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INTRODUCTION

The Earliteen Sabbath School Lessons for this quarter cover the Three Angels' Messages, the Sealing, and the 144,000. These are all very important topics, for they are present truth for the time right before Jesus' second coming—the time in which we live.

Each student should go through the Reading Assignment carefully during the week and answer the questions. In addition, he or she will be blessed to learn the memory verses well. They are ones that support one's personal witness and foundation of faith.

Daniel and the Revelation, by Uriah Smith (1944 edition), and *The Great Controversy*, by Ellen G. White (1888 or 1911 edition), should be available to every student. Encourage each one to read more than the assigned sections for a better understanding of the content and context. The Lord bless each student and teacher in the study of these lessons.



1 The Everlasting Gospel, Part 1

READING ASSIGNMENT

The Great Controversy, pp. 355-368 (top of page)

MEMORY VERSE: “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.” John 5:39.

Answer the following questions

1. From the study of the seven churches (Second Year, First Quarter) you will recall that the angels of the different churches represented their leadership. What about the angels of Revelation 14:6-12? Before considering the messages, we will identify the angels. Whom do they represent?

“Christ is coming the second time, with power unto salvation. To prepare human beings for this event, He has sent the first, second, and third angels’ messages. These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world.”
-(Letter 79, 1900) *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, pp. 978, 979.

2. What is the first and highest duty of every child of God? Isaiah 34:16; John 5:39; Revelation 1:3.

“It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light, and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought, and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help, we are to form our opinions for ourselves, as we are to answer for ourselves before God.” –*The Great Controversy*, p. 598.

“We should exert all the powers of the mind in the study of the Scriptures, and should task the understanding to comprehend, as far as mortals can, the deep things of God; yet we must not

forget that the docility and submission of a child is the true spirit of the learner. Scriptural difficulties can never be mastered by the same methods that are employed in grappling with philosophical problems. We should not engage in the study of the Bible with that self-reliance with which so many enter the domains of science, but with a prayerful dependence upon God, and a sincere desire to learn His will. We must come with a humble and teachable spirit to obtain knowledge from the great I AM. Otherwise, evil angels will so blind our minds and harden our hearts that we shall not be impressed by the truth." –*The Great Controversy*, p. 599.

3. What is the testing truth for the last days? Revelation 14:6-12; Psalm 19:7; Isaiah 8:20.

"In the book of Revelation we read of a special work that God desires to have His people do in these last days. He has revealed His law, and shown us the truth for this time. This truth is constantly unfolding, and God designs that we shall be intelligent in regard to it, that we may be able to distinguish between right and wrong, between righteousness and unrighteousness.

"The third angel's message, the great testing truth for this time, is to be taught in all our institutions. God designs that through them this special warning shall be given, and bright beams of light shall shine to the world. Time is short. The perils of the last days are upon us, and we should watch and pray, and study and heed the lessons that are given us in the books of Daniel and the Revelation." –*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 127, 128.

4. Under what other name is this message known? Revelation 14:6.

"This message is declared to be part of 'the everlasting gospel.' The work of preaching the gospel has not been committed to angels, but has been entrusted to men....

"These truths, as presented in Revelation 14 in connection with 'the everlasting gospel,' will distinguish the church of Christ at the time of His appearing. For as the result of the threefold message it is announced, 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' And this message is the last to be given before the coming of the Lord. Immediately following its proclamation, the Son of man is seen by the prophet, coming in glory to reap the harvest of the earth." –*The Great Controversy*, pp. 312, 453, 454.

5. Who, from among those who were prominent in the proclamation of the Lord's soon coming, was most like the apostle Paul, "the missionary to the world"?
6. Briefly outline the spiritual progress of Joseph Wolff. How extensive were his travels?
7. What method did Gausson use in presenting the prophecies of Daniel to the people?
8. Whom did God use in Scandinavia to give His message?
9. Could you be used by God to give the warning of the judgment to others?



2 The Everlasting Gospel, Part 2

READING ASSIGNMENT

The Great Controversy, pp. 368-374

MEMORY VERSE: *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:6, 7.*

Answer the following questions

1. What is the “fear of God”? Proverbs 14:26, 27; 8:13; Job 28:28.
2. Does the “fear of God” simply mean to be afraid of Him and to tremble before Him because He will punish the disobedient and the unfaithful and destroy the sin-polluted earth? How does this fear differ from the fear of man?

Fear of man—worldly fear—tortures the soul, destroys health and causes all kinds of other problems. But there is no comparison between the fear of God and fear of man. The fear of God is a virtue and an ornament to the soul. The fear of God does not make one afraid of anything. Rather, along with God’s love, it makes a person completely free from the fear of man and a perfect Christian, firm and unmovable in the principles of faith and God’s love. The fear of God is a guard, acting through the conscience for one’s benefit. It makes him aware that he is God’s child and never alone. It helps him realize that the holy angels are always with him, keeping him from doing wrong. The fear of God means to have reverence for God. If we would always let the fear of God dwell in our hearts, we would never think, speak, or do any evil. We would never go on forbidden paths.

3. Explain 1 John 4:18.
4. What does “and give glory to Him” mean? Psalm 115:1; 105:1-5; Acts 12:21-23.

“The duty to worship God is based upon the fact that He is the Creator and that to Him all other beings owe their existence. And wherever, in the Bible, His claim to reverence and worship, above the gods of the heathen, is presented, there is cited the evidence of His creative power. ‘All the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.’ Psalm 96:5.” –*The Great Controversy*, pp. 436, 437.

“To give glory to God is to reveal His character in our own, and thus make Him known. And in whatever way we make known the Father or the Son, we glorify God.” –(MS 16, 1890) *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, p. 979.

5. What does “and worship Him” mean?

The worship of the true God, the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer, is in contrast to the worship of the beast and its image, which will be studied later. Only God should be worshipped; no man, angel, thing, or idea is worthy of this.

6. With what is the worship of the true God as the Creator of all things closely connected? Exodus 20:8-11.

If the Sabbath had been kept as God intended, it would have served as a great safeguard against infidelity and evolution. See *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 336.

Answer the following questions from the Reading Assignment

1. Who preached the warning in America?
2. What argument was most often brought forward by rejecters of the Advent faith?

3. Discuss these two apparently paradoxical texts: “Of that day and hour knoweth no man,...” and “When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.” See Matthew 24:42-46 and 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6.

4. Who was usually the first to accept Heaven’s message?

5. How was God’s purpose accomplished through the great disappointment in 1844?



3

“The Hour of His Judgment Is Come”

READING ASSIGNMENT

***The Great Controversy*, pp. 409-422**

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

Answer the following questions

1. To whom was this message first given, and for what purpose? Isaiah 58:1.

“The first angel’s message of Revelation 14, announcing the hour of God’s judgment, and calling upon men to fear and worship Him, was designed to separate the professed people of God from the corrupting influences of the world, and to arouse them to see their true condition of worldliness and backsliding. In this message, God had sent to the church a warning, which, had it been accepted, would have corrected the evils that were shutting them away from Him. Had they received the message from heaven, humbling their hearts before the Lord, and seeking in sincerity a preparation to stand in His presence, the Spirit and power of God would have been manifested among them. The church would again have reached that blessed state of unity, faith, and love, which existed in apostolic days, when the believers ‘were of one heart and of one soul,’ and ‘spake the word of God with boldness,’ when ‘the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.’ Acts 4:32, 31; 2:47.” –*The Great Controversy*, p. 379.

2. To what judgment did the first angel’s message point? 1 Peter 4:17; Daniel 7:9, 10.

“The announcement, ‘The hour of His judgment is come,’ points to the closing work of Christ’s ministration for the salvation of men. It heralds a truth which must be proclaimed until the Saviour’s

intercession shall cease, and He shall return to the earth to take His people to Himself. The work of judgment which began in 1844, must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence, it will extend to the close of human probation.” –*The Great Controversy*, pp. 435, 436.

3. What is the starting point of the great prophetic chain of 2,300 days/years? Daniel 9:25; *The Great Controversy*, p. 470.
4. When did the prophetic days end? P. 410.
5. What did the Adventists, and the Christian world in general, believe the sanctuary represented? P. 409.
6. By carefully studying the apostle Paul’s letter to the Hebrews, what did the faithful believers discover to be the sanctuary of the new covenant? P. 413.
7. Who is the Branch, the High Priest, the Redeemer, the Intercessor, and the Lamb of God? Explain the meaning of each name. Pp. 413, 415, 422; Psalm 19:14; John 1:29, 36.
8. What happened once a year, in the typical Day of Atonement service? P. 419.
9. How are the sins recorded in the heavenly sanctuary to be cleansed, or blotted out? P. 422.
10. What is the name usually applied to this judgment? P. 422.



4

Facing Life's Record

READING ASSIGNMENT

The Great Controversy, pp. 479-491

MEMORY VERSE: "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:14.

Answer the questions

1. How solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement?

"How solemn is the thought! Day after day, passing into eternity, bears its burdens of records for the books of heaven. Words once spoken, deeds once done, can never be recalled. Angels have registered both the good and the evil. The mightiest conqueror upon the earth cannot call back the record of even a single day. Our acts, our words, even our most secret motives, all have their weight in deciding our destiny for weal or woe. Though they may be forgotten by us, they will bear their testimony to justify or to condemn." –*The Great Controversy*, pp. 486, 487.

2. By what standard will the characters of men be tested in the judgment? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14; James 2:12.
3. Which cases are considered in the investigative judgment? 1 Peter 4:17.

"In the typical service, only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the day of atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment, the only cases considered are those of the professed people of God. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period." –*The Great Controversy*, p. 480.

4. What books of record are kept in heaven? Describe them. *The Great Controversy*, pp. 450, 457.

5. Who is man's Advocate and only hope? 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25.

"The deepest interest manifested among men in the decisions of earthly tribunals but faintly represents the interest evinced in the heavenly courts when the names entered in the book of life come up in review before the Judge of all the earth. The divine Intercessor presents the plea that all who have overcome through faith in His blood be forgiven their transgressions, that they be restored to their Eden home, and crowned as joint-heirs with Himself to 'the first dominion.'" –*The Great Controversy*, pp. 483, 484.

6. What is open and plain in Heaven's sight?

"Sin may be concealed, denied, covered up from father, mother, wife, children, and associates; no one but the guilty actors may cherish the least suspicion of the wrong; but it is laid bare before the intelligences of heaven. The darkness of the darkest night, the secrecy of all deceptive arts, is not sufficient to veil one thought from the knowledge of the Eternal. God has an exact record of every unjust account and every unfair dealing." –*The Great Controversy*, p. 486.

7. Should anyone be worried about an imposter trying to pass himself off as a good church member? Why or why not?

"He [God] is not deceived by appearances of piety. He makes no mistakes in His estimation of character. Men may be deceived by those who are corrupt in heart, but God pierces all disguises and reads the inner life." –*The Great Controversy*, p. 486.

8. What will be examined in the judgment? *The Great Controversy*, p. 487.

9. What are some of the schemes that Satan invents to occupy people's minds and keep them from contemplating the solemn judgment scenes? *The Great Controversy*, p. 455.

10. Satan tries to deceive people into thinking that it is impossible to overcome sin, but what beautiful promises can everyone claim? 2 Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 11:29, 30; 1 John 1:9; John 6:37, last part.

5

“Babylon Is Fallen”

READING ASSIGNMENT

Daniel and the Revelation, pp. 643-651

MEMORY VERSE: “And there followed another angel, saying, *Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*” *Revelation 14:8.*

Answer the questions

1. What is the time of the proclamation of the second angel’s message?

The Greek word translated in verse 8 as “followed” has two meanings: To accompany, and to follow. The second angel both follows the first angel and accompanies him.

2. What is meant by the term “Babylon”? What is its Old Testament counterpart? See marginal references to Genesis 10:10; 11:9.

3. To what does Babylon apply?

“Babylon signifies the universal worldly church.” –Uriah Smith, *Daniel and the Revelation*, p. 646.

4. What is the meaning of the expression that Babylon is committing “spiritual fornication”?

A woman, when used as a symbol, signifies a church. The true church, then, should be “married to her Lord”; but when she seeks support from the state, she goes away from her lawful spouse.

5. What does the “wine of her fornication” mean?

It is the church’s teachings and policies.

6. The great city, Babylon, is composed of three divisions. What are they? *Daniel and the Revelation*, p. 647.

7. Of the doctrines that are taught in many churches that are contrary to God's word, which two are most prominent?

"The change of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, the seventh day, into the festival of Sunday as the rest day of the Lord and a memorial of His resurrection....

"The doctrine of the natural immortality of the soul. This also was derived from the pagan world, and the 'Fathers of the church' became the foster-fathers of this pernicious doctrine as a part of divine truth. This error nullifies the two great Scripture doctrines of the resurrection and the general judgment, and furnishes an open door to modern spiritism." –*Daniel and the Revelation*, p. 650.

8. What other false teachings are promoted by Babylon?

"The doctrine that the saints, as disembodied spirits, find their eternal inheritance in faraway, indefinable regions, 'beyond the bounds of time and space.' Thus multitudes have been turned away from the Scriptural view that this present earth is to be destroyed by fire at the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men, and that from its ashes the voice of Omnipotence will evoke a new earth, which will be the future everlasting kingdom of glory, and which the saints will possess as their eternal inheritance.

"Sprinkling instead of immersion, the latter being the only Scriptural mode of baptism, and a fitting memorial of the burial and resurrection of our Lord, for which purpose it was designed. By the corruption of this ordinance and its destruction as a memorial of the resurrection of Christ, the way was prepared for the substitution of something else for this purpose—the Sunday rest day.

"That the coming of Christ is a spiritual, not a literal event, and was fulfilled at the destruction of Jerusalem, or is fulfilled in conversion, at death, or in spiritism....

"The doctrine of a temporal millennium, or a thousand years of peace and prosperity and righteousness all over the earth before the second coming of Christ." –*Daniel and the Revelation*, pp. 650, 651.

6

A Picture of Babylon

READING ASSIGNMENT

The Great Controversy, pp. 382, 383; *Daniel and the Revelation*, pp. 643-648

Answer the following questions

1. What description of the “great whore” is given in Revelation 17:1-6?
2. What do the bright colors, precious stones, and pearls signify?

“The purple and scarlet color, the gold and precious stones and pearls, vividly picture the magnificence and more than kingly pomp affected by the haughty see of Rome.” –*The Great Controversy*, p. 382.

3. What does it mean that this power is “drunken with the blood of the saints”? Revelation 17:6.
4. How was the relationship of the Jewish church with “the kings of the earth” the same as what Rome is doing? What are the results?

“It was by departure from the Lord, and alliance with the heathen, that the Jewish church became a harlot; and Rome, corrupting herself in like manner by seeking the support of worldly powers, receives a like condemnation.” –*The Great Controversy*, p. 382.

5. Babylon is said to be “the mother of harlots.” Who are the daughters?

”And the term ‘Babylon’—confusion—may be appropriately applied to these bodies [most of the Protestant churches], all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost

innumerable sects, with widely conflicting creeds and theories.”
–*The Great Controversy*, p. 383.

6. How can a person be sure that he will not become infected with Babylon’s spirit?
7. Are there honest people in Babylon today who are living up to the light that they have received? *The Great Controversy*, p. 383.
8. What should one do to help them?



7 The Beast and His Image

READING ASSIGNMENT

The Great Controversy, pp. 438, 439, 445, 446

Answer the following questions from the Reading Assignment

1. What do beasts represent in prophecy? Daniel 7:17.
2. What power is represented by the beast of Revelation 13:1-4?
3. What two phases of Rome are depicted here?
4. Where else is this power described?
5. Is it a persecuting power? Revelation 13:7, 15.
6. Why is this power represented in Revelation 12 as a dragon? *Daniel and the Revelation*, pp. 563, 564.



There was a change in the religious character of the Roman Empire, therefore it would be incorrect to consider this beast to be Rome as simply a civil power.

7. Who gives this beast its power? Revelation 13:11, 12, 15.
8. What is meant by an “image to the beast”?



9. What are the points of doctrine held in common by the leading churches of the United States?

Sunday as a day on which to worship and the immortality of the soul.

10. What power will enforce the teachings of the apostate Protestant churches?

11. In what way will the worshipers of God be different from those who worship the beast?



8

Mark of the Beast

READING ASSIGNMENT

Daniel and the Revelation, pp. 409-422

MEMORY VERSE: *“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” Revelation 14:9-11.*

Answer the following questions

1. What is the third angel’s message found in Revelation 14:9-11?
2. What solemn warning is contained in the message to those who receive the mark of the beast?
3. What is the mark of the beast? See the Reading Assignment.
4. What contrasting mark is shown by the false Sabbath?
5. Where can the mark of the beast be received?
6. What is the meaning of receiving the mark in the forehead or in the hand?

7. What does it mean that God's wrath will be poured out "without mixture"?
8. Explain the phrase, "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever."
9. Does the Catholic Church admit its attempt to change the Fourth Commandment?

"Q. Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?"

"A. Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." –Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism*, 3rd American ed., rev., p. 74.

Thought question

What is the best way to keep from receiving the mark of the beast?



READING ASSIGNMENT

Daniel and the Revelation, pp. 724-726

MEMORY VERSE: *“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.” Revelation 18:1-3.*

Answer the questions

1. Why is Revelation 18 of special interest to God’s remnant people?

In the final stages of the development of Babylon’s apostasy, one can see the prophetic fulfillment of the Reform Movement among Adventism.

2. How is the angel of this chapter different from the three angels of Revelation 14:6-11?
 - a. The angels of Revelation 14 fly through the midst of heaven, indicating their worldwide scope, character, and continuing work.
 - b. This angel of Revelation 18 comes directly down from heaven, from God’s presence, with a special mission.
 - c. This angel repeats the second angel’s message.
3. Why is the message of Revelation 18:1-3 referred to as the “loud cry of the third angel”?

“The message of Christ’s righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel.” – *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 19.

4. Why is the message of the second angel (Revelation 14:8) to be repeated?

“I know that a work must be done for the people, or many will not be prepared to receive the light of the angel sent down from heaven to lighten the whole earth with his glory.” –*Life Sketches of Ellen G. White*, p. 327. Also read *Daniel and the Revelation*, p. 717, paragraph 1.

5. What relationship does the loud cry have to the latter rain?

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message, is to lighten the whole earth with his glory...”

“The work will be similar to that of the day of the Pentecost. As the ‘former rain’ was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the ‘latter rain’ will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest.” –*The Great Controversy*, p. 611.

6. When did this message begin?

First it came in 1888 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference. It was preached as the message of Christ Our Righteousness by Elders E.J. Waggoner and A.T. Jones but was rejected. Then it came in the form of a well-defined, prophesied test—the war crisis (World Wars I and II).

7. What will this message to accomplish?

The Loud Cry prepares a people to stand in the time of the last test under the Sunday law.

10

“Come out of Her, My People”

READING ASSIGNMENT

The Great Controversy, pp. 603-605; Revelation 18:4-24

MEMORY VERSE: *“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” Revelation 18:4.*

1. Was there a call in ancient times for God’s people to “come out”? Isaiah 48:20; Jeremiah 50:8; 51:6, 45.

At that time, God’s people were to leave literal Babylon; today modern Israel is called to come out of mystical or spiritual Babylon.

2. Those who partake of Babylon’s sins will also partake of its plagues. Give an example of how one can “partake” of Babylon’s sins.
3. What plagues will be poured out on spiritual Babylon?
4. Additional sins have entered the churches since 1844, as listed below. Give an example of each sin.
 - a. Pride and arrogance
 - b. Materialism and luxury
 - c. Adultery
 - d. Deception
 - e. Persecution

5. What does “remember her iniquities” mean?

This is not remembering such as one does after forgetting something, but rather being given the results of wrong doing. Babylon will receive just payment. The consequence is described in Revelation 17:16, 17; and it is described in detail in Revelation 18. Compare this with Jeremiah 51:6.

6. Are there honest people in Babylon today?

7. When will they come out of Babylon?

8. What has held some of them there for so long?

“The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord’s side.”
—*The Great Controversy*, p. 612.



READING ASSIGNMENT**Daniel and the Revelation, pp. 454-460**

MEMORY VERSE: “And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” Revelation 7:4.

Answer the following questions

1. What is a seal?

A seal is an instrument used by individuals, corporate bodies, businesses, governments, and organizations for making impressions on wax or paper as an evidence of a document’s authenticity. There are three things on a seal: the holder’s name, title, and jurisdiction.

2. What other terms used in the Bible are synonymous with “seal”? Genesis 17:11; Romans 4:11; Ezekiel 9:4.
3. What is the connection between a law and a seal?

“A seal is used in connection with some law or enactment that demands obedience, or upon documents that are to be made legal, or subject to the provisions of law. The idea of law is inseparable from a seal.” –*Daniel and the Revelation*, p. 455.

4. What will be placed in the foreheads of the 144,000? Revelation 7:3.
5. Why can the seal of God be placed only in the forehead, not in the hand, as the mark of the beast can be?

6. What is the seal of the living God?

The seal of God is a sign showing that the people who receive it belong to God alone; it is His seal of approval upon them. The Fourth Commandment alone, of all of the Ten Commandments, contains the name, title, and jurisdiction of the Lawgiver. Thus, the Fourth Commandment is the seal of God's divine law.

7. What are the three phases of the sealing?

- a. **Sealing by the Holy Spirit for redemption.** Ephesians 4:30; 1:13; 2 Corinthians 1:22.
- b. **The work of the advent message.** "The third angel is binding, or sealing, them in bundles for the heavenly garner." –*Early Writings*, p. 89. Also read *The Great Controversy*, p. 640.
- c. **The final sealing.** *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, pp. 444, 445.

8. What will happen when the sealing is completed?

"After the sealing is accomplished, John beholds a countless multitude worshipping God in rapture before His throne. This vast throng is undoubtedly the saved out of every nation, kindred, tribe, and tongue raised from the dead at the second coming of Christ, showing that the sealing is the last work accomplished for the people of God prior to translation." –*Daniel and the Revelation*, p. 468.

9. Is it possible for anyone to remain neutral in the decisive sealing time?

Once the last warning message has been given to all the world, everyone will have to make a choice between the spurious Sabbath, Sunday, and the true rest day of God, the seventh-day Sabbath.

Thought question

Does anyone have the seal of God today?

12

Fruit of the Last Message, Part 1

READING ASSIGNMENT

***Daniel and the Revelation*, pp. 465-468; Revelation 14:1-5, 13**

MEMORY VERSE: “For many are called, but few are chosen.” Matthew 22:14.

Answer the following questions

1. Will the preaching of the gospel to all the world accomplish its purpose? How will the Lord feel about what He has done? Matthew 24:14; Isaiah 53:11.
2. How many will be sealed as the final result of the third angel’s message? Revelation 7:4.

“As the result of the sealing work in Revelation 7, a certain company are sealed with the seal of the living God, while as the result of the third angel’s message of Revelation 14 a company of people obey all the ‘commandments of God.’ Revelation 14:12.”
–*Daniel and the Revelation*, p. 462.

3. How many will be sealed from each tribe of Israel? Revelation 7:4-8.
4. Are these 12 tribes literal Jews?

“Some think they must be Jews. It can be proven from the enumeration of the actual tribes in Revelation 7:5-8 that they are not the 12 literal tribes of Israel, They are not the same as the 12 sons of Jacob. [Genesis 49:3-28.] If we turn to the opening verses of James’ epistle, we gather a little more information in regard to this term of the 12 tribes.

- “1. James addresses the Christians, for they are his brethren.
- “2. They are not Jewish converts to Christianity, for he addressed them in view of the coming of the Lord.
- “3. He therefore addresses this to the last generation of Christians, living before the coming of Christ, and he calls them the twelve tribes scattered abroad. The explanation of James’ usage of this term is found in Romans 11:17-24. Read also Romans 9:6-8; 2:28, 29.” –*Seminar Syllabus–Revelation*, p. 27.

5. Is the number 144,000 literal or symbolic?

There is no reason to believe that this number is anything but literal. Biblical numbers are accepted as literal unless there is clear evidence that they are to be considered otherwise.

“Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus’ coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice,…” –*Early Writings*, p. 15.

6. Who will be included in the 144,000?

“It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as, Who is to compose the hundred and forty-four thousand. This those who are the elect of God will in a short time know without question.” –*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 174.

As Reformers and Adventists, we believe that the 144,000 are the special “sealed” class that has been forming since 1848, when the sealing began, and that it is a literal number, the product of the third angel’s message. This class, we believe, will include the living righteous plus those who will be raised in the partial resurrection. See Revelation 14:13.

7. Who will be raised in the partial resurrection, and when will it take place? Daniel 12:2; Revelation 1:7.

“Graves are opened, and ‘many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth ... awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.’ Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel’s message come forth from the tomb

glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. 'They also which pierced Him' (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient." –*The Great Controversy*, p. 637.

8. Who make up the great multitude? Revelation 7:9.

The great multitude we regard to be all the redeemed from creation on who are resurrected at Jesus' coming. They will not have the same special privileges as will the special class of the 144,000, for the great multitude do not pass through the last great tribulation (time of trouble).

For further study, see *Reformation Study Course*, Lesson 17; and *Seminar Syllabus–Revelation*, pp. 26-28.



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Fruit of the Last Message, Part 2

The previous lesson presented the physical characteristics of the 144,000. This lesson gives the spiritual, though just as real, characteristics of this special group.

READING ASSIGNMENT

Daniel and the Revelation, pp. 469-471

MEMORY VERSE: *“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Revelation 14:12.*

Answer the questions

1. What are some of the characteristics that make the 144,000 very different from others living on the earth at the end of time? Revelation 14:1-5, 12; 7:14-17.
2. What is the meaning of white robes? Revelation 3:5, 18; 14:1, 12.
3. What song do the 144,000 sing? It has two parts. What are they about? Revelation 14:3; 15:3.

“And they sing ‘a new song’ before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience—an experience such as no other company have ever had.” —*The Great Controversy*, p. 649.

4. This special class is described as the “first fruits” of the Lamb. What does this mean? Revelation 14:4; 7:15.
5. They shall hunger and thirst no more. What does this mean in reference to the difficult time just prior to Jesus’ coming? Revelation 7:16.

This class will have known hunger and thirst during the seven last plagues, but now they will experience them no more.

6. The 144,000 are spoken of as having “no guile” in their mouths. What does this mean? Revelation 14:5.
7. Look up “guile” in the dictionary. Who created this?
8. The Lamb will feed and lead this great company. They will experience complete bliss. Look up the comforting promises found in Psalm 36:8 and Isaiah 25:8.
9. This select group will come out of great tribulation. What will cause some of their trials. Revelation 13:12, 15, 16; Jeremiah 30:5-7.

“In all ages the Saviour’s chosen have been educated and disciplined in the school of trial. They walked in narrow paths on earth; they were purified in the furnace of affliction. For Jesus’ sake they endured opposition, hatred, calumny. They followed Him through conflicts sore; they endured self-denial and experienced bitter disappointments. By their own painful experience they learned the evil of sin, its power, its guilt, its woe; and they look upon it with abhorrence. A sense of the infinite sacrifice made for its cure, humbles them in their own sight, and fills their hearts with gratitude and praise which those who have never fallen cannot appreciate. They love much, because they have been forgiven much. Having been partakers of Christ’s sufferings, they are fitted to be partakers with Him of His glory.” –*The Great Controversy*, pp. 649, 650.

10. Can those who have received great light and understand it clearly be saved as a part of the great multitude?
11. What is each person's responsibility, considering the spiritual light that the Lord has given?
12. How does a person become part of the 144,000? Revelation 22:14; 14:12.



“We are living in a time when the last message of mercy, the last invitation, is sounding to the children of men. The command, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges,’ is reaching its final fulfillment. To every soul Christ’s invitation will be given. The messengers are saying, “Come; for all things are now ready.” Heavenly angels are still working in cooperation with human agencies. The Holy Spirit is presenting every inducement to constrain you to come. Christ is watching for some sign that will betoken the removing of the bolts and the opening of the door of your heart for His entrance. Angels are waiting to bear the tidings to heaven that another lost sinner has been found. The hosts of heaven are waiting, ready to strike their harps and to sing a song of rejoicing that another soul has accepted the invitation to the gospel feast.”

–*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 237.

