

## **The Promise: God's Everlasting Covenant**

### **#8 – Covenant Law**

#### **Seventh-day Adventist Adult Sabbath School Lesson**

#### **1st Quarter, 2003 (for Sabbath, February 22, 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)

25:35

(Referred to, but not quoted.)

The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The student should learn to view the word as a whole, and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God's original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found. {Ed 190.2}<sup>1</sup>

35:57

Jeremiah 7:21-26, NRSV

<sup>21</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat the flesh. <sup>22</sup> For in the day that I brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to them or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. <sup>23</sup> But this command I gave them, "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people; and walk only in the way that I command you, so that it may be well with you." <sup>24</sup> Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but, in the stubbornness of their evil will, they walked in their own counsels, and looked backward rather than forward. <sup>25</sup> From the day that your ancestors came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day; <sup>26</sup> yet they did not listen to me, or pay attention, but they stiffened their necks. They did worse than their ancestors did.<sup>2</sup>

38:41

Jeremiah 3:15-16, NRSV

<sup>15</sup> I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. <sup>16</sup> And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the LORD, they shall no longer say, "The ark of the covenant of the LORD." It shall not come to mind, or be remembered, or missed; nor shall another one be made.<sup>3</sup>

40:49

Jeremiah 31:31-34, NRSV

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of

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<sup>1</sup>White, E. G. (1903;2002). *Education;Ed* (Page 190). Pacific Press Publishing Association.

<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version*. 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>3</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version*. 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.<sup>4</sup>

44:17

Jeremiah 9:23-24, NRSV

<sup>23</sup> Thus says the LORD: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; <sup>24</sup> but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the LORD; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the LORD.<sup>5</sup>

46:53

(Referred to but not quoted.)

It is beyond the power of the human mind to estimate the evil which has been wrought by the heresy of eternal torment. The religion of the Bible, full of love and goodness, and abounding in compassion, is darkened by superstition and clothed with terror. When we consider in what false colors Satan has painted the character of God, can we wonder that our merciful Creator is feared, dreaded, and even hated? The appalling views of God which have spread over the world from the teachings of the pulpit have made thousands, yes, millions, of skeptics and infidels. {GC 536.2}<sup>6</sup>

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In the wilderness of temptation Satan came to Christ as an angel from the courts of God. It was by his words, not by his appearance, that the Saviour recognized the enemy. {RH, July 22, 1909 par. 2}<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version*. 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

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

<sup>6</sup> White, E. G. (1911;2002). *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan;GC;Conflict of the Ages, Vol. 5;Great Controversy* (Page 536). Pacific Press Publishing Association.

<sup>7</sup> *The Review and Herald;RH;The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald;Review and Herald*. 2002.