

**The Promise: God's Everlasting Covenant**  
**#3 – "All Future Generations"**  
**Seventh-day Adventist Adult Sabbath School Lesson**  
**1st Quarter, 2003 (for Sabbath, January 18, 2003)**  
**Scripture and E. G. White references from Graham Maxwell's Audio Lesson Study**  
(Times given are approximate and are based on the on-line version)

(Referred to more than once in the lesson.)

It was his [Satan's] policy to perplex with subtle arguments concerning the purposes of God. Everything that was simple he shrouded in mystery, and by artful perversion cast doubt upon the plainest statements of Jehovah. {PP 41.3}<sup>1</sup>

6:17

(Referred to but not quoted.)

Our first parents were not left without a warning of the danger that threatened them. Heavenly messengers opened to them the history of Satan's fall and his plots for their destruction, unfolding more fully the nature of the divine government, which the prince of evil was trying to overthrow. It was by disobedience to the just commands of God that Satan and his host had fallen. How important, then, that Adam and Eve should honor that law by which alone it was possible for order and equity to be maintained. {PP 52.2}<sup>2</sup>

Satan was not to follow them with continual temptations; he could have access to them only at the forbidden tree. Should they attempt to investigate its nature, they would be exposed to his wiles. They were admonished to give careful heed to the warning which God had sent them and to be content with the instruction which He had seen fit to impart. {PP 53.3}<sup>3</sup>

8:34

(Referred to but not quoted.)

I am asked concerning the law in Galatians. What law is the schoolmaster to bring us to Christ? I answer: Both the ceremonial and the moral code of ten commandments. {1SM 233.1}<sup>4</sup>

9:11

1 Timothy 1:5-11, NRSV

<sup>5</sup> But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. <sup>6</sup> Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions. <sup>8</sup> Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately. <sup>9</sup> This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> fornicators, sodomites, slave traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching <sup>11</sup> that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>White, E. G. (1890;2002). *The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets as Illustrated in the Lives of Holy Men of Old*;PP;Conflict of the Ages Series, Vol. 1;Patriarchs and Prophets (Page 41). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

<sup>2</sup>White, E. G. (1890;2002). *The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets as Illustrated in the Lives of Holy Men of Old*;PP;Conflict of the Ages Series, Vol. 1;Patriarchs and Prophets (Page 52). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

<sup>3</sup>White, E. G. (1890;2002). *The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets as Illustrated in the Lives of Holy Men of Old*;PP;Conflict of the Ages Series, Vol. 1;Patriarchs and Prophets (Page 53). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

<sup>4</sup>White, E. G. (1958;2002). *Selected Messages From the Writings of Ellen G. White, Book 1*;1SM;Selected Messages, Book 1 (Page 233). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

<sup>5</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version*. 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

11:51

When Satan rebelled against the law of Jehovah, the thought that there was a law came to the angels almost as an awakening to something unthought of. In their ministry the angels are not as servants, but as sons. There is perfect unity between them and their Creator. Obedience is to them no drudgery. Love for God makes their service a joy. {MB 109.2}<sup>6</sup>

22:35

Luke 2:52, NRSV

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.<sup>7</sup>

23:05

(Quoted in part.)

Luke 4:22, NKJV

<sup>22</sup> So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"<sup>8</sup>

26:52

The throne of Justice must be eternally and forever made secure, even tho the race be wiped out, and another creation populate the earth. {ST, July 12, 1899 par. 2}<sup>9</sup>

29:34

He now uttered imprecations against God, charging Him with injustice and cruelty. {PP 99.3}<sup>10</sup>

38:05

(Referred to but not quoted.)

Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it [BEGIN P.641] draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. {GC 640.3}<sup>11</sup>

39:42

(Almost entirely quoted.)

For centuries God looked with patience and forbearance upon the cruel treatment given to his ambassadors, at his holy law prostrate, despised, trampled underfoot. He swept away the inhabitants of the Noachian world with a flood. But when the earth was again peopled, men drew away from God, and renewed their hostility to him, manifesting bold defiance. Those whom God rescued from Egyptian bondage followed in the footsteps of those who had preceded them. Cause was followed by effect; the earth was being corrupted. {RH, July 17, 1900 par. 4}

A crisis had arrived in the government of God. The earth was filled with transgression. The voices of those who had been sacrificed to human envy and hatred were crying

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<sup>6</sup>White, E. G. (1896;2002). *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing;MB* (Page 109). Pacific Press Publishing Association.

<sup>7</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version*. 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>8</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1996, c1982. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>9</sup>*The Signs of the Times;ST*. 2002.

<sup>10</sup>White, E. G. (1890;2002). *The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets as Illustrated in the Lives of Holy Men of Old;PP;Conflict of the Ages Series, Vol. 1;Patriarchs and Prophets* (Page 99). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

<sup>11</sup>White, E. G. (1911;2002). *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan;GC;Conflict of the Ages, Vol. 5;Great Controversy* (Page 640). Pacific Press Publishing Association.

beneath the altar for retribution. All heaven was prepared at the word of God to move to the help of his elect. One word from him, and the bolts of heaven would have fallen upon the earth, filling it with fire and flame. God had but to speak, and there would have been thunderings and lightnings and earthquakes and destruction. {RH, July 17, 1900 par. 5}

The heavenly intelligences were prepared for a fearful manifestation of Almighty power. Every move was watched with intense anxiety. The exercise of justice was expected. The angels looked for God to punish the inhabitants of the earth. {RH, July 17, 1900 par. 6}<sup>12</sup>

42:25

Before Christ's first advent, the sin of refusing to conform to God's law had become widespread. Apparently Satan's power was growing; his warfare against heaven was becoming more and more determined. A crisis had been reached. With intense interest God's movements were watched by the heavenly angels. Would He come forth from His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity? Would He send fire or flood to destroy them? All heaven waited the bidding of their Commander to pour out the vials of wrath upon a rebellious world. One word from Him, one sign, and the world would have been destroyed. The worlds unfallen would have said, "Amen. Thou art righteous, O God, because Thou hast exterminated rebellion." {ST, August 27, 1902 par. 4}<sup>13</sup>

45:35

James 2:19, NRSV

<sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder.<sup>14</sup>

46:13

Revelation 12:10-12, NRSV

(Portions in italics quoted in lesson.)

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, *for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.* <sup>11</sup> But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. <sup>12</sup> *Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!*"<sup>15</sup>

50:32

(Mentioned in passing regarding an indexing issue.)

Those of mature age are generally as insensible to new impressions as is the hardened rock; but youth is impressible. {Te 186.2}<sup>16</sup>

51:11

Zechariah 4:6, NRSV

<sup>6</sup> He said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts."<sup>17</sup>

56:12

(Referred to but not quoted.)

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<sup>12</sup> *The Review and Herald;RH;The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald;Review and Herald.* 2002.

<sup>13</sup> *The Signs of the Times;ST.* 2002.

<sup>14</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version.* 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>15</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version.* 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>16</sup> White, E. G. (1949;2002). *Temperance As Set Forth in the Writings of Ellen G. White;TE;Temperance* (Page 186). Pacific Press Publishing Association.

<sup>17</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version.* 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Jesus' manner of teaching was beautiful and attractive, and it was ever characterized by simplicity. He unfolded the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven through the use of figures and symbols with which his hearers were familiar, and the common people heard him gladly; for they could comprehend his words. There were no high-sounding words used, to understand which it was necessary to consult a dictionary. {CE 126.3}<sup>18</sup>

56:21

(Referred to but not quoted.)

Christ reached the people where they were. He presented the plain truth to their minds in the most forcible and simple language. The humble poor, the most unlearned, could comprehend, through faith in him, the most exalted truths of God. No one needed to consult the learned doctors as to his meaning. He did not perplex the ignorant with mysterious inferences, or use unaccustomed and learned words, of which they had no knowledge. The greatest teacher the world has ever known, was the most definite, simple, and practical in his instruction. {RH, April 17, 1888 par. 7}<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>*Christian Education; CE.* 1894;2002 (Page 126). International Tract Society.

<sup>19</sup>*The Review and Herald; RH; The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald; Review and Herald.* 2002.