when it was made available in the language of the people about the year 1521.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

The Bible, the Christian, and the State

Because of his beliefs, Luther came into conflict with the state. The Bible teaches how this problem should be solved.

1. What two powers are Christians to serve? **1 Peter 2:17** _____

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2. What is one way to honor earthly powers? **Romans 13:7** _____

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3. Beside honor, what should Christians also do for earthly rulers? **1 Timothy 2:1, 2** _____

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4. In whose name did the Jewish officials command the disciples not to speak or teach? **Acts 4:18** _____

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5. How did Peter and John reply? **Acts 4:20** _____

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6. Because they feared God and obeyed His command to witness, what happened? **Acts 5:17, 18** _____

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7. How did God reward His faithful witnesses? **Acts 5:19, 20** _____

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8. When tried for their obedience to God in violation of human commands, what principle did the apostles state? **Acts 5:29** _____

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9. Where do we get knowledge of how we should believe and act? **2 Timothy 3:16** _____

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10. How complete is this instruction? **2 Timothy 3:17** _____

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11. What will happen to civil liberties in the last days? **Revelation 13:16, 17** _____

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How will the state attempt to control worship? **Revelation 13:15** _____

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12. Who is the ultimate higher official who notices when the poor are oppressed and civil or religious justice is perverted? **Ecclesiastes 5:8** _____

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13. When Christians are persecuted, what should be their attitude? **James 5:7, 8** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

"After Augsburg . . . Lutheranism developed a cultural strength in the universities and in the widespread educational system being developed under its auspices. Luther went on with his task of supervision, preaching, and writing; he died in 1546, towering above all the other early Protestants except, perhaps, John Calvin."—*A Short History of Christianity,* p. 244.

ENRICHMENT READING

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- **Revelation 12:1-17**—Religious intolerance exposed.
- **Revelation 13:1-10 and Revelation 12:6**—God's picture of Roman oppression (A.D. 538-1798).
- ***The Great Controversy***, chapters 10, 11, pp. **185-210** (151-174). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

THINK IT THROUGH

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"Progress of Reform in Germany"—"Progress in Spite of Difficulty"—A.D. 1521-1529. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 10, pp. **185-196** (151-160)

A. During Luther's mysterious disappearance, what deception did Satan introduce? p. **186** (151) _____

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What great foundational principle of the Reformation did a few men reject? _____

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B. What was the fruit of their teaching? p. **187** (153) _____

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C. What were the effects of Luther's preaching in Wittenberg? p. **190** (155) _____

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D. What did Satan lead some of Munzer's followers to feel and do? pp. **191, 192** (156, 157) _____

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E. What are Satan's agents often considered? How are God's people often treated? p. **193** (157) _____

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F. What deception is still doing a similar work? p. **193** (157) _____

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G. After Luther's return from captivity, what did he soon complete and give to the people? p. **194** (158) _____

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What did many commit to memory? _____

What new work occupied Luther, and how was it published? _____

H. By what work did many converted monks not educated enough to be preachers support themselves? p. **194** (158, 159) _____

I. What did persons of all ranks do from the Scriptures? p. **195** (158, 159) _____

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J. Why did the congregations of the Roman clergy diminish? p. **196** (160) _____

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"Protest of the Princes" A. D. 1529, 1530. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 11, pp. **197-210** (161-174)

A. What did the Emperor Charles V summon in 1529? pp. **197, 198** (161,162) _____

Why? _____

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B. What did the Emperor require to be annulled? p. **198** (162) _____

C. When the evangelical states opposed the demand, what was proposed? How would this affect the Reformation? pp. **198, 199** (162) _____

D. When the Christian princes prepared a written protest, what two abuses did it oppose? pp. **203, 204** (167) _____

E. What does Protestantism set above magistrates and church? pp. **203, 204** (167, 168) _____

F. What is Satan as opposed to today as in the time of the Reformation? pp. **204, 205** (168) _____

G. When the Protestant leaders were summoned to the Diet at Augsburg, whom did they get to prepare their views from Scripture in systematic form? p. **206** (169,170) _____

H. What source could not refute or contradict the Protestant Confession (summary of beliefs)? p. **208** (171) _____

I. What was the effect of this "Augsburg Confession"? p. **208** (171) _____

J. What was the source of the Reformation's power? p. **210** (172) _____

INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 2:18-29—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 122-126, 141-144. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 376-381.**
- For Revelation 6:9-11—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 187-193. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 432-437.**
- For Revelation 12:1-17—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 319-324.** *Daniel and the Revelation,* **pp. 549-560.**
- For Revelation 13:1-10—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 324-330. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 561-571.**

To learn the history of the Swiss Reformer read:

- ***The Great Controversy,*** chapter 9, pp. **171-184** (139-150).

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Reform and Revolution

Rain fell for days, turning creeks and streams into greedy monsters that devoured soil, rocks, and trees. The surging, littered rivers devastated hundreds of miles of river-banks and delta area.

For years residents had built walls of earth—called levees—to protect homes and farms. But almost undetected, rodents were honeycombing these walls with burrows.

The angry mixture of surging water, rocks, and debris soon breached the walls. Water then covered everything, driving out every living land creature. The wall of protection had been breached; homes and security vanished.

God's law is the wall built around nations, cities, homes, and lives. When this protecting wall erodes away, crime, immorality, and wickedness sweep in and destroy.

The Reformation presented to the world an open Bible and repaired the protective wall of God's law. But when the rulers and the majority of the French people rejected this gift of heaven, they sowed the seeds of anarchy and ruin so horribly harvested in the Revolution and the Reign of Terror.

Shouldn't modern nations and people learn from this?

BIBLE INSIGHTS

God's Wall of Protection

1. Why does God want us to heed His commandments? **Isaiah 48:18** _____

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2. Why were the Ten Commandments given? **Psalm 19:7** _____
   Proverbs 6:23 _____
   Romans 3:20 _____

3. How are we saved? **Ephesians 2:8-10** _____

4. When we receive a new heart (mind) at conversion, what does God cause us to do? **Ezekiel 36:26, 27** _____

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5. If we love Christ, what will we keep? **John 14:15** _____

6. Are the commandments for certain people or every person? **Ecclesiastes 12:13** _____

7. Are the Ten Commandments for New Testament Christians who live by faith? **Romans 3:31** _____

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   What does our faith do? _____

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8. How do we know Jesus did not abolish or change the Ten Commandments? **John 15:10** _____

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Matthew 5:17-19 _____

9. List some actions that prevent people entering the New Jerusalem, capitol of the new earth. **Revelation 21:8, 27; 22:14** _____

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Notice these actions are violations of the Ten Commandments and both the KJV and NKJV say in Revelation 22:14 those who enter this city "do his commandments."

10. Because people in God's new world obey His Law, what will be the effect? **Isaiah 65:25** _____

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11. How can we be sure of a place in God's new world?
    a. **Hebrews 10:16:** Have God's laws written where? _____
    b. **Ephesians 3:16, 17:** Be strengthened with what? _____
    c. **Philippians 4:13:** Be enabled to do what? _____

12. When Christ lives in us, how will we live our lives? **Galatians 2:20** _____

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Commandment keeping will then be simply the natural result of His Spirit dwelling in us.

PERSPECTIVES

God set the stage for the light of the gospel to enter France. For 100 years England held a part of France and the two strong French factions were at civil war. It took Joan of Arc to bring unification through the coronation of Charles VII (Le Dauphine) at Rheims in 1429 to end the civil war and start the expulsion of the English in 1461. From this came the unification of France as a national state in 1480. These events brought peace to France and resulted in its unification as a nation.

Just as God had prepared the nation, so He worked in institutions of higher learning. The University of Paris, which offered degrees in many fields including theology, had been established. In addition, God had enlightened Lefevre, professor of theology at the University of Paris, to see the beauty and simplicity of the gospel in contrast to the traditions of the church.

God also worked in the royal palace, leading Princess Margaret to open it to Protestant services for two years prior to the persecution of the Reformers in January of 1535.

Calvin, a student of Lefevre and a mighty Reformer, stood poised to lead France into the Reformation.

ENRICHMENT READING

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- ***The Great Controversy,*** chapter 12, pp. **211-236** (175-196). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"The French Reformation"—"Daybreak in France"—A.D. 1500-1564. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 12, pp. **211-236** (175-196)

A. Who was among the first to see gospel light in France? p. **212** (176) _____

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B. As Lefevre continued to teach university students, how did Farel witness? p. **214** (177) _____

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C. What additional work did Lefevre undertake? p. **214** (177, 178) _____

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D. Whom also did God guide to the Bible? pp. **215, 216** (178, 179) _____
What happened to him in 1529? p. **218** (181) _____
For what terrible events in 1793 did this set the example? _____

E. What was the effect of the Reformers being driven from their homes? p. **219** (182) _____

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F. Who was going to school in Paris about this time? p. **219** (182) _____

G. After Calvin's cousin joined the Reformers and discussed their views with him, Calvin chanced to witness a burning at the stake. What did he notice? pp. **220, 221** (183) _____
Knowing this came from the Bible, what did he determine? _____
What was the result? _____

H. How did Calvin begin his work? p. **221** (183) _____

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I. How and for how long did the king's sister Margaret help spread the Reformation? pp. **222, 223** (184) _____

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What resulted? _____

J. How did Calvin escape martyrdom in Paris? pp. **223, 224** (185) _____

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K. What caused the king to order the destruction of all "Luthersey"? p. **225** (186) _____

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L. How were the followers of Luther found? pp. **225, 226** (186-188) _____

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What happened to these? _____

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M. What lies circulated against the Protestants? p. **226** (188) _____

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N. What did King Francis I ban? p. **227** (189) _____

What lesson does this teach? _____

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O. To what did France by a "solemn and public ceremony" commit herself on January 21, 1535? pp. **227, 228** (189, 190) _____

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P. What was the result of the Reign of Terror 258 years later on January 21, 1793? p. **230** (191) _____

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Q. Why were the Jesuits established? pp. **234, 235** (194, 195) _____

List some of their methods of work. _____

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R. What did Rome also re-establish? p. **235** (195, 196) _____

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S. Was Calvin faultless in doctrine or method? p. **236** (196) _____

What did he promote? _____

Because of Farel and Calvin, what did Geneva finally become? _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

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- For Revelation 2:18-29—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 122-126, 141-144. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 376-381.**
- For Revelation 6:9-11—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 187-193. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 432-437.**

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Terror and Retribution

Why did seven United States Navy destroyers of squadron eleven sail full steam into the rocks near Honda Creek off the Central California coast and sink, losing twenty-three sailors?

On that fateful day September day, a navigational error occurred. The lead destroyer was ordered to alter its course and maintain speed of twenty knots without stopping to take in the surroundings. The squadron commander issued this order because he believed he had selected a safe course to reach the desired destination. Instead they hit the rocks of The Devil's Jaw and were lost forever in one of the greatest peacetime tragedies for the U.S. Navy.

Today we look at what happened when a great nation—because of incorrect human teachings—abandoned Christ, His law, and the Bible. From their history we learn the tragic results of actions based on incorrect teachings or rebellious attitudes against God, the Bible, and His law. We must be sure our decisions and actions are based on Jesus Christ and the eternal principles of His Word and law so we do not experience personal disaster and ruin.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Christ, the Bible, the Law—and Satan

1. What is the only true and lasting foundation for people's lives? **1 Corinthians 3:11** _____

2. What happens when a person or nation disregards Christ and His teachings? **Matthew 7:26, 27** _____

3. Why does Satan hate Christ and try to get people to not accept Him? **Revelation 12:7-9** _____

4. How does Satan treat Christ's followers who obey His commandments? **Revelation 12:17** _____

5. What does Christ promise His persecuted followers who are faithful unto death? **Revelation 2:10** _____

6. Since the Bible tells us of God's love and records the life and teachings of Jesus, when we read and cherish it, what does it have the power to do? **Psalm 119:11** _____

7. When Christ's teachings and the Bible are obeyed, what happens to the believer in the time of storm, test, and trial? **Matthew 7:24, 25** _____

8. Why does Satan try to keep the Bible from people? **2 Timothy 3:15** _____

9. Read **Exodus 20: 3-17.** What does the Bible record for us here? _____

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10. What is the function of the Ten Commandment law? **Romans 3:20** _____

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11. Why does Satan want to do away with God's law? **Romans 4:15** _____

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12. Although nations should not force obedience to God's law, what promotes the well being of humanity? *The Great Controversy,* p. **285** (240) _____

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PERSPECTIVES

"The Reformation had presented to the world an open Bible, unsealing the precepts of the law of God and urging its claims upon the consciences of the people. Infinite Love had unfolded to men the statutes and principles of heaven. God had said: 'Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding. . . .' Deuteronomy 4:6. When France rejected the gift of heaven, she sowed the seeds of anarchy and ruin; and the inevitable outworking of cause and effect resulted in the Revolution and the Reign of Terror."—*The Great Controversy,* p. **230** (192).

It is easy to follow France's steps leading to her almost total collapse, from which she has never completely recovered.

1. She rejected the gospel of the Reformers.
2. August 24, 1572: Slaughter of the French Huguenots in the Saint Bartholomew Massacre.
3. January 21, 1793: Execution of King Louis XVI and 2800 of his court.
4. This mass execution was shortly followed by the 'Reign of Terror,' (January 21, 1793 to July 28, 1794).
5. November 1793: The legislature voted there is no God.
6. November 11, 1793: Enthroning and worshiping of an impure woman as the 'Goddess of Reason.'

ENRICHMENT READING

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- **Revelation 3:1-6**—Sardis Church history period (A.D. 1798-1833).
- **Revelation 6:12-17**—The Sixth Seal (A.D. 1755-Christ's Second Advent)—religious history from the secular viewpoint.
- **Revelation 11:1-19**—The Bible and atheism.
- **Revelation 12:1-17**—Religious intolerance exposed.
- **Revelation 13:1-10 and Revelation 12:6**—God's picture of Roman oppression (A.D. 538-1798).
- ***The Great Controversy,*** chapter 15, pp. **265-288** (223-243). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition pages are in parentheses.

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"The Bible and the French Revolution"—"Terror and Retribution"—A.D. 1564-1816. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 15, pp. **265-288** (223-243)

A. What was the real cause of the bloodshed and destruction in the French Revolution? pp. **265, 285, 286** (223, 241) _____

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B. What did the 42 months and the 1260 days represent? p. **266** (224) _____

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C. What cut short this period as prophesied by Jesus in Matthew 24:22? p. **266** (224) _____

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D. What are these two witnesses? pp. **267, 268** (224, 225) _____

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E. What did the prophesying in sackcloth represent? p. **267** (225) _____

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F. What nation exactly fulfilled this prophecy about spiritual Egypt? p. **269** (226) _____

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G. How—in symbol—was Christ crucified in France? p. **271** (227) _____

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H. What was one of the blackest crimes against French Protestants? p. **272** (229) _____

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I. What two-pronged war did the atheistical power ruling France pursue? pp. **273, 274** (230) _____

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J. What happened to the weekly rest day? pp. **273, 274** (230) _____

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K. After renouncing the worship of God, what worship soon developed? p. **275** (231) _____

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L. Where was an impure women elevated to take God's place? p. **276** (233) _____

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M. Why were the French so wholly unfitted for self-govern-ment? p. **281** (237) _____

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N. Why did they reject God and the Bible? p. **281** (237) _____

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O. What inaugurated the Reign of Terror? p. **282** (238) _____

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P. What brought such woe to the people of France? p. **285** (240) _____

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Q. List some institutions struck down as a result of the attack on God's law. p. **287** (241) _____

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R. What does the death of the two witnesses for three and one half days represent? p. **287** (241) _____

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How did these begin and end? _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 3: 1-6—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 109, 110, 126-129. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 383-386**
- For Revelation 6:12-17—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 190-202. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 437-451.**
- For Revelation 11:1-19—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 293-305. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 531-547.**
- For Revelation 12:1-17—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 319-324, 400-407. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 549-559.**
- For Revelation 13:1-10—***God Cares, Vol 2,* pp. 324-330. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 561-571.**

To learn about the Netherlands and Scandinavian Reformations read:

- ***The Great Controversy,* chapter 13**, pp. **237-244** (197-204)

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Balance

Unusually high pitched sounds came from the entertainment center. Why did it seem that only one speaker was working? Cory investigated, and sure enough only one speaker was producing sound. He checked the wires and both were connected. He tried increasing the volume. That helped a little, but the sound was still not right. He finally discovered there was too much treble and very little bass. He boosted the bass to a pleasingly correct balanced sound.

Law and grace are like the stereo bass and treble sound. In the Christian's life these must be properly balanced, with neither overpowering the other—or fatal distortion occurs.

Have we lost Christ's stereo balance between law and grace? Do we wrongly believe His grace does away with the law and the seventh-day Sabbath—and keep Sunday since we are under grace?

Let's notice the English Reformer Charles Wesley's balance between law and grace and what the Bible says about Sunday sacredness in New Testament times.

Shouldn't we be careful to remember Christ's balancing message so that we don't follow custom or church dogma?

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Law, Grace, and the Sabbath

1. What is the purpose for the Ten Commandment law? **Romans 3:20** _____

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2. Why was this law put in charge of sinners? **Galatians 3:24** _____

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When we accept Christ, what does His grace do for us? _____

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Remember grace does not nullify or change the law.

3. For what two reasons did Christ need to die for sinners like us? **Romans 5:8, 9** _____

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4. How can we make our salvation real? **Ephesians 2:8** _____

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5. Because Christ's grace saves, how should we change our pattern of living? **Romans 6:1, 2, 14** _____

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6. How does our faith in Christ affect the law? **Romans 3:31** _____

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7. What should we not think Christ's teachings and grace have done to the law? **Matthew 5:17-19** _____

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8. When Jesus was living on this earth, what did He keep? **John 15:10** _____

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9. Which day did He regularly observe? **Luke 4:16** _____

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10. How should we demonstrate we know and love Jesus? **1 John 2:4-6** _____

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11. What day comes between the day of Christ's crucifixion and the first day of the week when He arose? **Luke 23:54 to 24:1** _____

Check the calender. What is the name of the day before the first day of the week? _____

12. Notice the different places and records where Paul and early Christians kept the seventh-day Sabbath.

Text	Place	Number of Sabbaths
Acts 13:14, 43, 44	_____	_____
Acts 16:12, 13	_____	_____
Acts 17:1, 2, 4	_____	_____
Acts 18:1-4, 11	_____	_____

13. Let's read every New Testament reference to the first day of the week and see if there is a command to keep it holy. Check the proper column.

Text	Commanded	Not Commanded
Matthew 28:1	_____	_____
Mark 16:2, 9	_____	_____
Luke 24:1	_____	_____
John 20:1, 19	_____	_____
Acts 20:7	_____	_____
1 Corinthians 16:2	_____	_____

14. Which day does Christ claim as His own? **Matthew 12:8** _____

15. Which day is the Sabbath? According to *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary:* "The seventh day of the week observed from Friday evening to Saturday evening as a day of rest and worship by Jews and some Christians."

16. Since Sunday observance is not taught in Scripture, how does God consider our worship if we knowingly teach human doctrines instead of God's? **Matthew 15:6-9** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

James I, the king of England, believed he was above law and Parliament. He threatened to drive out the Puritans. Many left, including the Pilgrims on the *Mayflower* in 1620. Charles I, his son, determined to make the Anglican religion the only form of worship in England. So he took Puritans and other dissenters to court. Many sought religious asylum in the New World.

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- ***The Great Controversy,*** chapters 14, 16, pp. **245-264; 289-299** (205-222; 245-254). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"Later English Reformers"—"Truth Advances in the British Isles"—A.D. 1516-1755. The Great Controversy, Chapter 14, pp. **245-264** (205-222)

A. In sixteenth-century England, whom did God lead to translate the Bible into English? p. **245** (205) _____

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B. What price did Tyndale pay for his work? p. **247** (207) _____

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C. List the one grand principle maintained by English and earlier Reformers? p. **249** (208) _____

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D. Who appeared a hundred years later? p. **253** (211, 212) _____

What had happened to Luther's teaching of justification by faith? _____

What had taken its place? _____

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E. In contempt, what were sympathizers of Whitefield and Wesley called? pp. **256, 257** (214, 215) _____

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F. Name one great reason for England's spiritual decline in Wesley's time. pp. **260, 261** (218) _____

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List three forms these took. _____

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G. How did Wesley answer these false teachings? pp. **262, 263** (219, 220) _____

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What did he say was the most surprising fact of all? _____

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H. What were the results of Wesley's nearly 80 years of magnifying the law and making it honorable? p. **264** (221)

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"The Pilgrim Fathers"—"Seeking Freedom in the New World"—A.D. 1516-1755. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 16, pp. **289-298** (245-254)

A. What drove the Pilgrims to America? p. **292** (248) _____

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B. Name the Puritan foundation of faith, source of wisdom, and the charter of liberty. p. **296** (251) _____

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C. As people came to America for widely different motives, what happened to primitive faith and purity? pp. **296, 297** (251) _____

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D. What principle did the Protestant churches of Europe and America forget? p. **297** (252) _____

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E. When formalism, errors, and superstition took over, what was the result? pp. **297, 298** (252) _____

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F. When people neglected to search the Scriptures, what happened? p. **298** (252-254) _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

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Don't Ignore The Signs!

Local weather was unfamiliar to Brian. One fall day he hardly noticed a brisk south wind and a heavy mantle of clouds on the southern mountains.

Troy, a fellow worker, pointed out that all area rain came from the south. When the south wind increased and clouds began filling the southern sky, Troy warned, "Watch out! It's going to rain!"

In a few hours the rain really came down. How did Troy know? He had watched developing conditions and knew the signs so he could tell when it was going to rain.

Nature usually doesn't leave people without some signs of coming events. Christ also left us signs to tell when His return was near, and He wants us to watch and read them. He counseled that when these things begin to happen, know that the kingdom of God is near (Luke 21:28-31).

If we can observe nature's signs and know something about what to expect, shouldn't we conclude the same from the signs Christ gave us of His return the second time?

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Signs Jesus Is Coming Soon

1. What are we to observe and know as clearly as we track the weather signs? **Matthew 16:1-3** _____

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2. What did Jesus' disciples ask Him about His return to our earth? **Matthew 24:3** _____

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3. After Jerusalem's destruction, what did Christ predict? **Matthew 24:21, 22** _____

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What was to happen to those days? _____

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4. What three heavenly bodies were to reveal signs after this shortened tribulation period (A.D. 538-1750)? **Mark 13:24, 25** _____

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Over most of New England the sun was darkened on May 19, 1780, and the nearly full moon appeared blood red at midnight. November 13, 1833 the greatest display of shooting stars seemed to set the sky ablaze for about four hours from Canada to Mexico and from the Atlantic almost to the Pacific.

5. What will be the conditions and attitudes of many people in "the last days?" **Luke 21:25, 26; 2 Peter 3:3, 4** _____

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6. What did Jesus say about military activities in the last days? **Matthew 24:6** _____

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World wars are a modern phenomena. In these two, 1914-1918 and 1939-1945, seventy million were killed, wounded or missing. The twentieth century has been history's most blood-stained period.

7. What signs of the end involve health and geology? **Matthew 24:7** _____

- **Famines.** History records 400-450 major famines. Several historic ones have occurred in the twentieth century:
  1921—Russia: U.S.A. fed 11 million; 1 million more were fed by other nations. Death toll unavailable.
  1928-1930—China: Estimated death toll 20 million.
  1932, 1933—Russia: It is believed several millions died, but the death toll is not available.
  1943—Henan, China: Death toll 3-5 million.
  1943—Bengal, India: Serious famine; death toll unavailable.
  1990's—Sub-Saharan Region: Several famines.
- **World wide Flu Epidemic 1918**—21 million died.
- **Two of the greatest killer earthquakes** of history have occurred in the twentieth century.
  1920—China: 100,000 killed.
  1923—Japan: 200,000 killed; 1,500,000 casualties.
  Significant quakes seems to be increasing and locations diversifying. 1995—11 major quakes in 11 countries.

8. According to the prophet Daniel, what would happen to knowledge and transportation in the "time of the end"? **Daniel 12:4** _____

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9. List some of the predicted social and moral collapses that are happening today. **2 Timothy 3:1-8** _____

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10. Because of last-day world conditions and what is seen coming, what will happen to many people's hearts? **Luke 21:25, 26** _____

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11. Before the end of human time, what will be preached to the world? **Matthew 24:14** _____

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12. How did John the revelator describe the gospel being preached to the world? **Revelation 14:6, 7** _____

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13. When we see all these things happening, what should we know? **Matthew 24:32, 33** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

Paul wrote about the return of Christ in 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4. "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night [to non-Christians]. . . But you, brothers, are not in darkness.Ó NKJV. Consider these current signs of the world's end. Today many people are unbelievers—scoffers. In the military and political arena there are wars. The field of agriculture has problems in supply and demand, and continuing famines. The medical field suffers pestilence and disease. Speed dominates the realm of transportation and communication. The scientific world of physics and chemistry fears for the future and the environment. In society, immorality, lying, evil—heard, seen, felt, tasted—are experienced as never before. Through true Christians the gospel—the good news—is going to everyone. *ALL THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THIS GENERATION.*

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"Heralds of the Morning"—"Promises of Christ's Return"—A.D. 1755-1782. The Great Controversy, Chapter 17, pp. **299-316** (255-270)

A. What three facts about Christ's return does prophecy tell us? p. **304** (259) _____

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B. According to Revelation 6:12, 13, what was the first of the signs to precede the second advent? p. **304** (259) _____

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C. According to Mark 13:24, when was the sun to be darkened? p. **306** (261) _____

When was this prophecy fulfilled? _____

D. When the moon, which was full the night before, did appear after midnight, what did it look like? pp. **307, 308** (263) _____

E. Because probation (the time when people can be saved) was nearing its close, what did everyone need? p. **310** (264) _____

F. What great work has to be accomplished before people are prepared to stand in the day of God? p. **311** (265, 266) _____

What was He about to send? _____

G. In what chapter of the Bible can we find God's warning message? p. **311** (266) _____
What immediately follows its presentation? _____

H. What does this first message announce? pp. **311, 312** (266) _____
Of what larger endeavor is this message a part? _____

I. Who will receive greater light? p. **312** (266, 267) _____
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J. What should Israel's failure to discern the signs teach us? p. **315** (268) _____
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K. What will keep the religion of today's church from degenerating into observance of forms devoid of godliness? p. **316** (269, 270) _____
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L. Why do so many professed followers of Christ refuse to accept God's light for today? p. **316** (269, 270) _____
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A Prophetic Time Line

Winter snows had fallen. Lakes were freezing over, and winter's icy grasp tightly held all nature in its vice-like grip.

Shawn decided to go to Casey's house across an ice covered lake. But Shawn wasn't sure the ice was thick enough to support him. When he neared the center of the lake, he got down on his hands and knees, inching ahead, carefully looking at the ice as he crept forward.

Hearing a noise, he noticed a pickup truck approaching and watched it speed past the lake's most dangerous part. Quickly he stood up and confidently walked the rest of the way. Why? The strength of the ice was proven by the truck. He could trust it without fear.

Many Bible prophecies have already been exactly fulfilled. These give us confidence and hope as we move forward toward the soon return of Jesus Christ.

Today we study the first part of the great time line prophecy of Daniel 8 and 9, and Revelation's sixth trumpet. These were exactly fulfilled. So without fear we can trust God and the predictions that His children will soon be delivered.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

The Keystone Prophecy—Daniel, Chapters 8 and 9

1. Please read **Daniel 8:1-27**. What part of this vision of the distant future did Daniel not understand? **Daniel 8:14, 26, 27** _____

2. As Daniel studied prophecy and prayed for understanding (Daniel 9:1-20), who appeared and for what purpose? **Daniel 9:21, 22** _____

3. Please read **Daniel 9:23-27**. For whom did the angel say the first 70 weeks or 490 years are determined or decreed? **Daniel 9:24** _____
   The Hebrew for "determined" or "decreed" means "to cut," "to cut off," "to determine," "to decree," Since the angel beginning to explain this 2300 day-year period said 70 weeks (490 day-years) were determined for Daniel's people (the Jews), it seems logical this period would be cut off from its beginning.

4. What historical event identifies a beginning point for this whole prophecy's time line? **Daniel 9:25** _____

   Three different kings issued decrees allowing captive Jews to return to their homeland: the decree of Cyrus in 536 B.C. (Ezra 1:1-4); the Darius decree of 519 B.C. (Ezra 6:7-12); the Artaxerxes decree of 457 B.C. (Ezra 7:11-26). This last decree—restoring the Jerusalem temple, its services, and the Jewish government with complete local control—became effective in Artaxerxes' seventh year, which evidence indicates was 457 B.C. Since only with this third decree did the restoration of the temple and rebuilding of Jerusalem become effec-

tive, this time prophecy could not begin until this final most comprehensive decree took effect in the fall of 457 B.C.

5. What two time periods between the decree of 457 B.C. and the "Messiah" are mentioned? **Daniel 9:25**

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and _____

The "sevens" used in the NIV is another way of saying weeks. Using the prophetic principle of a day for a year (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6), seven weeks=49 day-years. Starting from 457 B.C., this brings us to 408 B.C. During these 49 years the street and wall of Jerusalem may have been completed. The second period of 62 weeks=434 day-years. Adding the two periods together there would be 483 day-years from 457 B.C. until the Messiah came. "Messiah" means "the annointed one" or "the Christ."

6. Whose anointing did Jesus receive? **Acts 10:38** _____

When did this take place? **Matthew 3:16** _____

Luke 3:1 says John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus, began to baptize in Tiberius Caesar's fifteenth year, which by Jewish reckoning was A.D. 27. Daniel 9:25 says 69 weeks (483 years) after Artaxerxes' decree (effective the fall of 457 B.C.) "the annointed one" would appear. This would be the fall of A.D. 27, for in figuring from B. C. to A.D., historians never count a year zero.

7. After Jesus' baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit, what did Andrew call Him? **John 1:41** _____

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8. When Jesus began his ministry shortly after His baptism, what did He say was fulfilled or had come? **Mark 1:15** _____

This referred to the end of the 69 weeks allotted to the Jewish people. Daniel 9:24-27.

9. What would Christ—the Messiah, the annointed one—do for one week or "seven" (seven prophetic-day years)? **Daniel 9:27** _____

This seven-year period begins at Christ's baptism and anointing. From A.D. 27-31 (three-and-a-half years) Christ ministered mainly to the Jews. For three-and-a-half years after the cross (A. D. 31-34) the disciples labored mainly for Jews. Stephen's martyrdom (Acts 7:54-60) was the Jewish leaders' final rejection of the gospel, ending their period as God's special people.

10. When was Messiah—the anointed one—to be cut off? **Daniel 9:26, 27** _____

When this happened, what ended? _____

11. What meaning does this seventy-week (490 year) prophecy have for us today? _____

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PERSPECTIVES

The falling of the stars, the Savior's last celestial sign of the world's end, occurred in 1833. The end of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), as foretold in Revelation 9, was on August 11, 1840 by Turkey placing herself under the control of Christian nations. These events prepared many to listen to God's judgment-hour message from 1840-1844. Since the reasoning supporting these prophetic events proved impregnable, opposing leaders endeavored to discourage investigation by plausible sophistry or teaching that these prophecies were sealed and could not be understood. Who led out in this philosophy? Satan the deceiver.

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"An American Reformer"—"New Light in the New World"—A.D. 1782-1844. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 18, pp. **317-342** (271-294)

A. Whom did God choose to proclaim in America the message of His soon return? p. **317** (271) _____

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B. As he began accepting Christ as a Savior, what was his chief study? pp. **318-320** (272-274) _____

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Failing to understand a text, what comparison did he make? _____

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C. When his intense interest led him to the biblical books of Daniel and Revelation, what filled him with joy? p. **320** (274) _____

D. What did Miller find plainly taught in the Scriptures? p. **321** (275) _____

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E. What prophecy did he feel most clearly revealed the time of the second coming? p. **324** (277) _____

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F. What general erroneous view did Miller accept that influenced his understanding of the "cleansing of the sanctuary"? pp. **324, 325** (277, 278) _____

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G. What did his study lead him to conclude about the 70 weeks of Daniel 9:24-29 and the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14? pp. **326, 328** (278-281) _____

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When would the 2300 days end? _____

H. What season in 1844 did Miller wrongly believe marked the end of the 2300 day-years? pp. **328, 329** (281) __

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But what was the correct season? _____

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I. What conviction now came to him? pp. **329, 330** (282) _____

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After five years review what conviction did he still have? _____

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J. When did he begin publically to present his views? pp. **330-332** (283, 285) _____

How was his work like that of the early Reformers? _____

K. Who, in 1833, licensed Miller to preach? p. **332** (285) _____

L. From the prophecy of Revelation 9, Josiah Litch predicted the fall of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) on August 11, 1840. When this happened, how did it affect many of learning and position? What did they do? pp. **334, 335** (287) _____

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M. How was Miller received by the religious press and popular religious leaders? pp. **335, 336** (287, 288)

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What was the reaction of the secular press? _____

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N. What central instruction do the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation present? p. **341** (293)

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O. Why are so many ignorant about future major events? p. **342** (293) _____

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A Wrong Setting

One hundred fifty nine people boarded Flight 965 for Cali, Columbia. The flight was uneventful until they got near their destination. At this point it was necessary to program their computer to radio beacon "Rozo" to guide their plane safely to Cali. The crew entered what they believed was the correct information. But they had set their computer to the wrong location. The plane veered toward Botoga, crashed into a mountainside, and killed all on board.

What a tragedy and disappointment for the passengers and their families because the crew believed they were focusing on the right location, instead of checking their navigation charts!

So it was with the American revivalist William Miller and his followers in 1844. They had the right prophetic outline and correctly followed the historic beacons which brought them to October 22, 1844, but as this date neared, they set their attention on the wrong place and event and were greatly disappointed.

The Millerites divided into three groups. Scoffers professed never to have believed Christ was coming then. Others said His return was future, setting new dates. The third smaller group believed the date was correct but the setting and event were wrong. Later this group learned about the seventh-day Sabbath and became known as Seventh-day Adventists.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Solving the 2300 Day Sanctuary Mystery

1. Read **Hebrews 7:22-8:4.** Then answer these questions.
   Who is our High Priest? **7:22, 24** _____
   Where does He minister for us? **8:1, 2** _____
   Who pitched His sanctuary or tabernacle? **8:2** _____
   What must Christ as our Priest do? **8:2** _____
   How was Christ's heavenly work as Priest typified? **8:4** _____

2. The earthly sanctuary was a rectangular room with one entrance covered by a curtain or veil. A second veil divided it into two parts or rooms. What was in this first room? **Hebrews 9:2** _____
   _____
   Exodus 30:1-6 places the altar of incense also in the first room.

3. What was the room beyond the second curtain called? **Hebrews 9:3** _____

4. What was in this "Most Holy Place"? **Hebrews 9:4, 5** _____
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   The Greek for "golden altar of incense" can mean a place or a vessel for burning incense. The Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) uses this word for censer, never for an altar. The author of Hebrews—using this word for censer and locating it in the Most Holy Place—seems to refer to the Day of Atonement, when the High Priest placed a censer before the ark in the Most Holy Place.

5. Who only went into the second room? How often? **Hebrews 9:7** _____

6. What has Jesus Christ become for every Christian? **Hebrews 9:11, 12** _____

7. Where does Christ minister for Christians? **Hebrews 9:24** _____

8. How is sin purged? **Hebrews 9:22** _____

9. Why does the heavenly sanctuary need to be "cleansed," "purified," or "restored?" When Christians sin—and professed Christian groups teach false doctrines about Christ, His ministry, priesthood, and salvation—the heavenly sanctuary is polluted.

10. How long did God say His sanctuary in heaven would be polluted, and when was it to be cleansed? **Daniel 8:13, 14** _____
The Hebrew provides "us very appropriately with the concept of 'cleansing' and of 'restoring to righteousness' (or purity) after defilement."—*God and His Sanctuary, p.* 180.

11. How is the heavenly sanctuary cleansed and restored? On the heavenly Day of Atonement, Christ and the Father begin the pre-advent investigative judgment (Daniel, chapters 7, 8). Then as in the earthly Day of Atonement, the confessed sins of God's people are blotted out of heaven's records. On earth a movement of courageous people focus on Jesus and preach the everlasting gospel of Revelation 14:6-12, telling the world of Jesus' high-priestly ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. Thus Satan's deception in counterfeit systems of worship is revealed, and many break his grip through Christ's power.
When world attention turns to Christ and His ministry of cleansing the heavenly sanctuary, the sanctuary is restored or vindicated and will "emerge victorious" (The New English Bible). Completing this process, Christ returns to reward every person (Revelation 22:12) with eternal life immediately (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17) or with the second death meted out after the 1000 years (Revelation 20:10-15). Then Satan (sin's originator and true sanctuary defiler), sin, and sinners will be destroyed.

12. When did God say the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary would begin? **Daniel 8:14** _____
Annually the earthly sanctuary was cleansed on the Day of Atonement. The Jews considered it a universal judgement day. See *The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia,* article. "Day of Judgment."

13. Daniel 8:27 says Daniel did not understand the time element, so Gabriel came to explain it (see Daniel 9:23). When was this prophetic time period of chapter 8 to begin? **Daniel 9:24, 25** _____
The last study guide showed this period began in 457 B.C. During the "70 weeks of years" (RSV)—490 years from 457 B.C. until A.D. 34—God especially worked for and through His chosen people, the Jews. Nationally they sealed their rejection by persecuting Christians, specifically stoning of Stephen in A.D. 34. Adding the remaining 1810 years of this 2300 year period bring us to 1844. That year's Day of Atonement was October 22.

14. Does October 22, 1844, have any significance for us? It certainly does. This is when the pre-advent investigative judgment began. We are living in the time of the heavenly "Day of Atonement." Today Jesus Christ, our High Priest, is accomplishing His last great ministration for us. According to the decisions made each day, our eternal destinies are being fixed. Soon He will say, "He who is filthy, let him be filthy still; . . . he who is holy, let him be holy still." Revelation 22:11, NKJV.

15. To be prepared, what should we do with our sins? **1 John 1:9** _____

Where must we abide? **1 John 2:28** _____

Whose righteousness must we have? **Philippians 3:9** _____

PERSPECTIVES

God caused common people to study the prophecies so misconceptions of the past could be eliminated and present truth could be clearly presented. This movement was among Christians worldwide but most intense in America. Potential misconception and neglect of truth always exist. These must be corrected by Bible study of past and present truth.

ENRICHMENT READING

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- **Revelation 10:1-11**—Prophetic hope and disappointment.
- *The Great Controversy,* chapter 19, pp. **343-354** (295-304). Page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"Light Through Darkness"—A.D. 31 and 1844 Disappointments. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 19, pp. **343-354** (295-304)

A. What is granted each servant of God? p. **343** (295) _____

What has no one ever attained? _____

B. Before the crucifixion as the disciples preached "the time is fulfilled," what did they misunderstand? p. **345** (297) _____

C. Was the time part of their message wrong? pp. **346, 347** (298) _____

Did the events they expected follow? _____

D. What climax did the disciples' preaching bring? p. **348** (299) _____

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E. Did God's purposes fail because of the disciples' wrong beliefs and disappointment? pp. **348, 349** (299, 300)

Why was their disappointment permitted? _____

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F. Notice the counterpart of the disciples' experience and the similarities of the messages. p. **351** (302)

The Disciples	**Miller**
"The time is fulfilled."	Prophetic time about to end.
Time based on 70 weeks.	End time based on 2300 day-years including the 70 weeks.

G. Why didn't Miller and his associates correctly interpret the event of October 22, 1844? pp. **351, 352** (302)

H. What was the last service of the earthly high priest each ceremonial year? p. **352** (302, 303)

What did this prefigure? _____

What does this heavenly service involve? _____

What does this judgment immediately precede? _____

I. The disciples failed to notice in Daniel 9 Christ's predicted death. What did the Millerite Adventists fail to understand? pp. 35[illegible] **353** (303) _____

J. Concerning what event were the Millerites mistaken? p. **352, 353** (303, 304) _____

Why were the Millerites permitted disappointment? _____

K. What did this test teach them to avoid? p. **354** (304) _____

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The Great Awakening

A world religious conference was closing. As several thousand people crowded into the huge auditorium, each one was given a small unlighted candle.

The final moments had come. The lights began going out and darkness engulfed the mass of people. Then on the platform a match was struck, and one candle was lighted.

This candle lighted another, and each one with a lighted candle sought to light someone else's candle. Quickly the light leaped from the platform to the congregation. Very soon light gleamed throughout that large pavilion, and people walked out into the night with their candles burning.

The next day they scattered to their hometowns, but the inspiration and light of truth they had gained went with them. Those who were from overseas carried it also to their homeland. Truth was diffused throughout a darkened world.

So the light of Christ's soon return—found by different eighteenth and nineteenth-century Bible students—spread until thousands in many nations believed Jesus would return about 1844. Together the messages of Christ's soon return and the first angel's warning (Revelation 14:6, 7) were preached worldwide. Let's study this great awakening.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Warned and Awakened

1. What did Jesus say was to be preached to all the world before the end? **Matthew 24:14** _____

2. How did Jesus represent the end? Who are the reapers? **Matthew 13:39** _____

3. When will the angels reap (gather) the world's harvest? **Matthew 24:30, 31** _____

4. How does **Revelation 14:14, 15** describe this end-time event? _____

5. What was reaped? **Revelation 14:16** _____
   This first (wheat) harvest symbolizes gathering the righteous.

6. Why is there a second reaping scene in **Revelation 14:17-20?** Because here grapes symbolize the wicked. See verse 19. In Israel, grapes were harvested after the grain.

7. What is the first of three symbols used to represent God's final warning message to our world? **Revelation 14:6, 7** _____

8. What does God wish to be preached everywhere before He returns? **Revelation 14:6** _____
   This must be the original, unchanged message. It is salvation by believing in Christ and accepting His righteousness—who is now our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary.

9. Why should last-day people fear and glorify God? **Revelation 14:7** _____

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This begins at the end of the 2300 day-years studied last time. Christ is now finishing this pre-advent investigative judgment which He completes before His return. See Revelation 22:12.

10. Who are people called to worship? **Revelation 14:7** _____
Notice the linkage between the origin of all things, judgment, and worship.

11. How did our earth and life on it come into being? **Genesis 1:1** _____
People say earth and life just happened, taking millions and millions of years. Notice God says, in this chapter, He created it all in six literal days.

12. What stands as the memorial of God's creatorship? **Exodus 20:8-12** _____
Notice the similarity of wording used in this fourth commandment and Revelation 14:7.

13. Is there a worldwide Christian church preaching these three messages because they believe it is their God-given task? **Yes**, through a worldwide religious movement organized as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is carrying the message of Christ—His sacrifice for sin, the Bible's full gospel, His creatorship and the Sabbath its memorial, plus the pre-advent investigative judgment-hour message—to all but a few of the countries of earth.

Hundreds of tongues—languages and dialects—are used daily by personal preaching and teaching as well as by worldwide radio, television, and the printed page. Because of this worldwide work there are several times as many Seventh-day Adventists outside of North America as in North America.

PERSPECTIVES

Daniel 8 and 9 predicted God's heavenly sanctuary would be cleansed and restored to its rightful function after the 2300 days. Last time we found this cleansing or restoring began in 1844. Since then this truth is being carried worldwide by dedicated followers of Christ and the Bible only. They emphasize the high-priestly function of Christ and the pre-advent investigative judgment in the heavenly sanctuary.

Revelation 14 details a final restoration of "truth," sweeping away the Papal Roman system's counterfeit worship. It also helps us better understand Daniel 8:14.

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- *The Great Controversy,* chapter 20, pp. **355-374** (305-322). Page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"A Great Religious Awakening"—"A Global Religious Awakening"—A.D. 1821-1844. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 20, pp. **355-374 (305-322)**

A. What prophetic symbol did God choose to illustrate the great religious awakening of the mid-nineteenth century? p. **355** (305) _____

B. What are the three main parts of this message? pp. **355, 356** (305) _____

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Could it have been preached before the last days? _____

After what date could it be preached? _____

C. How is the advent movement like the sixteenth-century Reformation? p. **357** (307) _____

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D. Who was "the missionary to the world"? p. **357** (307) _____

E. What did Wolff say is meant by the Hebrew expression "many shall run to and fro"? pp. **359, 360** (309, 310)

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What knowledge did he say would be increased? _____

F. From 1821-1845 how many countries and continents did Wolff visit? pp. **360, 361** (310) _____

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G. When did the advent message begin in England? p. **362** (312) _____

How was the emphasis different than in the United States? _____

H. How many Church of England clergymen preached the advent message? p. **362** (312) _____

I. Who carried the torch in South America? p. **363** (312) _____

What was his pen name? _____

J. Who in eighteenth-century Germany preached and wrote about the advent? pp. **363, 364** (312, 313)

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When did he think Christ would come? _____

K. How did the light get to Russia? p. **364** (313) _____

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L. Who preached the advent message in France and Switzerland? p. **364** (313) _____

M. Who did God use as the state church suppressed advent preachers in Scandinavia? p. **366** (315)

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N. Where was William Miller especially to work? p. **368** (316, 317) _____

What country became the center of the advent movement? _____

O. Who largely did the work in the U.S. and with what results? p. **368** (317) _____

P. What was the effect on those who heard the advent preaching? p. **369** (317) _____

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Q. What part of the advent message seemed to attract the greatest opposition? p. **370** (318) _____

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R. What do the Scriptures so plainly teach that there is no excuse for ignorance? p. **372** (319, 320) _____

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S. How were many advent believers treated? p. **372** (320) _____

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T. As the advent believers awaited Jesus' expected return, what attitude of mind did they possess? p. **373** (320, 321) _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

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- For Revelation 10:1-11—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 269-278.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 519-529.**
- For Revelation 14:6, 7—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 349-364.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 625-663.**

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Ignored Warnings

One Sunday, Jonathan Reece and John Montgomery decided to explore the abandoned New Savage Mine near Virginia City, Nevada. They parked their vehicles not far from the entrance. They ignored a nearby large sign which read, "Keep Out—Bad Air"; then they climbed through chicken wire and crawled under timbers nailed across the entrance. Finally they began exploring. Over time, trapped air with no circulation disintegrates into pockets of tasteless, odorless carbon dioxide. In one of these pockets, people become dizzy, disoriented, and go to sleep.

How far these men got no one knows. An alert passerby noticed their vehicles still there after a couple of hours and called authorities, who found the two men had apparently died from carbon dioxide poisoning.

The 780-mile maze of shafts below Virginia City is notorious for its deadly gasses. So John, who lived in Virginia City, and his friend Jonathan probably were aware of the dangers but chose to ignore the three warnings and lost their lives.

God does not want people to lose their eternal lives, so He sends three solemn warnings against intriguing concepts and religions. But if we ignore the warnings, the effect will be just as deadly and just as tragic. Let's notice and heed God's final warnings found in Revelation 14:6-12.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Heaven's Three Fold Warning

1. As Revelation 14 closes, what great event takes place? **Revelation 14:14** _____

2. What was reaped? **Revelation 14:16** _____
   Revelation 14:14-16 calls the righteous grain; verses 17-20 calls the wicked grapes. When did Jesus say the earth would be harvested? **Matthew 13:39** _____

3. By what three symbols does God represent His final threefold warning to the world? **Revelation 14:6, 8, 9**

4. What does the first angel warn has come? How should people respond? **Revelation 14:6, 7** _____

5. What is the second warning truth God wants people to understand before He returns? **Revelation 14:8**

6. What is this apostate power called "Babylon"? Alexander Hislop answers on page 2 of his book, *The Two Babylons:* "The church which has its seat and headquarters on the seven hills of Rome, might appropriately be

called 'Babylon,' inasmuch as it is the chief seat of idiolatry under the New Testament, as the ancient Babylon was the chief seat of idiolatry under the Old."

7. What did Paul say would come before Christ returned? _____
2 Thessalonians 2:3 _____
What would this reveal? _____
How would this "man of sin" (lawlessness) act toward God? **2 Thessalonians 2:4** _____
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What does he call himself? _____

8. How does Daniel describe this power's actions against God and His law? **Daniel 7:25** _____
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9. How is this church's relationship to political powers described? **Revelation 17:1-5** _____
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Comparing Jeremiah 6:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-32, we see Bible writers use a woman as a symbol of the church.

10. How would this corrupt church treat Christ's true followers? **Revelation 17:6** and **Daniel 7:25** _____
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11. Who are the offspring of this apostate church? **Revelation 17:5** _____
Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines these as being devoted to corrupt or unworthy purposes, especially for money. Babylon's offspring must be churches following Rome's apostate beliefs and corrupt practices, seeking common ground with her.

12. Finally how will Protestant churches totally follow the apostate mother church? **Revelation 13:14, 15** _____
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Protestant Reformers said this beast was the Roman Church.

13. What will this image cause all but God's true followers to receive? **Revelation 13:16** _____
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14. What is the third angel's warning message in Revelation 14? **Verses 9-11** _____
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A later study will go into this warning message more fully.

15. Is there a worldwide Christian church preaching these messages, believing it is their God-given task? **Yes. The worldwide religious movement organized as the Seventh-day Adventist Church.** It carries the message of Christ—His sacrifice for sin, the Bible's full-gospel message, and the pre-advent investigative judgment-hour message—to all but a few of the countries of earth. Hundreds of languages and dialects are used daily in preaching and teaching—by radio, television, and the printed page. There are several times as many Seventh-day Adventists outside of North America as in North America.

16. Is this worldwide, truth-restoring advent movement fulfilling the prophecies of Daniel 8:14 and Revelation 14:6-12? **Yes, because the movement began right on time in 1844—** preaching, teaching, and printing that

God's pre-advent investigative judgement hour had come and Christ's final ministry in the heavenly sanctuary for sinners had begun.

Yes, because it correctly exalts Christ our heavenly High Priest, unmasking the apostate worship system. In this solemn hour the whole Bible's balanced message must be preached to prepare people to stand before God's judgment bar and to greet Christ at His second coming. This message exalting the vital truths of Christianity and the abandonment of all counterfeit systems of worship is being carried to most of the countries of earth by Seventh-day Adventists.

Yes, because this movement bears the good fruits of the Spirit, producing characters like God's with clean minds, hearts, and bodies. Every day at least a thousand men, women, and youth accept Christ and join this worldwide prophetic Seventh-day Adventist movement.

17. Why is it important—before Christ returns—to understand these messages and permit Him to harmonize our lives with them? **Revelation 22:12** _____

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18. What will Christ's people listen to (hear), and what will there be? **John 10:16** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

The 2300 day-year prophecy ended on October 22, 1844. Over 100,000 Americans, plus many overseas, believed Jesus would then return. When disappointed, a few followers of William Miller, a Baptist lay preacher, continued to study and found in Hebrews (chapters 8 and 9) a heavenly sanctuary where Christ was ministering. More study showed this heavenly sanctuary would be cleansed before Christ returns, just as the earthly was cleansed closing the yearly services. Both cleansings involved ministration, judging, accepting, and rejecting people according to their confessed or unconfessed sins. This small group in 1863 chose the name Seventh-day Adventists.

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"A Warning Rejected"—"Reaping the Whirlwind"—A.D. 1844-end of the world. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 21, pp. **375-390** (323-336)

A. What were Miller's two objectives in preaching? p. **375** (323) _____

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B. What did the advent believers do in the summer of 1844? What was felt in nearly all churches?
p. **376** (323, 324) _____

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C. What is the second angel's message? p. **381** (327) _____
What does Babylon symbolize? _____

D. Who is the woman (Babylon) in Revelation 17? pp. **382, 383** (328-330) _____
Who are her daughters? _____
How are they following mother's example? _____

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E. What Bible standards have modern churches disregarded? p. **385** (331) _____

F. What is the wine of her fornication or adulteries? p. **388** (333, 334) _____

G. When and where was Revelation 14:8 first preached? p. **389** (335) _____
Have modern churches completely fallen yet? _____

H. What will Christ's true people finally leave? p. **390** (335, 336) _____

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- For Revelation 14:6-8—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 349-368. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 628-662.**
- For Revelation 17:1-18:24—***God Cares, Vol.2,* pp. 453-479. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 707-729.**

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A Book Did It

Mutiny reigned on the H.M.S. Bounty in 1790. Fletcher Christian and eight other seamen rid the ship of Captain William Bligh. Then with a group of six Tahitian men and twelve women, they sailed to an uninhabited South Pacific island about two miles long and one mile wide. What they could use was salvaged before they burned the ship.

By 1800 their drinking and fighting had destroyed all but one man, who shortly after this discovered a book and began reading it. The ideas it outlined seeped into his drunken consciousness, and he began to see a different way of life. This he taught to the women and children. Before long all were converted, their lives changed by that book, the Bible.

By 1886 they learned from the Bible of the seventh-day Sabbath and were keeping it. Today it is a respectable, law-abiding place inhabited by Seventh-day Adventists.

What did it? God's power speaking through His Word. Today we study how at about this same time God raised up a worldwide reformation people to prepare the world for His return. This group also became what they are through the study of the Bible. Even these experiences had been predicted in Revelation 10. It is important we understand this prophecy and how it was fulfilled.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Rise of the Remnant Church

God devoted this whole chapter in Revelation to the rise of a distinct and different last-day worldwide religious movement.

1. Who is the first being introduced in this chapter? **Revelation 10:1** _____
   Read Revelation 1:13-15. This being is Christ.

2. What did Christ have in His hand? **Revelation 10:2** _____
   "Open" indicates it was once closed.

3. What Bible book was shut up and sealed and to be opened later? **Daniel 12:4** _____

4. How do we know when it is the "time of the end?" **Daniel 12:4** _____
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   Knowledge has increased at an ever-accelerating pace since the Industrial Revolution of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. Travel has also greatly increased at the same time. Prophecy, said Daniel, would be understood in the time of the end, or from the late eighteenth century onward.

5. Where were the mighty angel's two feet placed? **Revelation 10:2** _____

6. What do seas or waters represent in prophecy? **Revelation 17:15** _____
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Earth is the opposite symbol representing sparsely populated areas. This symbol indicates the worldwide involvement of the earth's peoples in this experience.

7. What did the angel say would cease? **Revelation 10:6** _____

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Daniel, chapters 8 and 9, teach prophetic time ended in 1844 as knowledge was increasing.

8. What was John to eat? How did his mouth and stomach feel? **Revelation 10:9** _____

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The sweet taste represents how thousands reacted when they believed Christ was expected to return in 1844. The bitter represents the experience when Christ did not return as expected.

9. God knew His people would be encouraged when they found the truth of what happened on October 22, 1844, so what did He tell John (representing His people) he must do? **Revelation 10:11** _____

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A remnant of William Miller's disappointed followers diligently studied their Bibles, learning of the heavenly sanctuary where Jesus began His final ministry and the pre-advent judgment, on October 22, 1844. Understanding their disappointment was foretold in Revelation 10, their problem was transformed into a strength. They now preached Christ's heavenly pre-advent work and soon return with a new power and vigor. This new light became part of a worldwide message carried on by the prophetic movement called the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

10. What did Christ commission His followers to do? **Matthew 28:19, 20** _____
What were they to be taught? _____

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The Bible's full teachings, including the messages of Revelation 10 and 14:6-12, must be preached to the world. This is why the unique world religious movement called the Seventh-day Adventist Church exists and carries on the largest Protestant missionary program in the world.

11. After John's disappointment and being told to prophesy again, where was his attention directed? **Revelation 11:1** _____

God directed the thoughts of some sincere people disappointed in 1844 to study the Bible teaching of a heavenly sanctuary. They misunderstood the October 22, 1844 event, but correctly reckoned the date. From further search they understood the sanctuary cleansing was not the earth or events on it, but referred to events in the heavenly sanctuary and Christ's final high-priestly ministry there. This ministry, they found, includes the pre-advent investigative judgment which Christ must accomplish before He returns to reward every person according to their actions. Now they clearly understood from the Bible what began on October 22, 1844.

12. When the world has heard the gospel, what happens? **Matthew 24:14** _____

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"Prophecies Fulfilled"—"Disappointment and Fidelity"— Spring of A.D. 1844-December 1844 *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 22, pp. **391-408** (337-352)

A. When did Miller and his followers first expect Christ to return? p. **391** (337) _____

B. What instruction was interwoven in the second advent prophecies? p. **391** (337) _____

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C. What parable of Christ illustrates the advent people's experience? pp. **393, 394** (338, 339)

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Who or what are represented by these symbols—

The ten virgins? _____

Coming of the bridegroom? _____

Virgins going to meet the bridegroom? _____

The lamps? _____

The oil? _____

Virgins who took no oil? _____

The bridegroom's delay? _____

D. What began appearing about this time? p. **395** (341) _____

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E. Whose spirit inspires the watching for errors and defects in God's people? p. **395** (341) _____

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F. What is one way Satan works to destroy every revival? pp. **395, 396** (341) _____

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G. What was Miller's attitude toward people with fanatical ideas? p. **396** (342) _____

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H. How should a few fanatics among early Adventists influence one's opinion of the group? p. **398** (343)

I. When did the message, the bridegroom is coming, go forth? p. **398** (343, 344) _____

J. As the "midnight cry" was preached, what happened to God's people? p. **400** (345) _____

K. How do the imperfections of this religious movement compare with those since the days of the apostles? p. **401** (346) _____

L. Who were the first to hear and obey this final preparation call? p. **402** (346) _____

M. When Christ didn't come, what did the disbelieving do? p. **403** (348) _____

N. How does this experience compare with that of the early disciples? p. **404** (348) _____

O. Had the disciples realized Christ was about to die, could they have fulfilled their prophetic destiny at Christ's triumphal entry? pp. **404, 405** (348, 349) _____
Was it any different for Miller's followers? _____

P. After October 22, 1844, what did the world expect? p. **405** (349) _____

Q. How did William Miller feel about his disappointment? pp. **406, 407** (350, 351) _____

INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 6:12-17—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 190-220. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 437-451.**
- For Revelation 10:1-11—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 269-278. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 519-529.**
- For Revelation 14:6-8—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 349-368. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 628-662.**
- For Revelation 17:1-18:24—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 453-479. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 707-729.**

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The Model

The children bubbled with excitement as they arrived at the auditorium to see a model of the tabernacle God told Moses to make while Israel camped before Mount Sinai.

A large canvas backdrop pictured Mount Sinai and before it the many tents of Israel. The tabernacle courtyard, the great altar, the portable building, were modeled to scale.

The lecturer described the main services of Hebrew worship, showing how these represented the coming Messiah—Jesus Christ. Graphically he showed that Jesus was the true Lamb who died on the cross. Before His death, a temple had replaced the portable tabernacle. When He died, the inner veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom by unseen hands, signifying the earthly sanctuary and its system of animal sacrifices no longer had any significance.

Some of these insights had earlier dawned on a small group of people after their 1844 disappointment when Jesus did not return. Now they saw Jesus as the great heavenly High Priest ministering in the heavenly sanctuary for them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if this happened in our study this week? It can; so let's open our minds to the Holy Spirit.

BIBLE INSIGHTS INSIGHTS

God's Redemption School

1. Please read **Hebrews 9:1-11**. What tabernacle (sanctuary) and services are described? Check the correct answer.
   _____ The earthly before the cross
   _____ The heavenly sanctuary after the cross

2. Please read **Exodus, chapters 25 to 30**. This earthly sanctuary had the following features:

THE COURTYARD area was about 90 by 180 feet, formed by a tent wall of white linen. The entrance faced the east. Near the entrance was the brazen altar of sacrifice, and next to it stood a large brazen bowl filled with water.

THE TABERNACLE BUILDING was a portable, tentlike structure about 18 by 54 feet. Boards overlaid with gold formed the walls. The roof coverings were of cloth and animal skins. Curtains divided it into two rooms. This building was the center of Hebrew worship, but the people never entered. It was not large enough for the congregation.

THE FIRST ROOM was called the "holy place." It housed a seven-branched golden lamp stand, a golden table for unleavened bread, and a golden altar for burning incense.

THE SECOND ROOM was called the "most holy place," containing only a chest overlaid with gold called the "ark of the covenant." The golden cover included two figures of angels facing each other. The space between them was called the "mercy seat." In this chest God told Moses to place the Ten Commandments.

THE SERVICES were conducted by priests, who made sacrifices and offerings in the tabernacle complex. They also kept up the tabernacle and instructed the people in the meaning of these services. See Malachi 2:7.

3. Please read **Leviticus, chapter 4.**

The daily services in this earthly sanctuary were a preview of Calvary and the heavenly priesthood of Christ. The basic principle behind each offering was the substitution of an innocent animal's life for the life of the sinner. Before killing the animal, the sinner placed hands on its head and confessed the sin.

Because the wages of sin are death (Romans 6:23), the animal was killed. The priest sprinkled some of the blood on the brazen altar in the courtyard or sometimes before the veil separating the holy and most holy place. Thus confessed sins were recorded or transferred to the sanctuary. The repentant sinner was free of these until a final cleansing and disposition on the "day of atonement," ending the ceremonial year.

4. Please read **Leviticus, chapter 16.**

The annual sanctuary cleansing was on the last day of the ceremonial year. It was a preview of humanity's final end-of-the-world judgment and the cleansing of the universe from sin. Each autumn this "day of atonement" service was conducted by the high priest mainly in the courtyard and second sanctuary room—the "most holy place."

Lots were cast between two goats. One became the "Lord's goat"; the other, the "scapegoat" (Azazel), which stood for Satan. The high priest killed the Lord's goat and took some of its blood in a bowl into the "most holy place," sprinkling it before the "mercy seat," to atone for the sins which resulted from breaking God's law contained in the ark below the mercy seat. Then he sprinkled blood of the Lord's goat on each article of furniture in the "holy place" and the courtyard. After this he confessed over the scapegoat's head the accumulated confessed sins of the congregation which had been atoned for by the blood of the goat representing Jesus Christ. The scapegoat was then led into the wilderness to die, bearing in symbol the confessed and atoned for sins of the people. Notice this last part of the ceremony was only after the blood of the Lord's goat had atoned for the congregation's confessed sins, thus cleansing the sanctuary for that year.

God provided for the sins of each Israelite to be finally blotted out, as each refrained from work, humbly fasted, made wrongs right, and sought God's forgiveness on this special day. Those who refused to participate, lost social, political, and religious standing as a Hebrew. Modern Jews still consider this "day of atonement" to be a yearly day of judgment.

5. The sacrificial and sanctuary services of the Old Testament taught salvation and life by faith. Please read **Hebrews, chapter 11**. List some Old Testament people who learned the way of salvation in Christ and lived by faith. _____

6. What did study of mainly the Old Testament Scriptures do for people? **2 Timothy 3:15** _____

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The New Testament Scriptures were only partially written at the time of Timothy.

7. What did David say was in the sanctuary? **Psalm 77:13** _____

8. Where did David see the final triumph of righteousness? **Psalm 73:16, 17** _____

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9. Through faith in Jesus as symbolized in the sacrificial system, whose day did Abraham see? **John 8:56**

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10. What does God want to do with us today? **2 Corinthians 6:16** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

How were people saved before the cross? Acts 4:12 (NIV) says, "Salvation is found in . . . no other name" than Jesus. Then how could people before Christ be saved through Him when He had not yet died? They could learn from the sacrificial system of His coming death and by faith accept it as their substitute. This system began after sin entered, and God expanded it into the sanctuary system at Mount Sinai. Exodus 25:8, 9.

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read these Bible passages and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Hebrews 9:1-9**—The earthly tabernacle, temple and human priestly ministrations (1447 B.C.-A.D. 70).
- **Hebrews 8:1-13; 9:11-28**— The heavenly sanctuary and Christ's high priestly ministry (A.D. 27-second advent).
- *The Great Controversy,* chapter 23, pp. **409-422** (353-365). Page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

THINK IT THROUGH

After the ENRICHMENT READING in the Bible and *The Great Controversy,* answering these questions will enhance your understanding of this topic. **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library pages are in parentheses.

"What Is the Sanctuary?"—"The Mystery of the Temple of God." *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 23, pp. **409-422** (353-365)

A. As commonly believed, what did Adventists think was the sanctuary? p. **409** (353) _____
How and when did they expect its cleansing? _____

B. Finding no error in the prophetic reckoning, what subject did they now study? p. **411** (354, 355)
_____
What did the Bible say about their ideas of the sanctuary? _____
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C. To which sanctuary does Hebrews 9:1-5 refer? pp. **411-413** (354-356) _____
What later replaced the portable tabernacle? _____
To what covenant did this tabernacle belong? _____

D. Who pitched the new-covenant sanctuary and where? p. **413** (356, 357) _____
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E. What conclusion was reached by those who studied the sanctuary? p. **415** (358) _____
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F. What are the two Biblical meanings of "sanctuary"? p. **417** (360, 361) _____
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G. The sanctuary cleansing in Daniel 8:14 is after the cross and destruction of the temple, so what sanctuary could be cleansed? p. **417** (360, 361) _____
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H. What does Hebrews 9 plainly teach about both sanctuaries? pp. **417, 418** (361) _____

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How was this accomplished? _____

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I. What were the divisions of the earthly sanctuary services? p. **418** (361, 362) _____

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J. What did the high priest do once a year? Why? p. **419** (362) _____

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K. What are some important truths this Jewish Day of Atonement taught? p. **420** (363) _____

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L. What did Christ become for us after His ascension? pp. **420, 421** (373) _____

What was His work? _____

M. For eighteen centuries, what did Christ secure for His praying people? pp. **421, 422** (364) _____

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What still remained on heaven's books? _____

What must Christ do before humanity's full redemption is finally completed? _____

Under the new covenant, what happens to our confessed sins? _____

What precedes Christ's blotting out of confessed sins? _____

What does cleansing of the sanctuary involve? _____

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N. What did Adventists following the prophetic light see? p. **422** (364) _____

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Right Day, Wrong Place

Mark and Heidi were joyfully anticipating their first child's birth. Early one morning Heidi awoke with signs the day was here. With no hospital in town, they went to the doctor's office. He said, "You're going to the hospital."

One hospital was fifteen miles west, another ten miles east. The doctor was leaving for the hospital, so he offered to take Heidi with him while Mark picked up the things she needed for the hospital stay. Mark went west to the hospital where Heidi planned to have the baby, but he was shocked and puzzled when they told him she was not there.

"That's queer," replied disappointed Mark. "The doctor took her in his car to the hospital."

The nurse kept searching and found the answer when she phoned the other hospital. Heidi was there, and later Mark found her with a fine baby boy. Mark realized the time was right, but he was looking for her in the wrong place.

Adventists had the right date—October 22, 1844—for one of Christ's final activities, but the wrong location and event. To prevent a similar mistake, let's continue studying Christ— our Advocate and High Priest—who ministers for us in heaven.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Our Heavenly High Priest

1. What was the purpose of the earthly portable tabernacle and the later temple? **Hebrews 8:5** _____

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2. How long did the earthly tabernacle or temple have value? **Hebrews 9:8-10** _____

   The earthly sanctuary and its services were like field glasses for Old Testament believers. With them they could see the coming sacrifice and saving ministry of Christ. The New Testament books of Hebrews and Revelation add close-up lenses, making the picture larger and clearer. The clearest possible picture of Christ's past, present, and future work for believers comes from the combined study of Leviticus, Hebrews, and Revelation.

3. When Jesus died, how did God indicate that the work of the earthly sanctuary had come to an end? **Matthew 27:51** _____

   When Christ replaced the earthly priesthood with His heavenly ministry, the earthly most holy place was opened to view.

4. Where does Christ minister? **Hebrews 8:1, 2** _____

   Where is this located? **Hebrews 9:24** _____

   The "true" or original sanctuary of which the earthly was a copy is in heaven, where Jesus performs His special work for us today.

5. There were two phases of the Jewish priest's ministry, one performed daily, the other only once a year.

The heart of the daily service was:

a. The continual offering of the blood of the sacrifices.

b. The continual cloud of incense of intercession.

How Christ's life and ministry in heaven fulfill these:

a. What was He? **John 1:29** _____

b. What is He for us? **1 John 2:1** _____

c. What does He do for us? **Romans 8:34** _____

Thus Christ ministers for believers in the heavenly sanctuary from His ascension in A.D. 31 until just before He returns.

The heart of the yearly service was:

a. The blotting out of the confessed sins which had been transferred to the sanctuary, thus polluting it.

b. A judgment concept.

How the Bible describes these final functions by Christ:

a. What was to be cleansed by Christ's blood? _____

Hebrews 9:23 _____

b. What happens to confessed sins? When? **Acts 3:19** _____

In verses 19-21 Peter, speaking by heavenly insight probably beyond his human understanding, links four events: (1) repentance; (2) sins blotted (wiped) out; (3) times of refreshing; (4) Christ's return. So the blotting out of confessed sins which pollute the heavenly sanctuary must precede Christ's return.

c. How many destinies are decided before Christ returns? **Revelation 22:11, 12** _____

6. Is Jesus our High Priest in heaven able to meet every human need? **YES**. The symbols in the earthly sanctuary illustrate His sufficiency and position. The ministration of the earthly priest, providing contact between the people and God, pointed the worshiper to Christ, who now provides us with access to and acceptance by the Father. The repentant sinner, through the priest, could be reconciled and accepted in God's presence only through the blood of an animal, representing Christ's blood to cover our sins. The golden candlestick illustrated how God enlightens the Christian through Christ's representative, the Holy Spirit. The unleavened bread illustrates spiritual strength coming from Christ, while at the same time the fragrance of the altar of incense illustrates the constant intercession of Jesus.

7. What is the priestly ministry of Christ able to do for us? **Hebrews 2:18; 7:25; Jude 24** _____

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8. What should be our daily decision? **Hebrews 12:1, 2** _____

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9. What must Christ daily become to us? **John 6:51** _____

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10. Where must we abide, and what will this cause us to do? **John 15:4, 5** _____

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PERSPECTIVES

We fail to appreciate the total benefits of salvation unless we understand the past work of Christ, plus what He is now accomplishing for us in heaven and what He will do for us in the near future. If our Christianity is to be effective, we must know about and experience Christ's work for us now.

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read these Bible passages and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Hebrews 9:1-9**—The earthly tabernacle, temple and human priestly ministrations (1447 B.C.-A.D. 70).
- **Hebrews 8:1-13; 9:11-28**—The heavenly sanctuary and Christ's high priestly ministry (A.D. 27-second advent). *The Great Controversy,* chapter 24, pp. **423-432** (367-374). Page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

THINK IT THROUGH

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"In the Holy of Holies"—"Jesus Christ Our Advocate"—A.D. 1844-Second Advent. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 24, pp. **423-432** (367-374)

A. What was the key that unlocked the mystery of the 1844 disappointment? p. **423** (367) _____

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B. Was the message of these early Adventists correct, and had it fulfilled its purpose? p. **423** (367) _____

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C. To what do *the cleansing of the sanctuary* and *the hour of God's judgement is come* both point? p. **424** (367)

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D. What place did Christ enter on October 22, 1844? p. **424** (368) _____

E. If God's people by faith followed Christ in His heavenly work for them, what would be revealed? pp. **424, 425** (368) _____

F. As Christ does His final ministration in the heavenly sanctuary, what is to happen among His people on earth? p. **425** (368, 369) _____

G. When does the bridegroom come? pp. **426, 427** (369, 370) _____

What does the marriage represent? _____

What do the bride and the guests represent? _____

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H. How do God's people on earth go into the marriage of the Lamb, which is in heaven? p. **427** (370)

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I. Which group of virgins represent those who go in to the marriage? pp. **427, 428** (370, 371) _____

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How do they do this? _____

J. In the similar Matthew 22 wedding parable, when does the examination of the guests, or the investigative judgment, take place? p. **428** (371) _____

K. When will probation (opportunity for salvation) close? p. **428** (371) _____

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L. What did Jesus complete on October 22, 1844? pp. **428, 429** (371, 372) _____

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In addition to a new work, what did He also continue? _____

M. For 1800 years forgiveness of sins was offered to people through Christ's intercession in the first apartment or the holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. After 1844 what was offered? pp. **429, 430** (372) _____

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N. How does one receive the benefits of Christ's mediation? p. **430** (373) _____

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O. What can people never do without suffering dire consequences? p. **431** (373) _____

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P. Where did those who passed through the disappointment of 1844 find relief? pp. **431, 432** (374) _____

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What did those who studied this subject see about Christ's work? _____

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What also were they prepared to receive and give? _____

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America in Prophecy

Nathan noticed a current year's auto, with very low mileage, for sale at an auto dealership. Since he and Donna needed a newer car, they decided to buy it.

The salesman offered to save them sales tax by making the papers show they bought it from the previous personal owner, which, at that time, exempted it from state sales tax.

They could save money this way, but it was illegal. They were struggling to make a living. They had converted packing crates into furniture and covered the living room floor with a used rug. They might never be caught, but God had said Christians should obey Him at all costs.

They told the salesman, "Figure in the tax. We did not buy it from the other person, and we owe it." They honestly obeyed God even to their own financial disadvantage.

Today we look at a Bible prophecy pointing to a soon-coming time when—with the assistance of the United States of America—obedience to God will cause economic boycott. Shouldn't we make sure we understand these issues and decide to obey God and not Satan even though it causes economic boycott?

BIBLE INSIGHTS

The Leopard-Like Beast of Revelation 13

1. Please read **Daniel 7:7-11, 19-28** and **Revelation 13:1-10.** By comparing these descriptions of the "little horn" and the "leopard beast" with history, many believe these are two symbols describing the same power, the Roman Church. What do you think? Do you agree? Yes __ No ___ Why? _____

2. Please read **Revelation 13:1-8, 18** before answering these questions.

The Descriptive Symbols

a. What rose from the sea? **Rev. 13:1** _____
b. How many heads and horns? **Rev. 13:1** _____
c. What came from the mouth of the beast? **Rev. 13:5, 6** _____
_____
d. Who and what did it blaspheme and slander? **Rev. 13:6** _____
e. What did people worship? **Rev. 13:4** _____
f. What did the beast resemble? **Rev. 13:2** _____
g. Who gave the beast his power, throne, and authority? **Rev. 13:2** _____
h. How long was he to con-tinue? **Rev. 13:5** _____
The Jewish month had 30 days so this was 1260 day-years.

The Prophetic Symbol

i. Against whom was he per-mitted to war? **Rev. 13:7** _____
j. What happened to one of the beast's heads? **Rev. 13:3** _____
How severe was it? _____
k. What happened to the wound; how was the world affected? **Rev. 13:3** _____
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1. What is the number of this beast? **Rev. 13:18** _____
   Of whom is it also a number? _____
   _____

The Lamb-like Beast of Revelation 13

1. Many Bible students consider this second beast of **Revelation 13:11, 12** represents the United States of America.

The Descriptive Symbols

a. What came out of the earth? **Rev. 13:11** _____
b. What were the horns like, and how did it speak? **Rev. 13:11** _____
c. How much power does he have, and what does he do with it? **Rev. 13:12** _____
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2. Why do many Bible students believe this second beast represents the United States? It is the only power arising gradually in the New World which grew to world dominance, with civil and religious freedom, as the first beast (the Roman Church) received its deadly wound in 1798. Most countries consider it the world's richest and most powerful nation.

3. Please read carefully **Revelation 13:12-18**; then answer these questions about prophesied future American history.

The Descriptive Symbols

a. What does this beast do? How is the world affected? **Rev. 13:13, 14** _____
   _____
b. What does he tell the world to make? **Rev. 13:14** _____
   _____
c. What is given the beast's image, and how does it affect people? **Rev. 13:15** _____
   _____
d. What does he cause all who buy and sell to receive? **Rev. 13:16, 17** _____
   _____

4. Summary. Since the Reformation many Protestants have believed this beast is the Roman Church, and his number can be computed from the numerical values in one of the pope's Latin titles, "Vicarius Filii Dei." Its image would be a similar system where the church dominates the state and uses its police powers to enforce church dogmas, persecuting its dissenters. Apostate Protestantism will make this image in America, causing government to pass and enforce its religious laws. The overwhelming power and influence of the United States will cause the whole world to form similar church-dominated governments and a death penalty for all who don't worship this apostate system will follow. "National good" or politics will kill religious freedom.

5. Forced to obey men or God, how did the apostles reply? **Acts 5:29** _____
   Shouldn't we do the same? _____

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read this Bible passage and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Revelation 13:1-18**—History of the Papacy and the United States (A.D. 538 to the close of human probation)
- *The Great Controversy,* chapter 25, pp. **433-450** (375-389). Page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"God's Law Immutable"—"America In Prophecy"—A.D. 538 To the Close of Human Probation. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 25, pp. **433-450** (375-389)

A. Which commandment points directly to God as Creator? pp. **437, 438** _____
What would have resulted from its universal observance? _____

B. Who is the dragon who gives this beast his power, seat, and authority? pp. **438, 439** (379) _____
What do many Protestants believe this beast is? _____
For what period was this beast to continue? _____

C. Where did the next beast arise? pp. **439, 440** (380) _____
What were the horns like? _____

D. What Western world power arising about 1798 fits this description? pp. **440, 441** (380) _____
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What do its horns represent? _____
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E. What do lamb-like horns with a dragon's voice indicate? p. **442** (383) _____
What causes this? _____

F. To form an image to the beast in the United States, what must happen? pp. **443, 444** (384, 385) _____
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What prepares the way for this? _____
What has been a growing desire among Protestant churches? _____

G. How will the United States form an image to the beast? p. **445** (385, 386) _____
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_____
What does it represent? _____

H. What is the distinction between the worshipers of God and the beast? pp. **445, 446** (386, 387) _____
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I. What does America worship by forcing Sunday keeping? pp. **448, 449** (388) _____

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J. What does God accept from Sunday-keeping Christians who honestly believe it is the true Sabbath? p. **449** (388, 389) _____

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K. When and how will the "mark of the beast" be received? p. **449** (388, 389) _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 13:1-18—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 324-349. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 561-623.**

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Identification Required

Imagine cashing a check with just an image of your finger, hand, or the iris of your eye. Some banks in the United States are now using image scanning machines to identify people, and in the new millennium these machines may be as common in large companies as copy machines.

In the name of every person, God has drawn checks for rest, peace, joy, restoration, worship, and greater health. But these are valueless until a person identifies him or herself as entitled to cash these by keeping God's weekly Sabbath rest day holy, and daily living God's healthy lifestyle.

Jesus wants us to walk with Him. His pace and plan are not unrealistic for today's stressed and sinful people. At conversion, by the Spirit, Christ comes into our lives, correcting our viewpoints, actions, and lifestyles by His Word. As we walk with Him, the indwelling Spirit brings us into greater agreement and enables us to day by day live more fully God's sanctified, healthy lifestyle. We also worship Him on His Sabbath rest day, which He says is a seal of sanctification.

Let's find in our Bibles God's healthy and sanctified lifestyle and how we can identify with Him and His plan and receive His promised blessings.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

God's Seal and How to Receive It

1. The Sabbath commandment (**Exodus 20:8-12**) contains the three details of most seals: the title, position, and area of jurisdiction. Whose name appears? _____
   What is He to our world and us? _____(His position or title).
   What is His territory? _____

2. What other Biblical word signifies a seal? **Romans 4:11** _____
   _____
   In the Bible these two words mean the same.

3. Why did God give people the Sabbath? **Ezekiel 20:12** _____
   What will it indicate? _____

4. How are people to regard God's Sabbath days? **Ezekiel 20:20** _____
   This means to set aside for holy use.

5. How are we to regard the Sabbath all week? **Exodus 20:8** _____
   God wants us to plan for it all week.

6. What does God want us to make the Sabbath? **Isaiah 58:13, 14** _____
   He wants the Sabbath to be a positive, delightful experience.
   What are we asked to forego on the Sabbath? _____

7. The women following Jesus wouldn't anoint His body on the Sabbath. After preparing the ingredients, what does **Luke 23:56** say they then did? _____

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8. What time period does God call a day? **Genesis 1:5** (night) _____
(day) _____

9. When does evening (even) begin? **Mark 1:32** _____

_____

10. Where did Jesus go regularly on the Sabbath? **Luke 4:16** _____
_____ The place of Sabbath worship.

11. What is it lawful to do on the Sabbath? **Matthew 12:12** _____

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Bringing cheer, hope, encouragement, and relief of suffering on the Sabbath is proper. Be careful to follow Christ's example, not letting these replace our gatherings for worship or our communion with God.

12. What is in the Sabbath's central physical experience? **Exodus 34:21** _____

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13. What remains for God's people even in New Testament times? **Hebrews 4:9** _____

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Christians and Jews then kept Saturday, so this is God's call for spiritual rest.

14. How do Christians enter this rest? **Hebrews 4:10** _____

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True Sabbath rest includes physical rest from work and a spiritual rest in Christ. See **Matthew 11:28-30.**

15. On what day did God physically rest? **Genesis 2:2, 3** _____
What did He do to this day? _____

16. Ritualistic or casual Sabbath keeping cannot be equated with receiving the "seal of God." The person God seals has a renewed mind and emotions (Ezekiel 36:26, 27). These result because God's laws are written in the mind by the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 8:10). He molds character and actions to agreement with God, settling one into a total sanctified lifestyle of obedience to all known truth, including God's seventh-day (Saturday) Sabbath. Ephesians 4:30 says this Spirit also seals the person. As a seal reveals a genuine document, so Sabbath observance becomes a demonstration of those God is fully sanctifying.

God's Sanctified Lifestyle

1. How complete is God's plan for a Christian's sanctified lifestyle? **1 Corinthians 10:31** _____

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Glorifying God in all things means to leave off everything harmful and use moderately what is good. Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco destroy our bodies. God will destroy all who persist in defiling His temples—their bodies.

Christians must be sanctified from the destroying habits of drinking, drug abuse, and smoking. When Christ comes into our lives, either these habits will go, or Christ will finally leave. He can't share our bodies—His temples—with the devil's idols of bad habits.

2. What was Adam and Eve's original diet? **Genesis 1:29** _____

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3. What did God add after people sinned and the earth was cursed? **Genesis 3:18** _____

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This probably means vegetables. Dairy products, eggs, and honey are also mentioned as articles of diet. After the flood God permitted eating the meat of clean animals. There were seven of each of these species and only two of the unclean. Genesis 7:1, 2; 9:1-3. So clean meats are not part of the Jewish ceremonial law, but a health principle God revealed with the permission to eat meat.

4. God listed for His people Israel which animals were the most healthy to eat. Read **Deuteronomy 14:2-20** and list some animals classed as clean. _____

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5. What characteristic prevents eating the meat of pigs? **Deuteronomy 14:7, 8** _____

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6. Why are shellfish, shrimp, etc. unclean? **Leviticus 11:9, 10** _____

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7. How are we to present our bodies? **Romans 12:1** _____

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This means a Christ-sanctified mind, a purified and cleansed body as healthy as possible.

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read these Bible passage and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Isaiah chapters 56, 58**—Sabbath reform and true revival bring daily advancing sanctification.
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 26, 27, pp. **451-479** (390-416). Page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"A Work of Reform"—"Defenders of Truth"—A.D. 1844 to the close of human probation.
The Great Controversy, Chapter 26, pp. **451-460** (390-398)

A. What is to be sealed among His disciples? p. **452** (390, 391) _____

Which commandment contains God's seal? _____

When the Roman Church changed the Sabbath command, what was taken from God's law? _____

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B. What has always been kept since Creation? p. **453** (391, 392) _____
What distinguishes His church when He appears? _____

C. As the light of the true Sabbath came, what did popular ministers do? p. **455** (393) _____
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D. How did the majority of 1844 Adventists respond to the sanctuary truth and God's law? p. **456** (394) _____
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E. What did others repeatedly do? p. **457** (395) _____
_____
What finally happens to those who persisted in date setting? _____
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F. Had all 1844 Advent believers received the Revelation 14 messages and worked unitedly, what would have happened? pp. **457, 458** (395, 396) _____

G. Instead of the Bible, what do some often believe? pp. **458, 459** (396) _____
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"Modern Revivals"—"Keys to the Kingdom"—A.D. 1844 to the close of human probation. *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 27, pp. **461-478** (399-416)

A. What happens among God's people before earth's final judgments? p. **464** (401, 402) _____
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How does Satan try to prevent this? _____
_____
How can one tell when revivals are not genuine? _____
_____

B. What is the work of conversion and sanctification? p. **467** (404) _____
_____
What is the first step in reconciliation to God? _____
What reveals this? _____

C. What happens in the new birth? p. **468** (405) _____
Why are so many superficially converted? _____

D. What is Bible sanctification? pp. **469, 470** (405, 406) _____
_____List some of Peter's steps to sanctification.
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E. Why is the "faith only" doctrine so popular? p. **472** (410) _____
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What is presumption? _____
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F. How can we present our bodies a living sacrifice? pp. **473-475** (410-412) _____

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Name some things which defile our bodies. _____

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Our Day in Court

School opened with more children than expected, so there were not enough desks. A board member volunteered to take his trailer into the city and buy more desks. On his way home a highway patrolman cited him for being in the wrong lane and not having a right-hand mirror.

A court appearance date was set for him at quite a distance away. A letter informed the court of the problem, asking about the fine. The clerk replied that the payment could be sent ahead of time. He mailed a check to cover the fine so when the court date arrived, he was no longer in violation of the law because the penalty was paid.

Everyone has violated God's law, and a date was set when God would begin trying sinners' cases. Our penalty for sin is death, but Christ died that all who will accept Him might have their sins forgiven and be free in Him. This is what the Bible means in 1 Timothy 5:24 about some people's sins reaching or proceeding to judgment ahead of them.

Isn't it wonderful news Jesus paid the penalty for all our sins and we can have His payment applied to our accounts before our date to appear in God's heavenly court?

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Our Cases in God's Court

1. At Jesus' return what is given every person? On what basis? **Matthew 16:27** _____

2. Into whose hands has God committed the judgment? **John 5:22** _____

3. What two classes will be judged? **Ecclesiastes 3:17** _____

4. What does this judgement include? **2 Corinthians 5:10** _____
   Matthew 12:36, 37 _____
   Jeremiah 17:10 _____

5. Where is this evidence used in judgement contained? **Revelation 20:12** _____
   We would call it heaven's database. Name some records it contains. **Malachi 3:16; Jeremiah 2:22** _____

6. What personal data is recorded? **Psalm 87:4-6; 139:15, 16; Matthew 10:30; Revelation 20:12** _____

7. How do we get listed in the Book of Life? **John 3:36** _____

8. Who is our Advocate? **1 John 2:1** _____

9. How many witnesses are there to this judgment? **Daniel 7:9, 10** _____

10. What standard will be used to compare our lives? **James 2:12** _____

11. What law is James referring to when verse 12 uses the term "law of liberty"? **James 2:11, 12** _____
_____ This law is found in Exodus 20:3-17.

12. What begins with "the house of God" (professed Christians)? **1 Peter 4:17** _____
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13. What is the usual time of judgement? **Hebrews 9:27** _____
The only exceptions are those living just before Christ returns. Their cases must be decided before He returns, for He rewards all according to their works.

14. What can we do about our sins before the judgment? **1 John 1:9** _____
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15. How does Paul describe this? **I Timothy 5:24** _____
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16. In view of these solemn facts, what should we do? **Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14** _____
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PERSPECTIVES

So important did God consider the subject of the judgment that He gave to Enoch, the seventh from Adam, a composite view of His second coming and judgement of all people according to their works. Jude 14. To Daniel He clarified certain other details of these events. Daniel 7:9, 10. "There are three phases of the judgment mentioned in Scriptures: the investigative judgment, preceding the second advent; the judgment of the lost world and wicked angels by Christ and the saints during the one thousand years following the second advent; and the executive judgment, or punishment of the wicked at the close of this period. The investigative judgment takes place in heaven before Christ comes, in order to ascertain who are worthy to be raised in the first resurrection at His coming, and who among the living are to be changed in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trump. It is necessary for this to take place before the second advent, as there will be no time for such a work between the coming of Christ and the raising of the righteous dead.

The executive judgment on the wicked occurs after their cases have been examined by the saints during the thousand years. Revelation 20:4, 5; 1 Corinthians 6:1-3. The investigative judgment is that which is announced to the world by the angel's message of Revelation 14:6, 7."—*Bible Readings for the Home Circle,* pp. 211, 212.

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read this Bible passage and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Daniel 7:9-11, 26, 27**—Daniel's vision of the judgement (A.D. 1844 to the close of human probation)
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 28, pp. **479-491** (417-428). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"Facing Life's Record"—A.D. 1844 to the close of human probation. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 28, pp. **479-491** (417-428)

A. What did Daniel see in the vision of Daniel 7:9, 10 ? p. **479** (417) _____

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Instead of saying the "books were opened," we might say the heavenly court records were opened, information was accessed, or heaven's court data bank was opened.

B. What coming of Christ is here described? pp. **479, 480** (417, 418) _____

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C. When will this kingdom be given Him? pp. **479, 480** (417, 418) _____

What are Christ's last two acts of ministration for us before He returns? _____

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D. Whose cases alone are considered in this final atonement? p. **480** (418) _____

Where are everyone's names and deeds recorded? How will these be used? _____

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E. What is the standard for God's judgment? p. **482** (419) _____

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F. With what group of people does the judgment end? p. **483** (419) _____

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G. If there are unrepented and unforgiven sins on anyone's record when that person's name comes up, what happens? p. **483** (420) _____

H. As we truly repent and by faith claim Jesus' blood as our sacrifice, what is entered against our names? p. **483** (420) _____

I. While Jesus pleads for His people, what does Satan do and how? p. **484** (421) _____

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J. What two things will be accomplished before the second advent? p. **485** (421) _____

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This wiping out of heaven's record of confessed sins doesn't refer to Christ's atonement on the cross but describes the final pre-advent investigative judgment and cleaning of heaven's records. Acts 3:19, 20 associates this with times of refreshing before God sends Christ to earth the second time.

K. Why is it essential that heaven's record of sins not to be destroyed before an investigative judgment? p. **485** (421) _____

L. When did the investigation and wiping out confessed sins from heaven's record begin? p. **486** (423)

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M. What is Satan now inventing and why? p. **488** (424) _____

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N. What two subjects must be clearly understood and why? p. **488** (424) _____

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O. How essential is Christ's intercessory work for us in the heavenly sanctuary? pp. **489, 490** (425, 426)

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P. What should we be doing to have our names retained in the Book of Life? pp. **489, 490** (425, 426)

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Q. Does anyone know when the judgment of the living will begin? p. **490** (426) _____

What do we know about its beginning time? _____

R. What closes just before Christ returns? And what is ended? p. **490** (426) _____

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S. What decisive event comes silently upon the righteous and wicked? p. **491** (426) _____

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T. What will the Divine Judge pronounce on those who grow weary of waiting and live for the world? p. **491** (426)

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Why People Suffer

Tim and Terry, identical twins, looked so much alike that only their closest family could tell them apart. Tim's wife had brown hair, but Terry's wife had red hair.

Tim became a manager in a large corporation. Numerous employees knew him and his brunette wife. Not many knew of the identical twin brother married to an attractive redhead. An employee, visiting a nearby resort city, noticed a man on the street who looked like Tim, accompanied by an attractive woman with red hair.

Later at work he asked Tim, "Who was the redhead with you at the resort last week?" Tim replied, "I wasn't even in that city last week." It turned out his twin brother Terry and his wife were the couple the employee had seen. Because the twins looked so much alike, this person was confused.

Satan tries to confuse us into thinking God is responsible for all the sin and suffering in our world. He wants us to think rebellion against God will really set us free to enjoy life more fully. But God and the devil are not identical twins. If we will become acquainted with God's love, His law, and His gift of salvation in Jesus, we can easily detect Satan's counterfeit and not be deceived. Today we study how sin began and who responsible for it.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Are Sin, Suffering, and Trouble God's Fault?

1. How was Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12), the anointed covering cherub, created? **Ezekiel 28:14, 15** _____

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2. Why was his heart lifted up? **Ezekiel 28:17** _____

3. What did Lucifer covet that belonged only to God? **Isaiah 14:12-14** _____

4. Whom did he war against in heaven, and what was the result? **Revelation 12:7-9** _____

_____This is one of Christ's names. See Jude 9; 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

5. Whose servants did the human race naturally become when Adam and Eve yielded to the devil? **Romans 6:16**

6. How can we overcome the devil? **Revelation 12:11; Ephesians 6:10-17** _____

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7. Over whose power has Christ equipped His followers to triumph? **Luke 10:18, 19** _____

8. What should Christians always remember? **1 John 4:4** _____

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"There are Christians who . . . think of their adversary, they pray about him, they talk about him, and he looms up greater and greater in their imagination. . . . Satan is a powerful being; but, thank God, we have a mighty Saviour, who cast out the evil one from heaven."—*The Desire of Ages,* p. 493 (444).

9. Why is the devil so angry with people today? **Revelation 12:12** _____

10. What will an angel with the key to the "bottomless pit" (the chaotic, destroyed earth) do to the devil at Christ's soon return? **Revelation 20:1, 2** _____

11. By what means will the devil and all his followers finally be destroyed? **Revelation 20:10, 15** _____

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ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read these Bible passage and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Ezekiel 28:11-19**—Ezekiel's description of Satan's origin before our world began and his final end.
- **Isaiah 14:12-15**—Isaiah's description of Satan's sin before our world began and his final end.
- **Revelation 12:1-17**—John's record of Satan's rebellion and war against the church (before our world began to its end)
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 29-31, pp. **492-517** (429-452). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"The Origin of Evil"—"Why Were Sin and Suffering Permitted?"—before Creation to the end of this world. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 29, pp. **492-504** (429-440)

A. Why can't some people understand the problem of evil? p. **492** (429) _____

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What does not exist? _____

B. What is not God's responsibility? pp. **492, 493** (429) _____

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How could sin cease to be sin? _____

C. What reigned before sin? p. **493** (430) _____

What is the basis of God's government? _____

D. Who chose to pervert freedom? p. **493, 494** (430, 431) _____

What originated with him? _____

Why was his heart lifted up? _____

E. Who pleaded with Lucifer? pp. **494, 495** (431) _____

What was the result? _____

What prevailed? _____

F. In what characteristics did Lucifer surpass all the angels? p. **495** (431) _____

Who was supreme over him? _____

What did he question? _____

G. What did Lucifer spread or diffuse? p. **495** (431) _____
For a time, how did he make it appear? _____

H. What was his argument to induce angels to follow their own wills? p. **495** (431) _____
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I. How did God deal with Lucifer? pp. **495, 496** (432) _____
What did He repeatedly offer him? _____
What convinced Lucifer of his wrong? _____
What prevented his submission? _____
To what endeavor did he fully commit himself? _____

J. How did Lucifer use the powers of his master mind? p. **496** (432) _____
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What did he charge against those loyal to God? _____

K. How did he approach and perplex the angels? pp. **496, 497** (432, 433) _____
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Why did God permit this? _____
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L. What could God use against sin, and what did Satan use? p. **498** (434) _____
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M. When Satan had to leave heaven, why could God not destroy him? pp. **498, 499** (434, 435) _____
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For whose good must evil come to maturity? _____

N. How does Satan work today? p. **500** (435) _____
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What do his followers do? _____

O. What proves sin can in no wise be chargeable against God? pp. **500, 501** (436) _____
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What burst forth at Calvary? _____

P. What was Christ's other reason for coming to earth to suffer and die? p. **503** (438) _____
_____
In the final judgment of sin, what will be seen? _____

Q. When was Satan's death knell sounded? p. **503** (438) _____
What was made certain? _____

R. Since the universe has seen the effects of sin, what will its end accomplish? p. **504** (438, 439) _____
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***"Enmity Between Man and Satan"—"Man's Worst Enemy"*—Creation to the end of this world.** *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 30, pp. **505-510** (441-446)

A. What has God put between people and Satan? pp. **505, 506** (441, 442) _____
How is it achieved? _____
Why was this necessary? _____

B. What arouses the wrath of Satan and his subjects? p. **507** (443) _____
_____
Why are Satan's temptations so successful? _____
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C. If we choose the company of the ungodly, what happens? pp. **508, 509** (444, 445) _____
_____
Through whom does Satan often most successfully work? _____
What is a mistake about courtesy and refinement? _____

D. The more nearly we imitate Christ, what will happen? p. **510** (445, 446) _____
_____
What must happen before a person can overcome? _____

"Agency of Evil Spirits"—"Who Are the Angels?" *The Great Controversy,* pp. **511-517** (447-452)

A. What are inseparably interwoven with human history? p. **511** (447) _____
Why cannot angels be spirits of the dead? _____
_____

B. Who is given to every Christian? pp. **512, 513** (448) _____
Why? _____

C. Why does Satan work so hard to get us to believe that he and his angels don't really exist? p. **516** (451)
_____
What does Satan fear most? _____

D. How does Satan like to be represented in art? p. **516** (451, 452) _____
How does he like to have his name used? _____
What about saying, "The devil made me do it"? _____
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Snares of Satan

A small fishing boat cruised the waters of the Sea of Galilee where they flow into the Jordan River. The fisherman was skillfully feeding out his fishing net. After it was all out, he waited a few minutes and then began pulling it in.

As the net came in, he found quite a few fish caught by their gills. These he removed into the boat.

These fish may never have seen his net, or if they did, didn't realize their danger and just swam on. When they tried to get away, they found themselves snared in the fisherman's net and ended up being sold for food.

How like us! We have a wily foe—Satan—who hunts us, fishes for us, stalks us as an animal its prey. He does everything he can to confuse, deceive, and finally lure us into his snare.

Once ensnared, without God's grace, we have no more chance than those fish. But we can learn about Satan's actions and snares and by God's grace avoid them or get free from them. What a comfort it is to know we can overcome through the grace and power of Jesus Christ our Lord!

BIBLE INSIGHTS

The Mystery of Death and the Grave Unlocked

1. Who created all things? **Colossians 1:16** _____
_____Verse 13 gives a personal identification.

2. Who gave humans life at Creation? **Genesis 2:7** _____

3. What was one tree in Adam and Eve's garden home called? **Genesis 2:9** _____

4. What would cause their death? **Genesis 2:17** _____

5. Because Adam and Eve believed Satan, what did they do? **Genesis 3:4, 6** _____
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6. Since they disobeyed, what did God say would happen to their bodies? **Genesis 3:19** _____
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7. What has passed on to all people? **Romans 5:12** _____

8. Who only has immortality? **1 Timothy 6:15, 16** _____
Does any person have immortality? _____

9. What happens to the spirit at death? **Ecclesiastes 12:7** _____
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10. What did God give Adam to make him alive? **Genesis 2:7** _____

Neither the body nor the breath—or spirit—lives independently. According to Genesis 7:15, 21, 22, humans, animals, birds, and reptiles share the "breath of life." The usual Hebrew word for breath—*ruach*—is frequently translated as either spirit or breath. Ecclesiastes 12:7 indicates the *ruach* (breath) returns to God at death.

11. Where did Job say the breath or spirit of God resided? **Job 27:3** _____

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12. At death what happens to the spirit (breath), body, thoughts, and plans? **Psalm 146:4** _____

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Ruach, the Hebrew word here translated as breathe or spirit, appears 379 times in the Old Testament. But not once does it denote an intelligent entity apart from a physical body. Ecclesiastes 12:7 indicates that at death this breath, or spirit (*ruach*), returns to God, who gave it. Notice how the KJV describes this event in Psalm 146:4: "His breath (*ruach*) goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Dying is the reversal of the beginning of human life. So when humans die, their breath (spirit or spark of life) goes back to God, and their bodies return to the dust of the earth. All thoughts, memory, and emotions cease at death, for these are the functions of a living human brain.

13. What are the components of a **living** soul? **Genesis 2:7** _____plus
Adam did not receive a living soul. It originated from this union.

14. What happens to the soul when a person dies? The existence of a "living soul," a "person," a "self," depends on the union of the breath (or spirit of God) and a body. A conscious person thinks, remembers, feels both physically and emotionally, and makes decisions and choices. At death—the removal of God's breath, or spirit, from the body—the soul, or self, no longer exists until the resurrection. A soul at death cannot go to another state, for it does not exist independent of a body. See Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10; Psalms 6:5; 115:17; Job 14:21; Acts 2:29, 34.

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read these Bible passage and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **John 11:1-44**—Death and resurrection of Lazarus (A.D. 31).
- **John 5:24-29**—Jesus' description of death and resurrection.
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 32, 33, pp. **518-550** (453-482). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"Snares of Satan"—"Lead Us Not Into Temptation" *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 32, pp. **518-530** (453-464)

A. When does Satan especially try to match Christ's power? p. **518** (453) _____

B. Whom can Satan overcome? p. **519** (455) _____
What devices does he use (including our TV's) ? _____

Who are Satan's right-hand helpers? _____
When are these especially active? _____

C. Why are there so many vague and fanciful interpretations of Scripture? p. **520** (456) _____
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D. How do some support erroneous doctrines? p. **521** (456) _____
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E. What does the liberality cry do to some? p. **522** (457) _____
_____
When can scientific research become a curse? _____
What will never be revealed? _____

F. What is Satan's masterpiece of deception? p. **523** (458) _____
What makes Bible doctrines most favorable? _____
Who will receive heresy for truth? _____

G. What are among Satan's most successful deceptive agencies? p. **524** (458) _____
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H. What does Satan desire most to destroy? p. **526** (460, 461) _____
Where do many think is a virtuous place to stand? _____

I. What happens if we look for doubts? p. **527** (461, 462) _____
What strengthens unbelief? _____

J. How can doubts be overcome? p. **528** (462) _____
What does God do about all of Satan's plots? _____

"The First Great Deception"—"The Mystery of Immortality" *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 33, pp. **531-550** (465-482)

A. Why couldn't Adam's descendents be immortal? p. **533** (467, 468) _____
_____
What was the first sermon preached on the immortality of the soul? _____
Who preached it? _____

B. What does Satan try to get everyone to believe? p. **534** (468, 469) _____
_____

C. What is repugnant to every emotion of love and mercy? p. **535** (469) _____
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D. How great is the evil wrought by the heresy of eternal torment? p. **536** (470) _____
What has made millions of skeptics and infidels? _____

What is one of the false doctrines of the wine of Babylon? _____

E. What false belief do some who reject eternal torment hold? p. **537** (470) _____

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F. What has led many to suicide? p. **539** (472) _____

G. Why would the wicked not be happy in heaven? pp. **542, 543** (475) _____

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H. What must those who refuse pardon suffer? p. **544** (476) _____

I. What fundamental error is the basis of the doctrine of consciousness in death? p. **545** (477) _____

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J. How has the idea of reaching heaven at death impacted a Bible teaching? p. **547** (479) _____

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K. How did belief in the immortal soul originate? p. **549** (480, 481) _____

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L. What is not found in the Bible? pp. **549, 550** (481) _____

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Voices From the Grave?

A godly mother raised her son Troy to know God and His Word. He later became a minister of the gospel.

One night while Troy was pastoring a large church, as he retired, his burdens seemed particularly heavy.

Awakening during the night, he saw a figure at the foot of his bed that looked like his deceased mother. She had a familiar smile and in a loving voice said, "Why don't you talk it over with me? I can help you."

What a temptation! Mother had always given good advice and godly counsel. But he knew the Bible said the dead know nothing and that they don't rise until the resurrection.

Denying all his natural senses and following the truth of the Bible, he said, "Get out of here; you are not my mother."

The smile faded to a hurt look as the being disappeared. Troy was not deceived because he knew the Bible said the dead can't communicate with the living, but Satan and his angels can appear, looking like our departed loved ones.

Today we are studying this important subject so that we won't be deceived.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

The Christian and Spiritualism

1. How does Webster define "spiritualism"? "A belief that spirits of the dead communicate with the living usually through a medium."—Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary.

2. With whom does God not want Christians to associate? **1 Corinthians 10:20, 21** _____

3. When pagan Ephesian people who dabbled in the occult accepted Christ, what did they do? **Acts 19:19**
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4. What kind of spirits and teachings will Satan use in the last days? **1 Timothy 4:1** _____
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5. How did Jesus say His coming would be deceptively described by some? How should we react? **Matthew 24:26** _____
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6. What should be our attitude toward spirit manifestations? **1 John 4:1** _____
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7. By what standard are we to try the spirits? **Isaiah 8:19, 20** _____

8. What does the Bible say about the ability of the dead to talk to the living? **Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6** _____

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9. Who are these relatives or friends who appear? **2 Corinthians 11:14, 15** _____
   Avoid these who appear to you as dead relatives or friends, for their messages are what 1 Timothy 4:1 warns against.

10. How will the devil and his angels work in the last days? **Revelation 12:12; 13:13, 14** _____

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11. How convincing will these signs and wonders be? **Matthew 24:24** _____
    So real and so nearly like God's power will these signs and wonders appear that only those who know God's Word and are prepared will be safe.

12. What two things did Peter say will help Christians not to be deceived or devoured by the devil? **1 Peter 5:8**

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13. How can we also overcome Satan? **Revelation 12:11** _____

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14. Can we properly deny the phenomenon of spiritualism? "The spiritualist really does talk to beings from the spirit world, but they are not the spirits of the dead. They are instead the fallen angels, whose allegiance to Satan has led them to practice this master deception upon the human family. . . . Throughout succeeding ages, it has been Satan's studied purpose to continue this deception and make men believe that they possess inherent immortality and eternal life."—*Drama of the Ages,* p. 197.

15. Can Satan and evil angels impersonate dead relatives and reveal secrets? "Many who have investigated spiritualism are entirely disarmed by the fact that the spirits are able to impersonate their dead relatives and talk with them about things that were so secret that no one else had any knowledge of them. This has seemed to them to be absolute evidence that they are face to face with the departed."—*Drama of the Ages,* pp. 197, 198.

16. What is the explanation for the impersonations and superior knowledge? 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 says Satan and his angels can appear as angels of light. It is easy to understand how they can appear as dead loved ones. Ezekiel 28:3 says of the devil, under the symbol of the prince of Tyre, that no secret could be hidden from him. Since Satan knows all the secrets of our lives and can transform himself into various forms, it is reasonable "to believe that he can impersonate the dead, and talk freely of things that were formerly held as secrets between them and the living."—*Drama of the Ages,* p. 198.

PERSPECTIVES

"Nearly all forms of ancient sorcery and witchcraft were founded upon a belief in communion with the dead. Those who practiced the arts of necromancy [the art of divination through alleged communication with the dead] claimed to have intercourse with the departed spirits, and to obtain through them a knowledge of future events. . . . The 'familiar spirits' were not spirits of the dead, but evil angels, the messengers of Satan. Ancient idolatry, which . . . comprises both worship of the dead and pretended communion with them, is declared by the Bible to have been demon worship."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* pp. 684, 685 (770, 772)

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read this Bible passage and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Revelation 13:11-18**—modern spiritualism's influence in suppressing freedom and liberty (A.D. 1700 to the second advent)
- *The Great Controversy,* chapter 34, pp. **551-562** (483-491). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

THINK IT THROUGH

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"Can Our Dead Speak to Us?"—"Can the Dead Speak to Us?" The Great Controversy, Chapter 34, pp. **551-562** (483-491)

A. What two errors of belief have prepared the way for modern spiritualism? p. **551** (483) _____

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B. What can Satan cause to appear before people? pp. **551, 552** (483, 484) _____

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C. How do many try to explain spiritual manifestations? p. **553** (484) _____

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D. When many who think spiritualism is just a hoax really encounter its supernatural power, what happens? p. **553** (484, 485) _____

E. What precedes Christ's return? p. **553** (485) _____

How will people be deceived? _____

F. How is spiritualism presented to those of culture and refinement? pp. **553, 554** (485) _____

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How will his temptations be presented? _____

G. Name three ways Satan beguiles people today. p. **554** (485, 486) _____

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H. What changes the human mind? p. **555** (486) _____

To what topics does it gradually adapt itself? _____

What does Satan mark and track about every one of us? _____

What opportunities does he make available? _____

List some of the ways he tempts us? _____

I. What need not deceive anyone? **p. 556** (487) _____

J. In what four areas of society has spiritualism been accepted? p. **556** (487) _____

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What ancient deception has a new disguise called spiritualism? _____

K. What is happening to spiritualism? pp. **557, 558** (488, 489) _____

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What only can free a mind captivated by spiritualism? _____

How can we invite Satan's temptations? _____

L. When spiritualism is opposed, who is being opposed? p. **559** (488, 489) _____

How only can we stand in the hour of trial? _____

M. Who will confront many? p. **560** (490) _____How will these visitants make their appeal?

N. When will Satan's masterful deception reach its full? p. **561** (491) _____

What is Christ willing to do to deliver even one person? _____

INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 13:11-18—***God Cares, Vol. 2,*** **pp. 324-349, 444.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,*** **pp. 584-590**

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Belief and Obedience

Streams of passengers, including the social elite of the world, boarded an ocean liner for her maiden voyage. She had been publicized as "unsinkable."

Near the completion of her journey, she entered the iceberg-infested waters of the North Atlantic. Radio warnings for caution went unheeded as she proceeded full-steam ahead.

A gigantic iceberg suddenly loomed out of the fog and the "unsinkable" *Titanic* glanced off its edge, ripping a 300-foot gash down her side.

Until nearly the end, passengers received assurances the ship would not sink. One deckhand reassured a passenger after hitting the iceberg, "God Himself could not sink this ship." But three hours later the "unsinkable" *Titanic* lay upon the ocean floor. Her 1513 victims gave mute testimony to the results of false beliefs.

The *Titanic* victims trusted what they had been told. Did this belief save them? No! Neither will those who believe God's law and His Saturday Sabbath ceased functioning at the cross, be saved in the final conflict between Christ and Satan.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

The Final Conflict Between Christ and Satan

1. What does God call His final people? **Revelation 12:17** (first part) _____
   What is the devil's attitude toward these? _____

2. What do they keep or obey? To what are they faithful? **Revela-tion 12:17** (last part); **14:12** _____
   _____

   God's final people hold the same doctrines, teachings, gifts, and objectives as the apostolic church.

3. What are the first three emphases of God's last message to earth? **Revelation 14:6, 7** _____
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   God's final church carries the gospel worldwide, restoring the teaching of Christ's heavenly ministry, the hour of God's judgment, and the worship of the Creator on His memorial of Creation, the seventh-day Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11). The other two messages of Revelation 14:8-12 warn against the beast and its false worship day. These messages break the grip of Rome's counterfeit earthly priests, worship day, and system—by teaching the pure gospel of Jesus and emphasizing His heavenly high-priestly ministry. This turns the world's attention to Christ and His heavenly ministry which restores and vindicates the celestial sanctuary as He completes its cleansing before His return.

4. Which of the commandments deals with the Creator and His day of rest? **Exodus 20:8-11** _____
   _____

5. On which day does the New Testament say God rested? **Hebrews 4:4, 10** _____
   How do New Testament Christians enter into God's rest? _____

6. What two things will the beast of Revelation 13:11-18 (apostate Protestantism) attempt to force? **Revelation 13:15, 16** _____

7. What is the "testimony of Jesus"? **Revelation 19:10** _____
   1 Peter 1:10, 11 says this is the "Spirit of Christ."

8. What was the second listed gift that Christ gave the early church? **Ephesians 4:8, 11** _____
   _____

9. Which gender received this gift? **Acts 13:1; 21:9, 10** _____

10. How long were these gifts to remain in the church? **Ephesians 4:13** _____
    That is until Christ returns.

11. What will the Spirit cause some to do in the last days? **Acts 2:17, 18** _____
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    Seventh-day Adventists recognize this gift was manifested in the life and ministry of Ellen G. White, beginning in 1844 and continuing today through her many writings. The Bible tests for a prophet's validity (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21; 1 John 4:1, 2; Isaiah 8:20; Micah 3:5, 6; 1Corinthians 14:37; Matthew 7:15-20; Jeremiah 28:9; Deuteronomy 18:21, 22) are met by the life and teachings of Mrs. White. Since the Bible is the only full, sufficient, and basic rule of faith and practice, her writings cannot replace or supersede it.

12. Who was Ellen G. White, and how extensive was her work? She was born in 1827 and died in 1915, authoring over 50 volumes which have been translated into about 100 languages with close to 20,000,000 copies in circulation. Adventists consider her God inspired. Many prophecies of world events and modern-day conditions have been fulfilled. Her insights in medicine and nutrition are being progressively substantiated by scientific research. Her encouraging words have made Christ real to millions. Her best known books are *Steps to Christ, The Desire of Ages,* and *The Great Controversy.*

13. How should a New Testament Christian relate to prophecy? **1 Thessalonians 5:20** _____
    _____

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read this Bible passages and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Revelation 12:1-17; 14:12; 19:10**—God's true church in prophecy (A.D. 31 to the second advent)
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 35, 36, pp. **563-592** (492-518). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

THINK IT THROUGH

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"Liberty of Conscience Threatened"—past, present, and future to the second advent. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 35, pp. **563-581** (492-507)

A. What have true Christians in the Roman Church never seen? p. **565** (495) _____

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B. What is the effect of confessing sins before a human priest? pp. **567, 568** (496, 497) _____
What is more palatable than renouncing sin? _____

C. What have paganism and the Roman Church done to God's character? p. **569** (498) _____

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D. In spite of the Roman Church's congenial appearance, what still exists? p. **571** (499) _____

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E. What would prayerful Bible study show Protestants? p. **572** (500) _____

F. When the church couldn't enforce Sunday sacredness, what was done? p. **575** (503) _____

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G. What have papal leaders always considered lawful? p. **576** (503) _____

H. When Rome tampered with the fourth-commandment Sabbath, what was she deliberately doing? p. **577** (504)

I. When will Rome's past actions be repeated? pp. **578, 579** (505, 506) _____

J. Who will receive world-wide homage fulfilling Revelation 13:11-16? pp. **578, 579** (505) _____

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K. What assertion about God's judgments will be repeated? pp. **579, 580** (506) _____

L. What would Rome do if she had the power? p. **581** (507) _____

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M. What would assure Rome's triumph in the U.S.? p. **581** (507) _____

"The Impending Conflict"—present, and future to the second advent. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 36, pp. **582-592** (508-517)

A. What has always been Satan's object? p. **582** (508) _____
In what ways does he try to achieve this? _____

B. What do people deny by trampling on God's law? p. **583** (509) _____

C. What common error most boldly attacks God's authority? p. **584** (510) _____

D. What has been the effect of teaching people that God's law need not be obeyed? pp. **585, 586** (511, 512)

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E. As Sabbath reform grows, what becomes almost universal? p. **587** (512) _____
Where do false teachers place the blame for society's ills? _____

F. What will American Protestants be foremost in doing? p. **588** (513) _____
What happens next? _____
What will result? _____
What appears to happen to Satan? _____
By what agency will he do miracles? _____

G. As Satan uses war and nature to advance his ends, by what means does he appear as a benefactor? p. **589** (513, 514) _____
As Christians show contempt for God's law, what happens? _____
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H. While appearing as a great healer, what is Satan doing? pp. **589, 590** (514, 515) _____
When these things are more frequent, what will he persuade people to believe? _____

I. Who finally will be classed as "law and order" enemies? p. **592** (516, 517) _____
Why will American legislators eventually pass laws forcing Sunday observance? _____
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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 12:1-17—***God Cares, Vol. 2,*** **pp. 319-324, 403-407.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,*** **pp. 549-559.**

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The Qualifying Seal or Mark

A business friend gave Alan a card entitling him to buy tires at a discount outlet.

When Alan showed this card, the salesperson didn't seem to notice. Alan asked, "Do I need a card to buy here?"

"Yes," the salesman replied.

"How did you know I qualify?" asked Alan.

He replied, "I recognized the card in your hand."

Both God and Satan have an identification seal or mark which determines who is entitled to what. If we have God's seal, we receive eternal life. Satan's mark of the beast causes eternal separation from God.

Soon God's final warning will sound: Come out of Babylon and avoid her plagues. Those coming out receive God's seal, and those who refuse receive Satan's mark of the beast!

Today we study how to respond to Jesus' call and receive His seal, thus avoiding the "mark of the beast."

BIBLE INSIGHTS

God's Seal and Satan's Mark

1. What is God's sign of holiness or sanctification? **Ezekiel 20:12** _____

2. How does the Sabbath become a sign or seal to identify God's people? **Ezekiel 20:20** _____
_____"Hallow" (KJV) means "to make holy or set apart for holy use."

3. What other Bible word is a synonym for sign? **Romans 4:11** _____

4. What is a seal? Webster says, "a symbol or mark of office." Most official seals contain the person's name, the position or title, and the territory of administration.

5. List these three characteristics contained in the Sabbath commandment. **Exodus 20:10, 11** The name _____
_____
God's position or title _____
His territory _____

6. As angels hold back last-day wars and strife, where are God's people being sealed? **Revelation 7:2, 3** _____
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This signifies their acceptance of God's last message, including Sabbath keeping, which is God's distinguishing mark.

7. Where will Satan's distinguishing sign be received? **Revelation 13:16, 17** _____

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Satan's counterfeit is also revealed by decisions and actions. The hand signifies accepting his mark in order to make a living; the forehead signifies a decision to follow Satan in rebellion.

8. Who forces the reception of Satan's mark? **Revelation 13:11, 12, 16** _____
Many Bible students say this is America. See Study Guide 17, "America in Prophecy," and *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 25, pp. 433-450 (375-389).

9. What is Satan's "mark of the beast"? Just as God's mark is keeping holy the seventh-day Sabbath, so Satan's mark of rebellion would logically be keeping holy a counterfeit sabbath. According to Revelation 13:11-18, this second beast power, believed by many to represent the United States, will eventually form a combination of church and state so similar to Papal Rome that it will be called an "image" to it. Revelation 13:14, 15. It will force worship of this "image" on pain of death. This "mark of the beast" is also closely linked with the "name of the beast" and the "number of his name." Revelation 13:17. These three terms refer to the first beast of Revelation 13:1-10, which many Bible students identify with the Papal Roman power. Her combination of church and state, social and religious functions, and her attempted change of God's law suppressed liberty of conscience, causing death to millions who refused to conform. Seventh-day Adventists believe the "mark of the beast" includes Rome's attempt to change God's law and substitute a counterfeit Sunday worship. It also involves efforts to influence people to make a personal acceptance of this change.

10. What does the Roman Church teach about Sunday observance instead of Saturday—God's Sabbath day? Peter Geirmann in *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine* (1957 edition), p. 50, states: "Q. *Which day is the Sabbath day?* A. Saturday is the Sabbath day. Q. *Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?* A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

11. Is the "mark of the beast" a literal mark? Seventh-day Adventists believe "this mark to be not a literal brand but some sign of allegiance that identifies the bearer as loyal to the power represented by the beast. The controversy at that time will center on the law of God, and particularly on the fourth commandment. . . . Hence the observance of Sunday will constitute such a sign, but only at the time when the beast's power will be revived and Sunday observance becomes a matter of compliance with civil law."—*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary,* vol. 7, p. 822.

12. When will the "mark of the beast" be received? Seventh-day Adventists believe "Christians of past generations [have] observed . . . Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath." Even now there are "true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him. But when Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. . . . He is worshiping the beast and his image. . . . And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast.'"—*The Great Controversy*, p. **449** (388, 389)

13. Are Seventh-day Adventists alone in connecting the "mark of the beast" with submission to Rome? No. Le Roy Edwin Froom, in *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers,* says that from the 1300's onward, people have believed this mark is related to the papacy and its decrees.

ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read this Bible passages and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Revelation 13:1-18**—Rome and America in prophecy (A.D. 538 to the close of probation)
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 37, 38, pp. **593-612** (519-536). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"The Scriptures a Safeguard"—"Our Only Safeguard"— present, and future to the second coming. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 37, pp. **593-602** (519-526)

A. Whenever revival begins, what happens to Satan? p. **593** (519, 520) _____
In the final delusion, how can the true be known? _____

B. Why do many not want Bible truth? pp. **594, 595** (520, 521) _____
What must be the standard for God's people? _____

C. What prevents many from searching the Bible for them-selves? p. **596** (520, 521) _____
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D. What is virtually the same as rejecting light? pp. **597, 598** (522, 523) _____
What is no excuse for sin? _____
What is our first duty? _____

E. How should Bible language be explained? pp. **598, 599** (523, 524) _____
_____
How should the Bible never be studied? _____

F. Why do temptations often seem irresistible? pp. **599, 600** (524, 525) _____
How will angels help those willing to be taught? _____
What type of thinking is extremely dangerous? _____

"The Final Warning"—"God's Final Message"—near future to the second coming. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 38, pp. **603-612** (527-535)

A. Which angel's message will be repeated? p. **603** (527) _____
B. List some effects of accepting spiritualism's teachings. pp. **603, 604** (527) _____
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C. Where are some of God's children still found? p. **604** (528) _____
What must happen to these before God's judgements fall? _____

D. What will the powers of earth finally decree? p. **604** (528) _____

When and how will the mark of the beast be received? _____

E. What is brought home to everyone before experiencing God's judgements? p. **605** (528) _____

What is the great test of our loyalty to God? _____

F. As minds are pointed to God's downtrodden law, who will unite in opposition? p. **607** (531) _____

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To what power do they appeal? _____

What will God enable His people to do in court? _____

What is the effect? _____

G. How will conscientious obedience to God be treated? p. **608** (531) _____

What happens to many professed Sabbath keepers? _____

Why can they do this? _____

H. How long will persecution remain in our world? p. **610** (533) _____

How long will God hold some restraint over rulers? _____

I. What event is used as a comparison for the gospel's climax? pp. **611, 612** (534) _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 13:1-18—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 324-330, 340-349. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 521-623.**

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Rescued!

Apollo 13, with three American astronauts strapped in their couches, lifted off Cape Kennedy's launchpad at 2:13 p.m., bound for the moon.

At 10:07 p.m. a mishap occurred. Oxygen tank #2 and a fuel cell generating power exploded. Another fuel cell died and another threatened eminent failure. Staying in the Command Module would cause death from asphyxiation and/or freezing. Something had to be done quickly!

Mission Control suggested the LM Lifeboat. The astronauts replied, "It looks like we're going to have to."

In the lunar module, with its life support, they orbited the moon and with thrust from its engine headed home.

Four days later at 1:07 p.m., they splashed down in the Pacific, weak and tired but alive. Their lives were saved by an emergency plan laid in advance.

Before creating our world, God developed an emergency plan if people sinned. When they did, Christ put salvation's "lifeboat" plan into effect. He is coming soon to deliver all who accept His sacrifice and follow His life-saving plan. This deliverance takes place when Christ returns to earth.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Trouble and Deliverance

1. As the judging of Daniel 7:9-10, 22, 27 ends and Michael arises, what begins? **Daniel 12:1** _____

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2. What will be ordered against all who refuse to worship the image to the beast? **Revelation 13:15** _____

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3. After describing these end-time events, what did Jesus say about His advent? **Revelation 22:12** _____

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4. Who accompany Christ as He returns? What happens to the wicked? **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** _____

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What two groups of God's people are delivered? **1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17** _____

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6. How many people will see these events? **Revelation 1:7** _____

7. What event was similar to the return of Jesus? **Acts 1:9, 11** _____

8. What natural phenomenon is compared to Christ's return? **Matthew 24:27** _____

9. What three audible features attend Christ's return? **1 Thessalonians 4:16** _____

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10. In Jeremiah's prophecy about the end of the earth, what does God's presence do? **Jeremiah 4:23-28** _____

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11. As the 1000 years (Revelation 20) end in the lake of fire, what did John see? **Revelation 21:1** _____

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12: How can Christians be confident at Christ's return? **1 John 2:28** _____

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ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read these Bible passages and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Revelation 22:11-15; 15:6-8; 16:1-21; 6:14-17; 13:15-18** Earth's Final Events, the close of Christ's heavenly intercession, and His return to this earth.
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 39, 40, pp. **613-652** (537-570). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

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"The Time of Trouble"—future to the second advent. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 39, pp. **613-634** (537-554)

A. When the third angel's message of Revelation 14:9-12 closes, what does Christ cease? p. **613** (537)

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What has been given God's people to prepare them for the coming events? _____

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B. As Christ leaves the heavenly sanctuary, what is removed from the wicked and Satan? p. **614** (538) _____

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What happens to the earth? _____

Who will be blamed for this trouble? _____

C. What forms will continue? pp. **615, 616** (538, 539) _____

What decree will be issued? _____

What two powers attack God's people? _____ _____

As this time of trouble nears, what should Christ's followers try to do? _____

D. What causes anguish to God's people? p. **619** (541) _____

E. What would overwhelm God's people? pp. **619, 620** (542) _____

What does Satan want us to believe God overlooks? _____

What cannot be obtained in the time of trouble or later? _____

What will unprepared professing Christians do? _____
Why? _____

F. Since God can protect His children, why do they have to suffer so much? p. **621** (543) _____
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G. Who are in the greatest danger of deception by Satan? p. **622** (544) _____
What will some be forced to learn during the time of trouble? _____
If minds are too absorbed with worldly interests, what may God do? _____
What is needed for this coming time of trouble? _____

H. What appear in heaven as tokens of Satan's power? p. **624** (545) _____
Who will some pretend to be? _____
What is Satan's crowning deception? _____
What will he claim was changed? _____
Who does he say are blaspheming Christ? _____

I. What is Satan not permitted to counterfeit? p. **625** (546) _____
What shields true Christians from deception? _____

J. What will Satan try to prevent God's people from obtaining? pp. **625-627** (547-548) _____
Where will many of God's people flee as the final death decree goes forth? _____
What happens to many others? _____
Who will bring light and peace to them? _____

K. When will God's wrath be poured out on the wicked? pp. **627, 628** (549) _____

L. To what extent will God's people suffer? p. **629** (550) _____

M. Why is deliverance delayed? pp. **630, 631** (551) _____
What will some attempt before the decree goes into effect? _____
How do angels protect God's children? _____

N. Who has felt every thorn that wounds us, borne every cross before us? p. **633** (553) _____

O. Why cannot the righteous fall a prey to their enemies? p. **634** (553, 554) _____

"God's People Delivered"—future death decree to the second advent. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 40, pp. **635-652** (555-570)

A. When laws protecting those who obey God are repealed, what develops? p. **635** (555) _____
B. When evil men are about to destroy God's people, what covers the earth? pp. **635-637** (555-558) _____
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What appears and seems to encircle every group of God's people? _____
When does God choose to deliver His people? _____
List some unusual things that happen in nature. _____

C. What two groups of people come to life in this special resurrection? pp. **637, 638** (558) _____

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D. What is in the hand that appears whose words are as fire? pp. **638, 639** (559) _____
What do false ministers and people see about the Sabbath? _____
What is announced? _____

E. What object appears in the east? pp. **640, 641** (560, 561) _____
Who sits on it? _____
What wraps around Him? _____

F. What are left in the grave? pp. **644, 645** (564, 565) _____
When restored to the tree of life, what happens? _____
What are the living now made? _____

G. What is Christ's joy, which the redeemed share? pp. **647, 648** (565, 566) _____
What does Adam now see? _____

H. In all ages, where have the Saviour's redeemed been educated? p. **649** (568) _____
How were they purified? _____

I. How does the cross make God's attributes appear? p. **652** (570) _____

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INTERESTING COLLATERAL READING

To learn how history fulfills these Bible prophecies read:

- For Revelation 13:15-18; 16:17-21; 6:12-17; 21:9-27—***God Cares, Vol. 2,*** **pp. 330, 340-349, 428-451, 190-202, 530-536.** ***Daniel and the Revelation,*** **pp. 590-623, 701-705, 437-451, 755-767.**

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How the Controversy Ends

The collapse of the Third Reich ended Adolph Hitler's dream for a super country, race, and a way of life to perpetuate itself for a thousand years. He schemed to achieve his devilish goal through a tremendous war machine blitzing its way across Europe. It spread destruction, death, and suffering in the name of a new and better way of life.

As the Allies gained fighting strength, gradually Hitler's power weakened and began to crack. As he saw the war going against him, he made frantic efforts, intensifying the war in such suicidal efforts as the Battle of the Bulge.

Allied bombers leveled city after city. Their tanks and infantry gained ground steadily. Hitler retreated to a concrete bunker, receiving reports of a crumbling empire and a disintegrating master plan. As he saw he had lost the war, and his chance to establish a new-world way of life, he took his own life, a victim of his evil and selfish scheme.

Satan thought he could improve on God's plan for the universe, but his scheme of hate and selfishness is about to destroy itself and receive God's wrath as this world ends. God's wrath is against Satan and sin and only involves people who have fully identified with him and sin.

Satan is given 1000 years to ponder what his evil plan has done. Then the controversy will end as God destroys Satan, his angels, and all their works. At last God will make a new heavens and earth—a home for the redeemed.

BIBLE INSIGHTS

From Desolation to a Secure New Beginning

1. When Christ returns the second time, what happens to our heavens and earth? **Revelation 6:14; 16:18-21**

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   A talent weighed from 75 to 100 pounds. How does Jeremiah describe the earth after the Lord's wrath and presence? **Jeremiah 4:23-27** _____

   God's anger or wrath is the seven last plagues (Revelation 15:1) .

2. Why are no wicked people alive on the earth after His return? **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** _____

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3. Why are there no righteous people on the earth after Christ's return? **1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17** _____

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4. Who is chained in this chaotic world for 1000 years? **Revelation 20:1, 2** _____

   The "bottomless pit" is below heaven (God's dwelling place). The chaining symbolizes Satan's confinement to this earth and lack of people to deceive. *Abussou* (Greek) means "abyss, bottomless, deep." The Greek version of the Old Testament uses this word to translate the Hebrew *tehom* (deep), which is used to describe the earth's state at creation.

5. Why can Satan no longer deceive the righteous? **1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 20:6** _____
Why can he no longer deceive the wicked? **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:5** _____
_____ These facts and his confinement to earth bind Satan.

6. What position do the righteous hold during the 1000 years? **Revelation 20:4, 6** _____

7. What happens to the wicked dead after the 1000 years? **Revelation 20:5, 7, 8** _____

8. What did Christ call this resurrection of the wicked? **John 5:28, 29** _____
Revelation 20:4, 5 says this is after the righteous are raised and reign 1000 years with Christ in heaven. Zechariah 14:4, 5 must refer to Christ coming to earth again after this period with all the saints. Then he touches the Mount of Olives, making it a great purified plain on which the New Jerusalem descends and rests.

9. What happens to Satan at the end of the 1000 years? **Revelation 20:7, 8** _____
This happens because he then again will have the wicked to deceive.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL if you would at this point read *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 42, pp. **662-674** (581-590).

10. What did John see descending from heaven? **Revelation 21:2** _____

11. What is Satan planning as he gathers the wicked around the city? **Revelation 20:8, 9** _____
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12. Before their destruction, what appears? **Revelation 20:11** _____
Who are judged? **Revelation 20:12** _____
These are the wicked dead, for both the righteous dead and living were rewarded when Christ returned.

13. What comes from God, and who are affected? **Revelation 20:9, 15** _____
How is the earth affected? What will be created? **2 Peter 3:10-13** _____
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14. What natures and food will new-earth animals have? **Isaiah 65:25** _____
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15. What will not be there? **Isaiah 35:5, 6** _____
Revelation 21:4 _____

16. List some real-life activities that happen in the new earth. **Isaiah 65:21, 22; 66:22, 23** _____
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17. What is the right and privilege of those redeemed by Christ's blood? **Revelation 22:14** _____
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ENRICHMENT READING

To learn more about Jesus in the past, present, and future, read these Bible passages and *The Great Controversy* comments.

- **Revelation 20:1-15; 21:1-27; 22:1-20**—Christ's return, the 1000 years, the new heavens and earth created, eternity
- *The Great Controversy,* chapters 41, 42, pp. **653-678** (571-596). **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library edition page numbers are in parentheses.

THINK IT THROUGH

After the ENRICHMENT READING in the Bible and *The Great Controversy,* answering these questions will enhance your understanding of this topic. **Bold** page numbers are for both the Standard edition and the bottom centered numbers in some paperbacks. Bible Reference Library pages are in parentheses.

"Desolation of the Earth"—"The Earth in Ruins"—from the second coming though the judgement of the wicked. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 41, pp. **653-661** (571-580)

A. As Christ returns, what happens to the living wicked? p. **657** (574, 576) _____
How does earth appear? _____

B. What does the "bottomless pit" represent? pp. **658, 659** (576, 577) _____
What happens to Satan? _____

C. What does Satan do for 1000 years that he hasn't done since his fall? pp. **660, 661** (578, 579) _____
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Whose judgement takes place during this time? _____
Who are the judges? _____
What do they compare? _____
What is recorded by the names of the wicked? _____
What happens to the wicked when the 1000 years end? _____
Why? _____

"The Controversy Ended"—from the close of the 1000 years through eternity. *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 41, pp. **662-678** (581-596)

A. What attitudes do the wicked have as they arise at the end of the 1000 years? pp. **662, 663** (581, 582) _____
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Why are they not granted a second probation? _____
As Christ returns to earth after the 1000 years, where does He stand? _____
What happens? _____
What now settles here? _____
Whom does Satan claim raised his millions of followers? _____

B. Analyzing the situation, who does Satan consult? p. **664** (583) _____
What are made? _____
What do Satan's armies do? _____

C. What appears and interrupts Satan's plans? pp. **665-667** (583-585) _____

What panorama follows? _____

What do Satan and his followers recall? _____

D. What is now evident to all? pp. **668, 669** (586, 587) _____

What does Satan see about his kingdom? _____

E. What would be supreme torture for Satan? pp. **670-672** (587-589) _____

What have condemned Satan? _____

What does he try to do? _____

How do the wicked respond? _____

F. What are the sources of God's devouring fire? p. **672** (589) _____

G. Where are the righteous as the earth is engulfed in fire? pp. **672-674** (589, 590) _____

What does the fire do to the earth? _____

Instead of an eternally burning hell, what reminder of sin remains? _____

What can't describe the reward of the righteous? _____

H. List some things that show the new earth is real. pp. **675, 676** (591-593) _____

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I. What do God's people experience? pp. **676, 677** (594) _____

What about intellect and skills? _____

How far can they travel? _____

J. What increases with time? p. **678** (595) _____

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- For Revelation 20:1-15; 21:1-27; 22:1-20—***God Cares, Vol. 2,* pp. 494-505. 514-520, 506-513, 523-538. *Daniel and the Revelation,* pp. 739-753, 755-768, 771-783.**

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