

Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study* Guide for the Third Quarter of 2026

The title of this issue of the Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) is “First and Second Corinthians.” This review will be for the entire SSBSG for the third quarter of 2026.

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Of the “the Bible” used, three are accepted Roman Catholic bibles. In fact, the big winner for number of times advertised in italicized capital letters is the English Standard Version which is an accepted Roman Catholic bible. I’ve provided a list of the “the Bible” used. I didn’t count quotations that could have come from more than one bible that had no version indicated nor quotations that were part of a quotation.

Here are the “the Bible” listed in the front of this SSBSG. I haven’t yet found a quotation from the KJV but maybe that will happen.

King James Version (KJV) quotations: 0.
America Standard Version (ASV) quotations: 1.
Lexham English Bible (LEB) quotations: 1.
Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB) quotations: 1.
English Standard Version (ESV) quotations: 144.
New American Standard Bible (NASB) quotations: 6.
Revised Standard Version (RSV) quotations: 2.
New English Translation (NET) quotations: 1.
New International Version (NIV) quotations: 21.
New King James Version (NKJV) quotations: 119.
New Living Translation (NLT) quotations: 4.
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) quotations: 1.
Author’s Translation (AT) quotations: 1.

The ESV, RSV and NRSV are accepted Roman Catholic bibles.

Five memory texts were taken from the ESV, four from the NKJV, three from the NIV and one from the NRSV.

Page numbers are as in the standard edition except as noted.

LESSON 1. Paul's Ministry *in* Corinth (6/27/26 – 7/3/26)

The NRSV is used for the memory text for this lesson. Do you have one of those? If not, should you get one? Should you believe everything in it? Here is something from that bible.

“When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that they were fair; and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went into the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.” Genesis 6:1-2, 4 (NRSV).

“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 of 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 (KJV).

So, who were the “sons of God?” Could it be that a life form other than human procreated with human women? You won’t find the phrase “sons of God” anywhere else in the NRSV to help you. The KJV defines that phrase very well.

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

The grammar and Greek lessons start on page 10 where you’re told that *blasphēmeō* means to blaspheme. For an English-speaking person, I think it’s more useful to know that the NRSV is not a “the Bible” to be trusted.

In the teachers comments section of adult teachers version of the SSBSG on pages 15-16 it says, “The use of a relatively rare word to identify a crucial ministry in the early Christian church may have been a conscious attempt to communicate the foundational importance of the ministry of the apostles, as well as the unique function of those who were sent, which, including Paul, went beyond the Twelve, as the reference in Romans 16:7 may suggest: ‘Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles’ (NKJV).”

Romans 16:7 has been used by those guilty of the ordination of women heresy to allege that Junia was a female apostle. First of all, there is no proof that Junia was a female name even though it may seem so to us at this time. Secondly, during the COVID-19 pandemic, I got to speak to two different male doctors whose first name was Kimberly and I’ve met another man whose first name was Carol so what we commonly think of as female names are used for men at times. Finally, being “of note among the apostles” does not mean they were apostles but simply means they were known to the apostles.

LESSON 2. The Message *of the* Cross (7/4/26 – 7/10/26)

For some reason the NIV was chosen for the memory text. Before you accept the NIV as “the Bible” and start memorizing from it, read this.

“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.” Psalm 51:5-7 (NIV).

According to the NIV you had already sinned when you were born. Your mother “conceived” you when your father’s sperm joined your mother’s egg. You sinned in utero. That’s the Roman Catholic doctrine of original sin and the reason it’s taught that unbaptized infants go to limbo.

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” Psalm 51:5-7 (KJV).

The real Bible in saying “shapen in iniquity” means you were formed in the womb of a mother who had sinned and had inherited a body and brain like other sinful humans but it doesn’t mean you had already sinned when you were born.

LESSON 3. Unity *in* Christ (7/11/26 – 7/17/26)

This week’s memory text is from the ESV, a Roman Catholic bible. Any chance of there being Roman Catholic doctrine in it?

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”-for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.” Revelation 19:7-8 (ESV).

The Protestant Bible says it a bit differently.

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” Revelation 19:7-8 (KJV).

Is Christ’s bride going to be clothed with her “righteous deeds?”

“To the church it is given “that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white,” “not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.” Eph. 5:27. The fine linen, says the Scripture, “is the righteousness of saints.” Rev. 19:8. It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour.” *Christ’s Object Lessons* page 310.

The ESV teaches, like many other new and easier-to-read “the Bible,” the Roman Catholic doctrine of righteousness by works.

LESSON 4. *Sin in the Church* (7/18/26 – 7/24/26)

At the bottom of page 31 the question is asked, “What things are clearly condemned in Scripture that we, as a church, are in danger of tolerating, all in the name of ‘love’ and ‘acceptance’?” Here’s something that was posted in the comments section for a YouTube video by a concerned Seventh-day Adventist.

“God bless you Pastor Finley. My name is _____, and I am the only person that I know of in the state of Minnesota, who stood up against known lesbians transvestites and homosexuals being baptized here in the Minneapolis area for the last 20 years. They disfellowshipped me for standing against their agenda. At first they denied they were doing it, and then I could prove it and they disfellowshipped me by sending the police to my home to tell me never to come back, without even permitting me, or my wife to defend ourselves, or hear our accusers. But since this is not officially recognized by the general conference I am in a no man’s land. nobody will defend me, or stand up for the truth here in Minneapolis so why do you think it’s now that you need to speak up? I’ve been coming to you guys for 20 years. I’ve told over 1000 pastors what’s happening here in Minneapolis and none of you have defended the truth here but whenever it suits you now it’s OK to speak up? A man dressed up as a woman was made a Deaconess 20 years ago and no one did a thing to stop it. and now it’s too late, I haven’t had communion for 15 years and no one thinks to even contact my wife and I who are totally devoted Seventh-day Adventists. I’m ashamed of my church here in Minneapolis the place where the 1888 message was rejected. I’ve seen known lesbians passing the collection plate, wearing their biker jackets supporting their gay biker group. I’ve seen the youngest female elder who is a known lesbian ordained as an elder And when I objected, they came at me like demons and all of you guys who I’ve approached sharing this information totally ignored me like you don’t care what happens. Nobody’s gonna speak up because it didn’t affect them right? God please put an end to this ugliness happening here. In Jesus name amen.”

Some things like the LGBTQ+ agenda that has been infiltrating God’s church don’t seem to concern the princes of His church much but if someone suggests that tithe can be paid to other entities than the local conference, they become very excited.

LESSON 5. *All to the Glory of God* (7/25/26 – 7/31/26)

Toward the bottom of page 44 it says, “Paul says he disciplined his body and brought it into subjection so he would not become disqualified when preaching the gospel (*1 Cor. 9:27*).”

The NKJV, NIV and ESV are used in this lesson.

“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:27 (NKJV).

“No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” 1 Corinthians 9:27 (NIV).

“But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:27 (ESV).

“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.” 1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV).

“The tendencies of the physical nature, unless under the dominion of a higher power, will surely work ruin and death. The body is to be into subjection to the higher powers of the being. The passions are to be controlled by the will, which is itself to be under the control of God.” *Prophets and Kings* page 489.

“5 *Eccl.* mortification by physical self-punishment. esp. scourging.” *Oxford English Reference Dictionary* (revised second edition).

That’s more Roman Catholic doctrine found in all the “the Bible” used in this lesson. As demonstrated by the *Oxford English Reference Dictionary*, the definition of “discipline” in an ecclesiastical sense means self-punishment especially by scourging. The NIV makes it very clear that one should “strike a blow” to his body. Bringing the body into subjection means to keep control of it using the higher powers of the mind.

LESSON 6. Spiritual Gifts (8/1/26 – 8/7/26)

On page 50, which is just before page 51 which says we believe Sister White had the gift of prophecy, it says, “the gift of tongues in 1 Corinthians is most likely the Spirit-granted ability to speak in foreign languages.” Why so timid in saying it WAS the Spirit-granted ability to speak in foreign languages? If you believe the Bible and Sister White’s writings there should be no uncertainty about that.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.” Acts 2:4-11 (KJV).

“The Holy Ghost assuming the form of tongues of fire divided at the tips, and resting upon those assembled, was an emblem of the gift which was bestowed upon them of speaking with

fluency several different languages with which they had formerly been unacquainted.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 3 page 266.

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of the day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.” *The Mission Study Bible* on page 231 of the New Testament section or in the 7/20/1886 issue of the *Review and Herald*.

On the “Inside Story” page of the lesson a W. E. Baxter is mentioned. William Edgar Baxter, Sr. was the father of William Edgar Baxter, Jr. who was the pastor, for a time, of the church I attended in Mexico. He flew myself and another student to the village of Nostic where we spent about ten days attending to the medical needs of the inhabitants in that area. It was during that time that I made a house call on horseback. I have good memories of Pastor Baxter who is resting in Jesus at this time.

LESSON 7. A Portrait of Love (8/8/26 – 8/14/26)

This lesson contains more Greek lessons than usual. If your native language is English and you are using the infallible English Bible, you have no need for Greek lessons to know what God said unless your ministry is going to be for people speaking Greek. If your native language isn’t Greek, it’s unlikely you’ll ever have the mastery of that language a native Greek speaker has unless God gives you the gift of tongues. The only reason for the Greek or Hebrew lessons in the English SSBSG is to make you think you have to have someone who knows Greek, Hebrew, etc., interpret the Bible for you (i.e., a priest, a learned pastor or a seminary professor).

“But even when you are assured that the Bible contains the Word of God, and nothing but the Word of God, how do you know that the translation is faithful? The Books of Scripture were originally written in Hebrew and Greek, and you have only the translation. Before you are certain that the translation is faithful you must study the Hebrew and Greek languages, and then compare the translation with the original. How few are capable of this gigantic undertaking!” *The Faith of Our Fathers* by James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, page 80 of the 73rd edition.

“It might be wise to purchase several translations even if you know which you will use for your regular reading. The reason? To compare renderings. If you know no Greek, Hebrew, or Latin, the best way to get a feel for the meaning of a verse is to see how different translations phrase it.” *Catholicism and Fundamentalism* by Karl Keating, page 305. This book was published by the Ignatius Press and has the *Nihil Obstat* of “Rev. Msgr. Joseph Pollard, S.T.D. Censor Librorum” and the *Imprimatur* of “+ Most Reverend Roger Mahony Archbishop of Los Angeles.”

“Now when you want to study carefully what the Bible teaches, a more literal word by word translation is to be preferred. And even better than that would be if you could learn the biblical languages and master them. This is, by the way, why we include Hebrew, and Greek, in the

theological training of our pastors because it helps them to understand the original meaning of the biblical text.” Frank Hasel on 2/27/23 in the YouTube video “How to Interpret the Bible and Why it Matters? [Bible Hermeneutics]” on the Seventh-day Adventist Church channel.

The message from the above three sources is that you can’t be sure of what God said unless you know Greek and Hebrew or have someone who knows Greek and Hebrew tell you what God said. Some who want to tell you what God said are liars and that’s why you need to study the real Bible for yourself.

The rocket scientist who composed this lesson felt the need to use five different fake “the Bible” to tell you what God said. Here’s something from those “the Bible.”

“Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ‘Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.’ But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!’ Then he said, ‘Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.’” Isaiah 7:10-14 (NKJV).

“Later, the LORD sent this message to King Ahaz: ‘Ask the LORD your God for a sign of confirmation, Ahaz. Make it as difficult as you want-as high as heaven or as deep as the place of the dead.’ But the king refused. ‘No,’ he said, ‘I will not test the LORD like that.’ Then Isaiah said, ‘Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn’t it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well? All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).’” Isaiah 7:10-14 (NLT).

“Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ‘Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.’ But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.’ Then Isaiah said, ‘Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.’” Isaiah 7:10-14 (NIV).

“Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ‘Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.’ But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.’ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.’” Isaiah 7:10-14 (ESV).

“Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:10-14 (KJV).

I know, I haven't provided a quote from the LEB. On page 60 it says, "The Bible says that 'the Lord is kind' (*1 Pet. 2:3, LEB*)."

The LEB is online only and in order to get it one must create an account and you will get it for free. Then the publishers of that "the Bible" will send you stupid emails for the rest of your life and they can easily change what that "the Bible" says any time they want to. That a Seventh-day Adventist publication would quote such a thing as "the Bible" should give you some idea of how far the church has departed from truth and common sense. I'm not creating an account to get such a monstrosity.

"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.'" Matthew 1:22-23 (NKJV).

"All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: 'Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:22-23 (NLT).

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us')." Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV).

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us)." Matthew 1:22-23 (ESV).

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:22-23 (KJV).

I have been reviewing lesson quarterlies for a few years now and I reviewed the lesson quarterly for the first quarter in 2021. Roy Gane, PhD was the principal contributor and John Bradshaw of It Is Written fame was going over lesson three with him on YouTube and said "It's a great quarterly." Around 23:42 the passage in Isaiah 7:14 was discussed. Here is what Roy said with no rebuttal from John.

"Well it appears that, it appears that, there was a young woman, and this word that's translated virgin, in the Septuagint, the Greek, and then, ah, usually in English translations, the word translated virgin is *al-maw'*. *Al-maw'*, it means a young woman. Ah, very often could be a virgin."

In other words, the "virgin" of Isaiah 7:15 and Matthew 1:23 might not be a virgin at all. Roy, for those that believe him, completely destroyed a messianic prophecy about the virgin birth of Christ and John was happy with what he said.

"Through the promised Seed, the God of Israel was to bring deliverance to Zion. 'There shall come forth a Rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.' 'Behold,

a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall He eat, that He may now how to refuse the evil, and choose the good.’ Isaiah 11:1; 7:14, 15.” *Prophets and Kings* page 695.

Roy also dissed the Lord’s Messenger and John voiced no objection to that.

Then there are the Andrews Study Bibles where Seventh-day Adventist theologians who allegedly know Greek and/or Hebrew pontificate on what the Bible says. This is commentary from the NKJV version on that “the Bible” for Isaiah 7:14.

“7:14 virgin. The Hebrew word means a young woman of marriageable age. The specific concept of virginity was emphasized later by the Greek translation of the OT and the NT quote of the text in reference to Mary (Matt. 1:23). The identity of the woman to fulfill the sign in Isaiah’s time is uncertain. **Immanuel.** This designation is found also in 8:8, 10. It literally means ‘God is with us.’ This was a sign fulfilled during Isaiah’s time, possibly by the birth of Isaiah’s own son. However, Jesus’ birth provided the final fulfillment or application of this sign (Matt 1:23).”

The Andrews University rocket scientist also thought the woman the passage is about was alive in Isaiah’s time and means the young woman was “of marriageable age” so not necessarily a virgin. Also, “God is with us” is different than what is found in the real Bible, i.e., “God with us.” The real Bible is saying that the child born would be God. “God is with us” is no different than saying God is with us if we are obedient to Him. There are similar footnotes in the NIV, Reina-Valera 1995 and the Almeida Revista e Atualizada versions of the Andrews Study Bible.

The problem with the fake “the Bible” is in using the definite article “the” instead of the indefinite article “a” that the Greek expert of this lesson may not have comprehended. “The” means there was a particular woman who was alive in the time of Ahaz and Isaiah and was known to both of them that was going to be pregnant. For a “young woman” to get pregnant is no miracle unlike a “virgin” getting pregnant. And one more thing, the “Greek translation” of the Old Testament referred is the Septuagint which is another fake “the Bible.” There were at least three different Septuagints.

“Machiavelli and Wolsey opined that both printing and Protestantism could be turned to Rome’s advantage by employing moveable type to produce a literature that would confuse, diminish, and ultimately marginalize the Bible. Cardinal Wolsey, who would later found Christ Church College at Oxford, characterized the project as ‘*to put learning against learning.*’” *Rulers of Evil* by F. Tupper Saussy found on page 23 (ISBN number 9781937920296).

Publishing things to “confuse, diminish, and ultimately marginalize the Bible” and the Spirit of Prophecy and putting “learning against learning” is what Andrews University and the publishers of the SSBSG and fake “the Bible” are doing.

LESSON 8. The Power of Christ’s Resurrection (8/15/26 – 8/21/26)

The NKJV and the ESV are used for this lesson.

On page 107 of the teachers comments section it says, “Many Greeks believed in the immortality of the soul, but not in a resurrection. To them, resurrection of the body sounded like regression, not liberation. Paul says the opposite. He underlines a wholistic biblical view of humans as whole beings, not as beings with souls that can exist without bodies.” Gerald and Chantal need to study this a bit more. A human being has a soul and a body and the soul of that human can and does exist without the body.

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28 (KJV).

A righteous Christian martyr who was burned at the stake had his body destroyed but his soul never was and never will be destroyed in hell. The souls of the wicked aren’t destroyed either until they are eternally destroyed in the lake of fire after the judgment of the wicked.

“That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:15-16 (KJV).

Notice that those who believe in Jesus Christ “have” eternal life and will “not perish.”

You can learn what “soul” can mean using an English dictionary. These definitions of those words are from Noah Webster’s 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language*. The meaning of “soul” depends on the context in which it’s used.

SOUL – “The understanding; the intellectual principle.”

SOUL – “A human being; a person.”

When your body dies, your soul or you could say your mental processes are kept safe in the memory of God in a sleeping state and are restored to a new body in an awake state at the resurrection.

And here’s something else. In the case of the wicked being destroyed in the lake of fire, their soul is in an awake state until their entire body is destroyed.

“Satan rushes into the midst of his followers, and tries to stir up the multitude to action. But fire from God out of heaven is rained upon them, and the great men, and the mighty men, the noble, the poor and miserable are all consumed together. I saw that some were quickly destroyed, while others suffered longer. They were punished according to the deeds done in the body. Some were many days consuming, and just as long as there was a portion of them unconsumed, all the sense of suffering remained.” *Early Writings of Ellen G. White* (1938 edition) page 294.

Here's something from the “the Bible” used for most of the memory texts and “the Bible” quotations in this SSBSG.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 (ESV).

The ESV says Jesus was put to death in the flesh but “made alive in the spirit.” In other words, His “spirit” and not His flesh and blood body was resurrected. He then spoke to the spirits of the wicked people who had died in the flood.

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 (KJV).

The real Bible says Jesus was put to death in the flesh and was “quickened” (made alive) “by the Spirit” (Holy Spirit). The Holy Spirit through the preaching of Noah gave Christ’s message to the wicked before they died in the flood.

“And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;” 2 Peter 2:5 (KJV).

The ESV is not the only “the Bible” that gives the message that Jesus’ spirit preached to the spirits of dead flood victims. The NIV, RSV, NLT and other “the Bible” do the same.

LESSON 9. Love-driven Ministry (8/22/26 – 8/28/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 10. Authentic Christian Ministry (8/29/26 – 9/4/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 11. Stewardship *and* Mission (9/5/26 – 9/11/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 12. Dealing With False Teachers (9/12/26 – 9/18/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 13. Grace, Love, *and* Fellowship (9/19/26 – 9/25/26)

Commentary pending.

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