

## **Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath School Bible Study Guide for the Second Quarter of 2020**

This is a review of the entire *Seventh-day Adventist Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) for the second quarter of 2020 titled “How to Interpret Scripture.” Interestingly, in many places in this SSBSG the phrase “the Bible” (singular) was used when ten different bibles were used. I counted the number of times each was used. I did not count them twice so my count could be off a little. The numbers were as follows:

New King James Version (NKJV) quotations: 96.  
King James Version (KJV) quotations: 3.  
New American Standard Bible quotations: 14.  
Revised English Bible (REB) quotations: 1.  
Revised Standard Version (RSV) quotations: 19.  
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV): 1.  
New International Version (NIV): 11.  
Today’s New International Version (TNIV) quotations: 1.  
New English Bible (NEB) quotations: 1.  
English Standard Version quotations: 1.  
Small snippets of Scripture that could be from the NKJV or the KJV: 6.

All memory texts were from the NKJV except for one that was from the KJV. There was a good reason they used the KJV for that one which will be explained later.

The REB, NEB, RSV, NRSV and ESV are Roman Catholic bibles. Except for the KJV, the rest of the bibles are essentially Roman Catholic Bibles though to the best of my knowledge, they never received the official approval of the Roman Catholic Church. Why one would give legitimacy to bibles corrupted by the Roman Catholic Church by using them in an official Seventh-day Adventist publication I can neither understand nor justify. To call these bibles “the Bible” or “the Word of God” is deceptive.

Page numbers referenced will be as in the Standard Edition of the SSBSG unless otherwise noted.

### **LESSON 1**

On page 7 it says, “Notice that they were not to pick and choose which words, but were to observe or obey ‘all the words of this law’ (*Deut. 32:46*).” It seems to me that using multiple bibles is picking and choosing words because you like what those bibles say.

On page 8 it says, “all parts of the Bible are inspired.” There is ONE of the bibles used that is inspired. The rest can easily be shown to be not inspired. Here is one example:

“And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.” 2 Samuel 21:19 from the KJV.

“There was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.” 2 Samuel 21:19 from the NASB.

The ESV, the RSV, the NRSV, the NEB and the REB also say Elhanan killed Goliath. The older versions of the NIV say the same thing but that was corrected in the 2011 edition. This verse contradicts 1 Chronicles 20:5 in those same bibles.

A note at the bottom of page 8 asks about confirming the “veracity of God’s Word.” If you call the NASB, the RSV, the NRSV, the NEB, the ESV and the REB God’s Word, there wasn’t much confirming of the veracity of it in the aforementioned example.

## **LESSON 2**

There is a quotation on page 19 that would be well to remember.

“The Holy Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines, and the test of experience.” The Great Controversy page 9 of the introduction.

There is a link on page 20 you can go to if you like. I only went there to make sure the link worked (you’re welcome). Just click on the link; it should take you there if you have an iMac. On some computers you may need to copy and paste the link.

[www.adventistbiblicalresearch.org/materials/bible-interpretation-hermeneutics/methods-bible-study](http://www.adventistbiblicalresearch.org/materials/bible-interpretation-hermeneutics/methods-bible-study)

## **LESSON 3**

There is a quotation on page 24 that’s well worth reading. Speaking of Christ, Sister White said:

“He pointed to the Scriptures as of unquestionable authority, and we should do the same. The Bible is to be presented as the word of the infinite God, as the end of all controversy and the foundation of all faith.”  
*Christ’s Object Lessons* pages 39-40.

On page 25, the Roman Catholic RSV has been used to promote corrupt doctrine. Sorry, but the very scholars and theologians who will smugly tell you that in order to REALLY understand what God said you have to refer to the Greek and Hebrew, apparently don’t understand English and what their bible of choice is saying.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you:” Matthew 28:19-20 from the RSV.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:” Matthew 28:19-20 from the KJV.

I have a Holy Trinity Edition of the Catholic Bible. This “Bible” is as Catholic as the pope. If I were a faithful Catholic and read a couple of verses “piously” and, “while

kissing the Gospel Book, devoutly,” recited one of the three short invocations on that page, I would get an indulgence of 500 days. Not much reading; just a kiss and a short recitation. That’s 500 days out of purgatory for a few seconds of my time. What a bargain. That bible has a footnote that clarifies what is meant by “make disciples” versus “teach all nations.”

“St. Matthew’s last words are the climax of his Gospel; Christ sends forth His Apostles to conquer the world and make all men His disciples.”

If what is meant by “make disciples” is still unclear, I recommend reading *The Great Controversy* or *Foxxe’s Book of Martyrs*. Oh, and the NKJV, the NASB, the RSV, the NRSV, the ESV, the NEB, the REB, the NIV and the TNIV all say to “make” disciples.

“When the Romanist theologians saw that they could not prohibit the reformer’s work, they themselves published a translation of the New Testament. It was Luther’s version, altered here and there by the publishers. There was no hindrance to it being read.” *The Life and Times of Martin Luther* by J. H. Merle D’Aubigné (published by the Moody Press in 1960) page 524.

Some princes of our church have become too blind to see.

#### **LESSON 4**

The NKJV was chosen for the memory text.

“To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20.

This is a key text used by Seventh-day Adventists to show the “law” is still important and that the “testimony” which is said to be the “spirit of prophecy” in Revelation 19:10 is also important. Since those who wrote this SSBSG are picking and choosing among several bibles rather than, as they love to say, “the Bible,” what should prevent anyone else from picking and choosing from the bibles THEY have endorsed by using them? Do you recognize this text?

“for instruction or a message.’ They will surely say some such thing, but what they say has no force.” Isaiah 8:20 from the REB.

The question is asked on page 33, “how do we stand firm against those aspects attempting to corrupt our faith?” Do you have ANY idea as to how that should be done?

#### **LESSON 5**

The lesson for Tuesday April 28 is titled “The Clarity of Scripture.” On page 41 it says, “The Bible is so clear that it can be understood by children and adults alike.” Really??? Using TEN different bibles makes things clear and easily understood?

On page 42 it says we should study “the Bible thoroughly” and that “if possible” we should do so in “its original languages, or at least with an appropriate Bible translation faithful to the meaning contained in the original Hebrew and Greek.”

Do you know what the authors of this SSBSG are saying? Maybe you don't. They are saying that in order to understand what God said you have to go to one of THEM to understand "the Bible." That is essentially what the Roman Catholic Church has taught for hundreds of years. They know the vast majority of Seventh-day Adventists will NEVER become competent enough to read ancient Hebrew and Koine Greek. To add insult to injury, in this SSBSG they have obviously used bibles that are NOT faithful to what "the original Hebrew and Greek" said.

On page 43 it says, "In Ellen G. White's own view, her writings, when compared with Scripture, were a 'lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light,' the Bible." Then it says, "Her writings are never a shortcut to or replacement for any serious Bible study." This is followed by another of her quotations that says, "If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the *Testimonies*."

This is very subtle talk of the Serpent. It is true that Sister White's writings were lesser light but they were still inspired by the Holy Ghost. If her writings don't conflict with what was written by holy men of God before her, they have every bit as much authority as any other writings inspired by the Holy Ghost. By her own statement that "if you had made God's word your study" "you would not have needed the *Testimonies*" she is saying that her writings ARE a "needed" shortcut to understanding God's Word.

Consider the statement again; "Her writings are never a shortcut to or replacement for any serious Bible study." You are encouraged study your Sabbath School lesson and to attend Sabbath School every week. Supposedly it is "serious Bible study" to study the Sabbath School lesson every week and that lesson is written by men who have used TEN different bibles FIVE of which are Roman Catholic bibles for their "serious Bible study" and these men don't believe there is a single infallible English Bible anywhere on the planet. The word "blowhards" comes to mind.

If you believe you have studied God's Word enough so you don't need the *Testimonies*, for the sake of your soul I hope you're right.

In the section for teachers of the Sabbath School Lesson there are some comments apparently only meant for them. One example:

"Without God's inspiration, we would have only disparate and contradictory biblical writings." Page 67.

No kidding. That is exactly what has happened with the plethora of corrupt bibles they have used in this SSBSG.

You would be much better off reading the writings of Ellen G. White than wasting your time studying this SSBSG that has poison of the Serpent mixed with truth.

## **LESSON 6**

On page 46 is mentioned a woman who misapplied the verse in Genesis 3:15 where it says, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman" thinking it meant her husband's affair wouldn't last. There was a Seventh-day Adventist minister of years past by the name of Glenn Coon who wrote some books one of which was titled *God's Promises Solve My Problems*. The book lists a bunch of different problems with at least one

Scripture passage that's supposed to help you out of a difficulty by claiming the right promise. On page 108 the promise needed is for "sex infatuation." One of the passages Glenn recommended was "'I will put enmity.' Gen. 3:15." He didn't even quote the whole verse or any of the other verses that gave context to that verse. The verse and its "promise" were taken completely out of context. This illustrates why you should not take ANYONE'S word for what the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy say but should confirm what is taught with your own study.

On page 48 a \$50 word is used; "hermeneutics." Relax; you really don't need to know what it means but I'll tell you. You are told that every translation involves some kind of interpretation. Interpreting Scripture is called "hermeneutics" and because they know big words like that, you should listen to them?

Another piece of "wisdom" is shared on page 48; "Fortunately, many translations do a good job of conveying the essential meaning." OK, let's see how that works out with the bibles used in this Sabbath School Bible Study Guide. The context is an incident in which the Pharisees criticized the disciples for eating without washing their hands. The discussion was about hand washing and had nothing to do with which meats were clean or unclean. Speaking of the food eaten, Jesus said:

"Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats." Mark 7:19 from the King James Version.

"because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods" Mark 7:19 from the New King James Version.

"because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.)" Mark 7:19 from the New American Standard Bible.

"since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)" Mark 7:19 from the New Revised Standard Version.

"since it enters, not his heart but his stomach, and so passes on?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)" Mark 7:19 from the Revised Standard Version.

"For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)" Mark 7:19 from the New International Version.

"For it doesn't go into your heart but into your stomach, and then out of your body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)" Mark 7:19 from the Today's New International Version.

"because it does not go into the heart but into the stomach, and so goes out into the drain?" By saying this he declared all foods clean." Mark 7:19 from the Revised English Bible.

"since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)" Mark 7:19 from the English Standard Version.

“because it does not enter into his heart but into his stomach, and so passes out into the drain?” Thus he declared all foods clean.” Mark 7:19 from the New English Bible.

Note that there are three different conclusions in the aforementioned bibles. All of them except two say that Jesus made all foods clean. This means Jesus, who gave the Jews their dietary instructions through Moses, changed his mind and it’s now OK to eat pig. According to the New King James Version what you eat goes into the stomach and is then eliminated being purified. That means that according to the New King James Version, food that has been turned to feces is clean. The sole remaining contender is the King James Bible that says food goes into the “belly” (digestive tract) and then into the “draught” (sewer) thus “purging” (getting rid of) all “meats” (foods).

The statement that “many translations do a good job of conveying the essential” meaning is wrong. Quite the opposite is true. The majority of translations DO NOT give the essential meaning in many places.

On page 80 of the teacher’s section it says, “you must know a language really well in order to understand some of its subtleties or when irony is at work.” That means you must listen to the scholars to know what God said because the ONLY language most native speakers of English understand “really well” is English.

On page 81 of the teacher’s section it says, “we do not have a pope or a teaching tradition that determines the definite meaning of Scripture.” Yeah, we do and too many believe all that is taught in the “teaching tradition.”

On page 82 of the teacher’s section it says some denominations have issued their own authorized Bible translations. That’s true and some of those have been used in this SSBSG. In addition, Andrews University has published four different bibles with footnotes and marginal readings by Seventh-day Adventist scholars. To read in more detail about the Andrews Study Bibles go to [www.AdventistsToday.com](http://www.AdventistsToday.com).

On page 83 of the teacher’s section, a book by Raoul Dederen is mentioned. Raoul is the Seventh-day Adventist theologian that signed the BEM (Baptism Eucharist Ministry) document also known as the Lima Text as the official representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lima, Peru in 1982. You ought to read about that.

## **LESSON 7**

On page 57 it says, “there was even a Greek translation of the Old Testament as well.” The context is apostolic times so what is referred to is the Septuagint. The Septuagint of myth and legend was allegedly the entire Old Testament translated into Greek three centuries before Christ. The principal contributor to this Sabbath School Bible Study Guide apparently believes the myth.

The only evidence for a Septuagint is the Letter of Aristeas that has been proven to be fraudulent. Some say the fifth column of Origin’s Hexapla is the Septuagint but Origin lived after Christ and there is no evidence to support the allegation that the fifth column of his Hexapla is the Septuagint. There are several lines of evidence showing there was no Greek translation of the Old Testament in the time of Christ.

1. The Levites were the guardians of the Old Testament Scriptures. A perusal of the New Testament shows the Jews did not like the Gentiles and therefore would not have condescended to translate their holy Scriptures into Greek.
2. No Old Testament manuscript written in Greek from apostolic times has ever been found.
3. Ancient Greek translations of the Old Testament said to be the Septuagint have books of the Apocrypha in them. The Jews never accepted those books as Scripture and they never would have included them with their Holy Scriptures in a Greek translation.
4. There are at least three different Greek translations of the Old Testament that scholars call the Septuagint but they were written AFTER apostolic times.
5. Some scholars like what they call the Septuagint because it supports some readings of the Roman Catholic Vaticanus and Sinaiticus. Neither Vaticanus nor Sinaiticus have any provenance. Vaticanus appeared in the pope's library in medieval times and Sinaiticus was in all likelihood written shortly before 1844. The Roman Catholic Church is known for forging documents to further her agenda such as the Donation of Constantine by which Constantine was said to have given authority over Rome and the western part of the Roman Empire to the pope.

In this lesson there is a lot of Hebrew training that you don't need to know much about. It says Hebrew contains no punctuation marks which is true. Koine Greek had no punctuation marks or even spaces between words. The minuscule Greek manuscripts didn't even have any capital letters. They don't tell you that when the King James Bible was written, punctuation hadn't been standardized.

For many decades Seventh-day Adventist ministers have been doing a song and dance about the "mistaken" placement of the comma in the KJV where it says "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." The placement of the comma in that verse isn't a "mistake" for the time in which that Bible was written. It is a mistake in newer bible versions written under different rules of punctuation. If the ministers knew more about ENGLISH they would understand that.

## **LESSON 8**

The memory text for this lesson is John 1-1-4 from the New King James Version where it says, referring to "the Word," that "All things were made through Him." On the next page (page 65) at the bottom the question is asked the difference it makes "to know you were created by God." Please notice that the memory text says things were made "through" the Word and the note says created "by" God. The memory text also says the Word was with God and the Word was God. Two different members of the Godhead are being spoken of; the Father and the Word who became flesh; i.e., Jesus Christ. Using the word "through" means that rather than things being made "by" Jesus Christ, He was just the conduit "through" which the Father created things. In other words the reading implies Jesus could be a being created by the Father. For a bit more clarity on the implications of this, the following quotation is from a bible not used in the Sabbath

School Bible Study Guide but rather the approved bible of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Jehovah's Witnesses believe Jesus Christ was a created being so changed their bible to teach this doctrine.

“In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. This one was in [the] beginning with God. All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence by means of him was life, and the life was the light of men.” John 1:1-4 from the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures.

Note that it says “the Word was a god;” the lower case “god” is as it appears in that bible. The Jehovah's Witnesses are fine with saying things were made “through” the Word but not “by” the Word. In saying “was a god” they're also saying there is more than one “god.” On the next page of the Sabbath School Bible Study Guide the contributor makes the point that “in the beginning” must mean God existed prior to the beginning. True but that in no way rules out the possibility that Jesus was created by the Father prior to said beginning.

It may interest you to know that ALL the bibles used in this Sabbath School Bible Study Guide say all things were created “through” the Word rather than “by” the Word except the King James Version.

Something very important is mentioned on page 67 regarding *Laudato Si'* which is a recent papal encyclical. *Laudato Si'* recommends a day of rest (guess which day that will be) because of climate change. The whole thing about climate change and global warming is a huge scam and is being used to advance the agenda of the Roman Catholic Church. I highly recommend Seventh-day Adventists read the book *Human Caused Global Warming* by Dr. Tim Ball. It's a 121 page book written in simple English so you don't need to know Greek or Hebrew to understand it.

On page 66 there is a quotation from the New American Standard Bible and on the very next page the point is made that *Laudato Si'* “calls the seventh-day Sabbath ‘the Jewish Sabbath’ and encourages the world to observe a day of rest to alleviate global warming.” Guess what, in Exodus 20:10, ALL of the bibles used in the Sabbath School Study Guide except for the King James Version and the New King James Version refer to “the Sabbath” as “a Sabbath.” That puts the seventh-day Sabbath into the category of the various ceremonial Sabbaths of the Jews; i.e., a “Jewish Sabbath.”

There was a Seventh-day Adventist minister who at one point in his sermon made a point he could only make by editing the Bible and putting in the definite article “the” in a verse. I objected to him changing the Word of God to make it say what he wanted it to say and, thinking I was giving him an easy question, asked about the “a Sabbath” versus “the Sabbath” in Exodus 20:10 in a bible he used occasionally; the New American Standard Bible. Apparently the question wasn't easy enough. He thought that reading was OK but said he would need to check it out with one of the Hebrew experts at Andrews University. If you understand the context of the seventh day in Genesis and later it should be crystal clear it should be “the Sabbath” since it is the only day God made holy by resting on it Himself.

If you ever question a minister about their use of a corrupt bible there are some responses you should expect (ask me how I know). You'll probably get some rebuttal, if the

question is via email, that includes Greek or Hebrew words written in Greek or Hebrew letters even though they know you can't read or understand either language. This is an attempt to snow you with their erudition. The vast majority ministers that do this could not read and understand a single sentence in either Greek or Hebrew and would be unable to buy a plane ticket in either Israel or Greece in the native language. I could do the same by investing in some software. You may also be told that the King James Version is a wonderful translation but there is always a "but;" usually in the form of criticizing the archaic language or the "problems" in it even though they don't tell you what the "problems" are. It's a rare minister who believes there is an infallible English Bible anywhere on the planet.

There are three simple questions you can ask your teacher of holy things to find out if your teacher believes there is any Bible on earth without any error. You can find those questions at [InfallibleBible.com](http://InfallibleBible.com).

## **LESSON 9**

On page 73 it says, "The earth is a 'circle' or sphere" with Job 26:10 from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) supposedly confirming that observation. Whoever wrote that is apparently confused about the difference between a "circle" and a "sphere" but let's see if Job 26:10 from the NASB actually says the earth is either one of those.

"He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters At the boundary of light and darkness." Job 26:10 from the NASB.

The NASB says a "circle" is "inscribed on the surface of the waters." Continuing with a remedial geometry lesson, let it be known that to inscribe means "to draw something inside something else." Do you know any place on earth where a "circle" is "drawn" on the "surface" of ANY body of water? I didn't either. Apparently the NASB was used because the "archaic" King James Version (KJV) didn't get the concept across. Just out of curiosity let's see what the KJV says.

"He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end." Job 26:10 from the KJV.

Is that hard to understand? He put a boundary around the waters like that which is around swimming pools. I know it's a bit of a job but if you're going to rely on the Sabbath School Bible Study Guide (SSBSG) for your weekly Bible study you should read the verses quoted from a reliable Bible (which isn't the NASB) and actually use your brain. To double check all the verses referred to in this SSBSG you will need ten different bibles. To possibly be prepared for future Sabbath School lessons, you will need to acquire about thirty different bibles.

On page 76 the SSBSG says, "the Bible interprets itself." That is what it's supposed to do. Let's see how well one of the bibles used in this SSBSG interprets itself.

"When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them.

They were the heroes of old, men of renown.” Genesis 6:1-2, 4 from the New International Version (NIV).

There are some who believe beings from other planets come to this earth and use human women to procreate. The NIV would support this view since to use the term “human beings” implies the “sons of God” were something else; i.e., not human.

The KJV words those verses differently.

“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives off all which they chose. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.” Genesis 6:1-2, 4 from the KJV.

The phrase “sons of God” occurs eleven times in the KJV. The verses are, Genesis 6:2, Genesis 6:4, Job 1:6, Job 2:1, Job 38:7, John 1:12, Romans 8:14, Romans 8:19, Philippians 2:15, 1 John 3:1 and 1 John 3:2. In Job, the context of the verses indicates “sons of God” is referring to angels. In the New Testament verses the context indicates “sons of God” means human beings who are following God’s commands. Here is one example.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14 from the KJV.

Guess what; in the NIV the only two verses where “sons of God” appear are in Genesis. That phrase in Job has been changed to “angels” and in the New Testament that phrase has been changed to “children of God.” There is no way to show from the NIV that “sons of God” in Genesis 6 didn’t mean angels or other non-human aliens.

Be advised that there were several editions of the NIV and there are differences between them. That means your NIV might not read exactly the same as the edition I used in the above example.

## **LESSON 10**

On page 86 there is a quotation from *Testimonies for the Church Volume 8* page 325. You will find the same quotation in *The Ministry of Healing* worded a little differently and more succinctly. It’s such a good passage that it’s on my memory list.

“He who has a knowledge of God and His word through personal experience has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures. He has proved that God’s word is truth, and he knows that truth can never contradict itself.” *The Ministry of Healing* page 462.

You should especially notice the word “divinity” and the phrase “never contradict itself.” The new bibles contradict themselves and are clearly not divinity.

At the bottom of page 86 it says “we must depend on the Word of God as the Word of God and trust it as such, regardless of the claims of archaeology or any other human

science.” As is always done, in my experience, the “Word of God” is stated in singular when what is meant is multiple different bibles that are self contradictory and can’t be depended on.

There is part of my Adult Teachers Edition of the Sabbath School Bible Study Guide that isn’t included in the Standard Edition. Speaking of biblical criticism it states on page 133 that “young people are faced with these critical approaches when they attend secular universities.” Let me tell you how it really is.

The principal contributor to this Study Guide is Frank M. Hasel who got his M.A. in religion and his Ph.D. in religion from Andrews University. In this Study Guide he has mainly used bibles which have resulted from biblical criticism. Biblical critics are biblical skeptics. Biblical criticism was started by a Jesuit as part of the Counter Reformation. If you send a young Seventh-day Adventist to a Seventh-day Adventist seminary they are going to be indoctrinated in biblical criticism by professors they think they can trust. If they attend a secular university they may be on their guard. Which is more dangerous?

Parents, teach your children well.

## **LESSON 11**

This lesson is the only one of the twelve that has a memory text from the King James Version (KJV) rather than the favored New King James Version (NKJV). This is a key text for Seventh-day Adventist doctrine and there is a good reason they had to use the KJV.

“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14 from the KJV.

“And he said to me, ‘For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed’” Daniel 8:14 from the NKJV.

Carefully consider what the ENGLISH says. “Unto” in this verse means until. It means 2,300 days will pass until the time the sanctuary will be cleansed. “For” means 2,300 days will be used for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Seventh-day Adventist doctrine is that the cleansing of the sanctuary doesn’t start UNTIL the end of this 2,300 day prophecy on October 22, 1844.

I have not quoted what the other bibles used in this SSBSG say in this verse. They are worse.

The Ph.D. principal contributor outdid himself on page 90. Either that, or an associate outdid himself or herself. It says near the bottom of the page that “the ways in which time is expressed in these prophecies (for example, the ‘2,300 evenings and mornings’ of Daniel 8:14, NIV) are not the normal ways to express time, showing us that the time periods depicted are to be taken symbolically, not literally.” OK, it’s time to get out your KJV and New International Version (NIV) bible and see if the scholar has become delusional. We’ll first go to Genesis.

“And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” Genesis 4:5 from the KJV.

“God called the light ‘day,’ and the darkness he called ‘night.’ And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. Genesis 4:5 from the NIV.

Now for the verse in Daniel in which the time periods are not to be taken literally.

“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14 from the KJV.

“He said to me, ‘It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconstructed.’” Daniel 8:14 from the NIV.

If you believe the allegedly abnormal way time was expressed in the NIV meant symbolism was being used, you also have to believe the creation story is symbolic since similar terminology is used. It is possible the scholar who wrote that doesn’t believe the world was created in seven literal days; let that sink in.

But friends, that’s not all. It gets worse. Notice that the KJV says the sanctuary will be “cleansed” while the NIV says it will be “reconstructed.” With the change of one word, the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine of the cleansing of the Sanctuary starting on October 22, 1844 has been abolished and replaced by the doctrine of the earthly temple in Jerusalem being rebuilt as is popularly taught in some Protestant churches.

The days of Daniel 8:14 are prophetic but that has nothing to do with it not being the “normal” way to express time.

## **LESSON 12**

On page 97 part of a passage from 2 Timothy is quoted from the NASB.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 from the NASB.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 from the NKJV.

“Carefully study to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 from the Douay Rheims Bible (DRB) of 1610.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 from the RSV.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 from the KJV.

Notice that the only bibles listed above that say to “study” are the KJV and Roman Catholic DRB from 1610. Later Catholic bibles removed the “study.” Emphasized is the works part. Yes, at least one of their bibles says to kiss it but they don’t encourage bible study. If I were a Roman Catholic and studied diligently from a Roman Catholic bible or one of the newer ones, I would soon come to the conclusion they were self-contradictory and I would have to go to my priest for an explanation. If I had to have a priest explain contradictions to me, why bother studying the bible for myself?

They’ve taken our Bibles away but just in a different way than burning them.

On page 102 there is usual discussion about the thief on the cross going to paradise. The question is asked, “What are honest ways to respond?” For an honest way to respond, go to [www.AdventistsToday.com](http://www.AdventistsToday.com) for the answer. These guys don’t have a clue.

On page 158 of the Teachers Edition of the SSBSG it says, “Many scholars who do not believe in the divine inspiration of Scripture assume that Scripture is contradictory and full of mistakes.” You don’t have to “assume” anything. The NASB, RSV, the NRSV and nearly all of the modern bible versions ARE contradictory and have many mistakes.

On page 159 of the Teachers Edition of the SSBSG the claim is made, regarding the “discrepancies” in ancient bible manuscripts, that there are “minor changes” that “do not affect any major doctrine or teaching of the Bible.” They apparently don’t know what changes have been made or they define “minor changes” very loosely. The reason there are so many bible versions is because of those alleged “minor changes.” The SSBSG does not say that the great majority of bible versions since 1885 have been “corrected” with the Roman Catholic Vaticanus and Sinaiticus. Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are both frauds of the Roman Catholic Church foisted on gullible Protestant scholars.

There is a bible called the Queen James Version (QJV) in which only eight verses have been changed, compared to the KJV, in order to remove the doctrine of the sin of homosexuality. In the NKJV just as many verses have been changed related to that doctrine and many more doctrines have been affected besides that one. The QJV is a much better bible than the NKJV because you are told in the “Editor’s Notes” which verses were changed and why they were changed.

Starting on page 159 and continuing on to page 160 of the Teachers Edition of the SSBSG the contributors report that according to page 16 of *Selected Messages Book One*, Ellen White was aware there “might have been some mistake in the copyist or in the translators.” What isn’t quoted is where Sister White said, “No man can improve the Bible by suggesting what the Lord meant to say or ought to have said.” Since this was written in 1888 and she used the King James Bible exclusively in preaching, it’s clear that by “the Bible” she meant the King James Bible. The Revised Version that came out in 1885 as a complete bible and the further versions that followed were all written to “improve the Bible” and to make money.

## **LESSON 12 ACCORDING TO THE THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK (ALSO KNOWN AS 3ABN) SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL TEAM**

I have not attended a Sabbath School class for a long time and watching this helped me remember why. It was painful and I’ll probably never watch one of these 3ABN presentations again. This was presented on YouTube on 6/14/20 and I watched it in its

entirety the next day. The presenters are known collectively as the “Sabbath School Panel.”

Let me introduce you to the members of the team in the order in which they shared their wisdom on “the Word of God” and “the Bible.”

Ryan Day – To the best of my knowledge Ryan is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister. His brother, Dakota Day, is an evangelist for Amazing Facts.

Kenny Shelton – Kenny Shelton is the brother of Danny Shelton the President of 3ABN. Kenny bills himself as a “pastor” but, when I wrote to Ron Halvorsen, Jr., President of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, I received a reply that he wasn’t at that time an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Kenny is President of Behold the Lamb Ministries and, unless something has changed, isn’t a Seventh-day Adventist minister. Without going to a seminary or having any recognition of any specific church, I could become a minister, perform marriages, etc. and have my own cash cow, i.e., a “Ministry.” A wealthy coal baron I was acquainted with built his own church (a very nice one) and became the minister of it. I could do the same but the building wouldn’t be nearly as nice as his. You might look at <http://www.adventtalk.com/forums/index.php?topic=98.0> before you donate money to 3ABN. Some things are mentioned about Kenny’s divorce and about how he and the whole church he ministered unto was disfellowshipped. He must be back in the fold for, as far as I know, he is a Seventh-day Adventist church member currently. I posted a question about Kenny’s status as a Seventh-day Adventist minister on one of 3ABN’s YouTube videos. Strangely (or maybe not strangely), it received no response and I was banned eternally from posting there.

John Dinzey – Is a Seventh-day Adventist minister and the General Manager of 3ABN’s Latino Channel.

John Lomacang – Is a Seventh-day Adventist minister. You might recognize him as a former singer with the Heritage Singers.

Jill Morikone – Her claim to fame is being the 3ABN Vice President/COO. I’m not sure why she was on the panel since she doesn’t know Hebrew, Greek or Aramaic; maybe it’s because she’s a girl.

Ryan Day about 4:52 says, “One of the major reasons why many people leave the faith or they simply approach Christianity in a different way that’s not necessarily in harmony with God’s Word is because of a twisting or a misunderstanding or a misrepresentation of God’s Word.” The title of the lesson for Sunday that Ryan is commentating on is “Possible Reasons for Apparent Contradictions.” If you’ve read through my commentary of this quarter’s Lesson Quarterly thus far, you have been given examples of definite and not “apparent” contradictions.

Funny thing; Ryan reads 2 Timothy 2:10-15 (see the discussion above on 2 Timothy 2:15) from the KJV and not from the NASB that’s in the Lesson Quarterly because he says he likes how the KJV is worded a little better. Good call Ryan; it’s definitely worded better here and elsewhere.

Around 6:54 Ryan says difficulties don't prove "the Bible" to be "untrue." I'm not sure what language Ryan is speaking. If you believe the NKJV, the NASB, etc., to be "the Bible" it's easy to prove unequivocally that they say things that are not true. In my mind if they're not true that would make them untrue. He says we must be "responsible when we approach the study" of the Bible and I heartily agree with that. He says some passages are "apparently contradictory." In anything but the KJV some passages are more than "apparently contradictory;" they are contradictory.

Ryan, like others who believe there is no infallible Bible on the face of the earth, love to quote Sister White on page 16 of *Selected Messages Book One* where she says there could be copyist errors, etc. in the Bible. They don't mention page 416 of *Selected Messages Book One* where she says "Man is fallible, but God's Word is infallible." They also don't mention that what was written on page 16 was written in 1885 the year the full Revised Version (RV) was published. It's quite doubtful that she was acquainted with the RV translation. The version she referred to on page 16 and 416 was the KJV. By the way, in the new bible versions such as the NKJV favored by many Seventh-day Adventists, we're not talking about copyist errors; we talking about deliberate corruption of doctrine.

Demonstrating stunning honesty Ryan said, "For the record, there's no perfect translation." "No perfect translation" means there is no infallible Bible. It also means God didn't keep the promise he made in Psalms 12:6-7 where He said, "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever." There was no rebuttal from any of the members of the Sabbath School Panel so I have to assume they agreed with that statement.

Ryan says we have to dig into the Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic. This is a favorite tactic of those who wish to make "the Bible" say what they think it should say. When they say that, you assume they're experts in those languages. They generally aren't fluent in any of them and throw that in to make you think you have to believe what they say. I call that treating the Word of God deceitfully. Since Ryan apparently doesn't know the difference between true, untrue, contradictory, etc., it seems to me he should work on English before going to Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic.

Around 13:55 Ryan says "it's not necessarily a bad thing" when there seem to be contradictions. How about it IS a bad thing when there ARE contradictions. Ryan says we're supposed to "trust in His Word" when Ryan has said there is no perfect translation. "Trust" is another English word Ryan should learn the meaning of.

Kenny Shelton around 17:58 says God appreciates honesty and integrity from His children. I agree. He says, "never try to manipulate the evidence." I agree again. I didn't see anything wrong with what Kenny Shelton said though he didn't contradict Ryan Day when he said there was no perfect translation. Kenny was using the KJV.

John Dinzey made a reference to the Hebrew and Greek as if everyone has to understand them to know what God said in English. He was also using the KJV.

John Lomacang said, "I often go through different translations" and then mentioned the KJV, the NKJV, the NIV and the Amplified Bible thereby endorsing all of them. He then, with his profound knowledge of Hebrew, explains how the NKJV "corrected" an error in the KJV. Here is the verse the NKJV "corrected."

“For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:5 from the NKJV .

“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:5 from the KJV.

Did the NKJV improve God’s Word? John thinks Eve wanted to “be like God” rather than “be as gods.” He believes “gods” in all lowercase letters is incorrect.

“To the tempter’s ensnaring question she replied: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” *Patriarchs and Prophets* page 54.

“Many talk of the narrowness of those who obey God’s commandments, while they themselves claim to have broader ideas and to enjoy greater liberty. What is this but an echo of the voice from Eden, ‘In the day ye eat thereof—transgress the divine requirement—‘ye shall be as gods’?” *Patriarchs and Prophets* page 55.

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48.

Please notice that in two places, Ellen G. White was perfectly happy with “be as gods” as in the KJV. Also notice we are to be “perfect” like God the Father. It was NO sin to wish to be perfect like God; it was a sin to want to “be as gods” and make their own rules. It is also a sin to edit God’s Word according to our own wisdom.

Around 37:44 John gives as an example Romans 8:1 where part of the verse is omitted in the NIV. John thinks that’s bad and I agree. Why then, if the NIV is a fake bible, does John recommend it as one to compare when studying “the Bible?” I have not personally counted all the words in the KJV and the NIV but from what I consider to be reliable sources I’ve come to understand that there are about 60,000 fewer words in the NIV than in the KJV. A LOT has been taken out in the NIV.

Around 41:50 John laments that some just believe what the preacher says. That is a big problem even among Seventh-day Adventists.

Last and maybe least Jill Morikone takes over the exposition of God’s Word. She takes on Tuesday’s lesson titled “Deal With Difficulties Humbly.” She perfectly illustrates the problems one can get into by using a fake bible; in this case the NKJV. Here is the passage in which she believes there is a problem.

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matthew 7:13-14 from the NKJV.

Jill concludes some will think it's "impossible" to be saved. No it doesn't say "impossible" but it does say "difficult" which to some might seem impossible. This contradicts the verse that says in Matthew 11:30 in the NKJV, "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

If Jill had been using the Protestant Bible, she wouldn't have encountered that problem.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13-14 from the KJV.

There is nothing about "difficult" or "impossible" in the KJV.

Jill concludes with some final thoughts. She notes that when the question of circumcision came up in the New Testament the question was brought to "leadership." That is good counsel as long as said "leadership" believes there as an infallible Bible somewhere on this earth. She says discussion was allowed which is ironic since I've been banned from posting on the 3ABN site. She says, "be humble enough to accept what the Scripture teaches" and I'll say amen to that as long as it's the real Bible.

### **LESSON 13**

On page 106, speaking of Jesus, it says, "If He had not known the exact words of Scripture and the context in which they appear, He could easily have been deceived by the devil." On page 109 it says, "Memorizing Scripture brings multiplied blessings." Another statement on page 109 is, "To remember Scripture word by word is a tremendous safeguard against deceptions and false interpretations." I agree with all of those statements.

If you've read my comments on all of the lessons you will know there are NO "exact words of Scripture" when TEN different bibles have been used. You're advised to "remember Scripture word by word." How are you supposed to do that when TEN different bibles are used? Since most translations are self contradictory, which one should you rely on? You have to pick only ONE since that is the only way you're going to memorize Scripture in the "exact words." In this Sabbath School Bible Study Guide only ONE Bible is used that can be defended as being infallible. Maybe you should use that one.

If you wish to learn more about what has been done to our Protestant Bible and to the Seventh-day Adventist Church there are several web sites that may be of help. If you wish things to change maybe you should make your concerns known to those responsible for the well being of your Church.

InfallibleBible.com  
SabbathSchoolGuide.com  
SatanIsDead.com

There are some churches in which it is taught that only a certain Bible or bibles are to be used by the members. There are some "King James only" Baptist churches. Jehovah's Witnesses have their New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures. More notable is the Roman Catholic Church with only certain translations approved for its members to read.

If you wish to discuss the Bible with a Roman Catholic, you may need to use their bibles and publications. The web site below uses quotations exclusively from Roman Catholic bibles and catechisms. It's purpose is to show in an inoffensive way to both Protestants and Catholics that the Roman Catholic Church states she has the authority to change the Law of God and did change the Law of God.

[MyLordsDay.com](http://MyLordsDay.com)

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