

## **Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* for the Fourth Quarter of 2025**

This is a review of the entire *Seventh-day Adventist Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) for the fourth quarter of 2025 titled “Lessons of Faith From Joshua.” In this SSBSG six different bibles are advertised as being used two of which are Roman Catholic Bibles. I counted the number of times each was used. I did not count them twice so my count could be off a little. I did not count quotations that I found could have been from more than one bible and I did not count quotations that appeared within a quotation. The numbers were as follows:

New King James Version (NKJV) quotations: 89.  
King James Version (KJV) quotations: 0.  
Revised Standard Version (RSV) quotations: 1.  
English Standard Version (ESV) quotations: 16.  
New International Version (NIV) quotations: 6.  
New American Standard Bible (NASB) quotations: 2.  
Lexham English Bible (LEB) quotations: 5.

Nine of the memory texts were from the ESV, three were from the NKJV and one was from the NIV.

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

Some things should alarm Seventh-day Adventists. I have heard that Andrews University will be publishing a bible commentary in which the authoritative “the Bible” will be the NKJV and the ESV. Both of those “the Bible” contain serious errors. If that isn’t enough, the fact that the ESV is an accepted Roman Catholic bible should tell you something if you’re not blind. Why would a Seventh-day Adventist publication like the SSBSG take nine out of thirteen memory texts from a Roman Catholic bible?

The LEB is only available in a digital version. You should object to that. A digital “the Bible” can easily be changed or deleted at any time. They’re doing that for your convenience? I hope you don’t believe that. Maybe they’re doing that to keep you safe? Don’t believe that either. If you wish to use the LEB, I’m confident that by reading this review of the SSBSG, errors found in it will be exposed. As for me, I’m not going to waste my time and sign up online to read a “the Bible” that can be here today and changed tomorrow.

### **LESSON 1. *Recipe for Success* (9/27/25 - 10/3/25)**

On page 9, mention is made of the mythical Hebrew “prophetic perfect.” To call it the “prophetic perfect” tends to make you think it’s some important part of grammar you should understand. What you should understand is that it’s a fraud. The SSBSG says:

“In Joshua 1:3 the verb is used in its perfect form, giving the impression that the land had already been given to them. When God is the subject of such actions, the form is

called ‘the prophetic perfect.’ And that’s because what He promises in His Word is an assured fact that can be trusted as present reality.”

Here’s the verse that was referenced.

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.” Joshua 1:3 (NKJV).

“Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.” Joshua 1:3 (KJV).

First of all, Joshua 1:3 isn’t a prophecy; it had already happened. If you bought a piece of property, it would be yours and the “sole of your foot” would not have had to “tread upon” it to make it yours. It would even be yours if you had to take out a couple of trees or relocate stray dogs that had been living there.

Here’s an example of some nonsense emanating from the scholars of Andrews University.

“‘You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. ‘Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. ‘You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.” Ezekiel 28:14-15,17-18 (NKJV).

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.” Ezekiel 28:14-15,17-18 (KJV).

A Seventh-day Adventist minister will tell you that the “cherub” mentioned is Satan. Notice what happened to Satan. According to the NKJV, he has already been “devoured” and “turned” “to ashes” so according to that “the Bible,” Satan is already dead. You will find that in the ESV and in many other fake “the Bible” Satan is also dead. Here is an explanation for that written in a footnote in the *Andrews Study Bible* by an Andrews University rocket scientist who knows Hebrew.

“The final and lasting destruction of the fallen cherub is predicted in the Hebrew ‘prophetic perfect’—the past tense is used to depict a future event as already having happened because it is so certain to come to pass.”

If that is true, in English, every other prophecy in the Bible originally written in Hebrew should be written in past tense if God was really certain it would come to pass.

## **LESSON 2. Surprised *by* Grace (10/4/25 - 10/10/25)**

On page 16 it says, “While it is true that the New Testament commends her faith, a careful analysis of the New Testament references to Rahab’s act reveals that none endorse everything about her, and none validate her lie.” I take that to mean Barna Magyarosi, the principal contributor to this SSBSG and hereafter to be referred to as Barna, doesn’t think lying is good. As you probably remember, when some came to her asking her about the two spies, she said they had already left when, in fact, they were hidden in her home.

There are a couple of other places where Barna’s “the Bible” mentions lying people. Note that Barna’s “the Bible” consists of at least six different bibles so I should be able to use any of them to know what God said.

“And Elisha said to him, ‘Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the LORD has shown me that he will really die.’ Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me you would surely recover." But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.” 2 Kings 8:10,14-15 (NKJV).

“And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die. So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover. And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.” 2 Kings 8:10,14-15 (KJV).

In the NKJV Elisha, God’s prophet, clearly told a man to lie. In the KJV the word “mayest” means that the man spoken of could recover but it doesn’t mean he would recover. The man would have recovered if he hadn’t been murdered.

“Therefore Jesus told them, ‘My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.’ After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee. However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.” John 7:6,8-10 (NIV).

“Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.” John 7:6,8-10 (KJV).

If the NIV is to be believed, it appears that Jesus who is God and knew all things lied. He also lied in the ESV and in some other fake “the Bible.”

### **LESSON 3. Memorials of Grace** (10/11/25 – 10/17/25)

If you have the teachers edition of the SSBSG you will find this at the bottom of page 40.

“Both in Babylonian and Canaanite mythologies, Marduk and Baal become chief gods as they crush powerful, watery forces. Both in poetic and prophetic passages, Yahweh is praised for conquering cosmic enemies, described as a sea dragon or a serpent, also called Rahab or Leviathan (*compare with Job 41:1, Ps. 74:15, Isa. 30:7*). As Yahweh overcomes the watery forces of chaos, His victory is supreme.”

Did you understand all that? Do you think your teacher understands it? For this lesson the passage you’re supposed to memorize is taken from the ESV and the NKJV is used in a number of places. Let’s see what clues there are in those “the Bible” to the identity of Yahweh, Rahab and Leviathan.

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?” Job 41:1 (NKJV).

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?” Job 41:1 (ESV).

“You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters. You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.” Psalm 74:13-14 (NKJV).

“You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters. You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.” Psalm 74:13-14 (ESV).

“For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose. Therefore I have called her Rahab-Hem-Shebeth.” Isaiah 30:7 NKJV

“Egypt’s help is worthless and empty; therefore I have called her “Rahab who sits still.” Isaiah 30:7 (ESV).

There is NOTHING about “Yahweh” in any of those passages. Barna is giving you a Hebrew lesson so you’ll understand he’s special because he knows some Hebrew. You’re really just fine knowing God by the name God and Jesus by the name Jesus.

I include Psalms 74:14 above because there is nothing about Rahab or Leviathan in verse 13. “Rahab-Hem-Shebeth” is a name, a single name. It’s incorrect to pretend that “Rahab” all by itself is a name. Ditto for “Rahab who sits still.”

What, pray tell, are “cosmic enemies” described as a “sea dragon?” Barna, who we’ll call “Barna of sea dragon fame,” seems a bit disoriented.

I think we can clear up the confusion with the real Bible.

“Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee? None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me? His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal. One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon. He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood. Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.” Job 41:1-3,10,15-16,19-21,26-27,33-34 (KJV).

Are you aware of any creature on the earth or in the sea from which “sparks of fire leap out” of the mouth? Me neither.

“Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.” Psalms 74:14 (KJV).

Notice that Leviathan in the real Bible has “heads.” Put a different way, Leviathan has more than one head. The other “the Bible” say “heads of the sea monsters” or “heads of the sea serpents” so are not describing one creature with several heads.

“There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.” Psalm 104:26 (KJV).

The Leviathan which has to be a symbolic creature is in some body of water with ships. What could the body of water be?

“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” Revelation 17:15 (KJV).

So Leviathan is some entity among the various nations. Here are some other verses that should make clear what the Leviathan symbolizes.

“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.” Revelation 12:3 (KJV).

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.” Revelation 13:1 (KJV).

“And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven

mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” Revelation 17:7,9,12-14 (KJV).

If you haven’t done so already, it’s high time that you read *The Great Controversy* and Uriah Smith’s *Daniel and the Revelation*. Here’s something from *The Great Controversy*.

“The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. But the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.” *The Great Controversy* page 438.

#### **LESSON 4. The Conflict Behind All Conflicts (10/18/25 – 10/24/25)**

In a discussion about Joshua 5:13-15 it says, on page 31, “Joshua’s questions regarding the identity of the strange visitor receive a rather obscure answer: ‘No.’” Here’s the passage from the “the Bible” used for the memory text for this lesson and from the real Bible.

“When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, ‘Are you for us, or for our adversaries?’ And he said, ‘No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, ‘What does my lord say to his servant?’ And the commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.’ And Joshua did so.” Joshua 5:13-15 (ESV).

“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD’S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.” Joshua 5:13-15 (KJV).

Joshua asked a very simple question and the answer he got from the “man” who was Jesus Christ was “no.” I agree, the answer in the ESV is pretty obscure. In the real Bible the answer was “nay.” Do you think they mean the same thing? Get out a good ENGLISH dictionary to find out.

In the context of this passage, “no” means no; He isn’t either for them or for their enemies. According to the *Oxford English Reference Dictionary* (revised second edition), “nay” means:

“1 or rather; and even; and more than that (*impressive, nay; magnificent*).”

What was told Joshua was that He, the man with a drawn sword, was more than he appeared to be.

On page 32 Lucifer is mentioned. There is only one verse in the Bible where Lucifer is mentioned.

“How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!” Isaiah 14:12 (NIV).

““How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!” Isaiah 14:12 (RSV).

““How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!” Isaiah 14:12 (ESV).

““How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!” Isaiah 14:12 (NKJV).

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!” Isaiah 14:12 (KJV).

Notice that there’s nothing about Lucifer in the NIV, RSV and ESV. That’s true of many of the new “the Bible.” Is that a problem?

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” Revelation 22:16 (NIV).”

"I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star." Revelation 22:16 (RSV).

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." Revelation 22:16 (ESV).

In the NIV, RSV and ESV the one who has fallen from heaven is Jesus Christ instead of Lucifer. “Day Star” means the same thing as “morning star.” The star that comes up in the morning every day is the sun.

“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.” Malachi 4:2 (KJV).

“With prophetic vision David, the anointed of God, had foreseen that the coming of Christ should be ‘as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds.’ 2 Samuel 23:4. And Hosea testified, ‘His going forth is prepared as the morning.’ Hosea 6:3. Quietly and gently the daylight breaks upon the earth, dispelling the shadow of darkness and waking the earth to life. So was the Sun of Righteousness to arise, ‘with healing in His wings.’ Malachi 4:2.” *Prophets and Kings* page 688.

On page 32, Ezekiel 28 is mentioned. Some of the chapter was reviewed for Lesson 1 but there’s more to learn from it. Remember this part?

“Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” Ezekiel 28:12-15 (KJV).

In that passage the “anointed cherub” is known to be Satan. Here’s something else from Ezekiel 28.

“Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches.” Ezekiel 28:2-5 (KJV).

In that part of the chapter the “prince of Tyrus” is identified as a “man” who has said “I am a God.” Who could that be? Another fact to contemplate is that a “prince” is the son of a king. The “prince of Tyrus” who is “a man” would be the son of the “king of Tyrus” who is “the anointed cherub that covereth.”

“It is one of the leading doctrines of Romanism that the pope is the visible head of the universal church of Christ, invested with supreme authority over bishops and pastors in all parts of the world. More than this, the pope has been given the very titles of Deity. He has been styled ‘Lord God the Pope’ (see Appendix), and has been declared infallible. He demands the homage of all men. The same claim urged by Satan in the wilderness of temptation is still urged by him through the Church of Rome, and vast numbers are ready to yield him homage.” *The Great Controversy* page 50.



On page 55 of the teachers comments section the “Aramean army” is mentioned that is mentioned in 2 Kings 6:24. The country is identified as Syria in the KJV, the NKJV, the ESV and the RSV but as Aram in the NIV. Isn’t it a bit desperate to use a “the Bible” with errors aplenty that calls the place Aram when most bibles including the real one call it Syria? Why would you do that? The Arameans in Syria spoke Aramaic and some would like to pretend that Jesus spoke Aramaic and thus declared Peter the first pope by using a subtle difference between Hebrew and Aramaic that makes Peter “the Rock” instead of a smaller loose stone.

#### **LESSON 5. God Fights *for* You** (10/25/25 – 10/31/2025)

Except for the promotion of error containing “the Bible” I found nothing wrong with this lesson.

How they take the Bible away.

“Now that Satan can no longer keep the world under his control by withholding the Scriptures, he resorts to other means to accomplish the same object. To destroy faith in the Bible serves his purpose as well as to destroy the Bible itself.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 4 page 403.

“The most dangerous falsehoods are those that are mingled with truth.” *Patriarchs and Prophets* page 338.

#### **LESSON 6. The Enemy Within** (11/1/25 – 11/7/25)

On page 82 of the teachers comments section the Septuagint is said to be the oldest Greek translation of the entire Old Testament. What today is known as the Septuagint has been claimed, though not in this lesson, to have been quoted by some writers of the New Testament. There are at least three different Septuagints and all that are in current use were translated after all authors of the New Testament were dead.

“For hundreds of years the Scriptures had been translated into the Greek language, then widely spoken throughout the Roman Empire.” *The Desire of Ages* page 33.

Yes, I understand, some of the Scriptures had been translated into Greek but not necessarily all of them at the same time into one book. There is a church that likes the Septuagint because those that have been found contain apocryphal books that support certain unbiblical doctrines.

Here’s a faith building exercise for you that uses the “the Bible” most used for memory texts in this quarterly.

“In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, ‘May no fruit ever come from you again!’ And the fig tree withered at once.” Matthew 21:18-19 (ESV).

“Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.” Matthew 21:18-19 (KJV).

If, as the ESV says Jesus’ curse produced immediate results, all of the disciples with Him would have seen the tree wither immediately. The KJV says the tree “presently” withered. According to the *Oxford New Reference Dictionary* (second edition) one of the meanings of “presently” is “soon; after a short time.” It doesn’t have to mean immediately.

“And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.” Mark 11:20-21 (KJV).

“As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, ‘Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.’” Mark 11:20-21 (ESV).

If Peter, the next morning, thought it was noteworthy that the fig tree withered, it certainly didn’t wither immediately. How’s your faith now in “the Bible” being the infallible Word of God? If you’re a KJV user, your faith should be OK.

Here’s what Sister White wrote.

“It was not the season for ripe figs, except in certain localities; and in the highlands about Jerusalem it might truly be said, ‘The time of figs was not yet.’ But in the orchard to which Jesus came, one tree appeared to be in advance of all the others. It was already covered with leaves. It is the nature of the fig tree that before the leaves open, the growing fruit appears. Therefore this tree in full leaf gave promise of well-developed fruit. But its appearance was deceptive. Upon searching its branches, from the lowest bough to the topmost twig, Jesus found ‘nothing but leaves.’ It was a mass of pretentious foliage, nothing more. Christ uttered against it a withering curse. ‘No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever,’ He said. The next morning as the Saviour and His disciples were again on their way to the city, the blasted branches and drooping leaves attracted their attention. ‘Master,’ said Peter, ‘behold, the fig tree which Thou cursedst is withered away.’” *The Desire of Ages* pages 581-582.

Sister White apparently doesn’t go with the immediate withering theory. How’s your faith in the Spirit of Prophecy doing? Since I go with the KJV, I haven’t had faith problems with either the real Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy.

## **LESSON 7. Ultimate Loyalty: Worship in a War Zone (11/8/25 – 11/14/25)**

On page 59 it says, “Joshua writes the copy of the law on large whitewashed stones, different from the stones of the altar (*compare with Deut. 27:2-8*). Thus, the stones, which probably contained the Ten Commandments, formed a separate monument in the vicinity of the altar, constantly reminding the Israelites of the privileges and duties implied in the covenant.”

Then on page 62 a passage from *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 500, is quoted. It says in part, “According to the directions given by Moses, a monument of great stones was erected upon Mount Ebal. Upon these stones, previously prepared by a covering of plaster, the law was inscribed—not only the ten precepts spoken from Sinai and engraved on the tables of stone, but the laws communicated to Moses, and by him written in a book.” Maybe Barna should have taken a bit more time in reading the quotation.

On page 96 of the teachers comment section, it says, “Calvary is the ultimate altar whereon the Lamb of God was offered once and for all (Heb. 10:10).” There is only one verse in any Bible in which Calvary is mentioned and that’s Luke 23:33. In the “the Bible” most favored in this quarterly for memory texts, Calvary has been replaced with “The Skull.” Calvary also doesn’t appear in some other “the Bible” used in this quarterly like the NIV, NASB and the RSV. Try fitting “The Skull” into a song but don’t make me listen to it.

#### **LESSON 8. Giants of Faith: Joshua and Caleb (11/13/25 – 11/2/25)**

On page 108 of the teachers comments section it says, “Goliath was 9.5 feet (2.9 meters) tall. Here’s another estimate of the height of Goliath.

“But the Philistines propose their own manner of warfare, in selecting a man of great size and strength, whose hight is about twelve feet; and they send this champion forth to provoke a combat with Israel, requesting them to send out a man to fight with him.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 1 page 370.

#### **LESSON 9. Heirs of Promises, Prisoners of Hope (11/22/25 – 11/28/25)**

At the bottom of page 73 the RSV is quoted. It’s one of those “the Bible” in which some progress has been made in attempting to show the seventh day Sabbath was just for the Jews. This is not a “the Bible” listed as used in this SSBSG. Clifford must have missed that one.

“But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:” Matthew 24:20 (KJV).

“Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.” Matthew 24:20 (ESV).

“Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath.” Matthew 24:20 (RSV).

The difference in meaning is exchanging the definite article “the” for “a.” This is an important verse because it shows that Jesus expected His followers to be keeping the seventh day Sabbath after His crucifixion and resurrection. Christians were going to flee from Jerusalem before it was destroyed by the Romans and were told to pray that their departure would not be on the Sabbath. By changing “the sabbath” to “a sabbath” the indefinite article is used to make it appear that the seventh day Sabbath was just another Jewish ceremonial sabbaths. The seventh day Sabbath is a memorial of God’s creation while the ceremonial sabbaths all pointed to the coming of Christ and His ministry.

If the definite versus indefinite article seems confusing think of the difference in meanings in the phrases “let a dog in” versus “let the dog in.”

#### **LESSON 10. The True Joshua (11/29/25 – 12/5/25)**

Toward the bottom of page 133 of the teaches comments section it says, “In his final speech, Stephen recounts Joshua’s role as Israel’s leader during the conquest, during which time the tabernacle of testimony was brought to Canaan (*see Acts 7:44, 45, NASB*). Joshua also is mentioned in Hebrews 4:7, 8 as the one who brought temporary rest to Israel.”

“Our fathers had the tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed him to make it according to the pattern which he had seen. Our fathers in turn received it, and they also brought it in with Joshua upon dispossessing the nations that God drove out from our fathers, until the time of David.” Acts 7:44-45 (NASB).

“Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen, which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David,” Acts 7:44-45 (NKJV).

“Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;” Acts 7:44-45 (KJV).

I counted the NASB as being used even though nothing from it was quoted in the SSBSG because it directed one to look to that specific bible version for a passage. That said, I believe the NASB means pretty much the same thing as the NKJV. It’s interesting that when the same Greek word is translated as “Jesus” hundreds of times in the New Testament it’s thought to be OK to translate it as Joshua. It would seem that if the writer of Acts wished to refer to the Joshua of the Old Testament, he would have written something like “Jesus the son of Nun” similar to what was done twenty-five times in the real Bible in the Old Testament. Here’s one example.

“And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.” Exodus 33:11 (KJV).

A similar thing was done in the New Testament when a man named Jesus might have been confused with the Son of God. And yes, it really says, “fellowworkers.”

“And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.” Colossians 4:11 (KJV).

Here's the other passage that newer counterfeit "the Bible" have translated the Greek word for Jesus as Joshua.

"He again sets a certain day, 'Today,' saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, 'Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.' For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that." Hebrews 4:7-8 (NASB).

"again He designates a certain day, saying in David, 'Today,' after such a long time, as it has been said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.' For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day." Hebrews 4:7-8 (NKJV).

"Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day." Hebrews 4:7-8 (KJV).

Here's where the passage Paul is referring to is found.

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest." Psalm 95:6-11 (KJV).

Who is our God and "the LORD our maker?"

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-3, 14 (KJV).

Clearly Jesus Christ was the LORD and God of the children of Israel and is our God and the LORD our maker and there was no reason to translate His name as Joshua in either Acts 7:44-45 or in Hebrews 4:7-8.

### **LESSON 11. Living *in the Land* (12/6/25 – 12/12/25)**

On page 90 it says, regarding Joshua 22:9-20, "In contrast with verse 1, where the tribes on the east side are called by their usual form (Reubenites, Gadites, etc.), here a different expression is used: 'sons of Reuben,' 'sons of Gad,' and 'the half-tribe of Manasseh,' which is in contrast to 'sons of Israel' (*Josh. 22:11, NASB*), thus representing a different entity." I fail to see the significance of this gem. Reubenites are also sons of Reuben, Gadites are sons of Gad and they with the half-tribe of Manasseh are all sons of Israel. "Sons of Israel" is not a different entity.

## LESSON 12. God *is* Faithful! (12/13/25 – 12/19/25)

The memory text for this lesson like most of the others in this quarterly is taken from the ESV. Since it's a memory text, did you memorize it?

“Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.” Joshua 21:45 (ESV).

While I don't think it wrong to memorize whatever you like from the real Bible, I would suggest that since you probably won't have the entire Bible memorized before you die, you probably should devote most of your memory efforts to passages that clearly teach doctrine.

Here's a faith building exercise for you.

“Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.” Matthew 18:21-22 (KJV).

“Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” Matthew 18:21-22 (ESV).

Let's see, seventy-seven times or four hundred and ninety times? Any help here?

**“22. Until seventy times seven.** The Greek is somewhat ambiguous, and may mean either ‘seventy times seven’ or ‘seventh-seven times’ (cf. Gen. 4:24).” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* (copyright 1956) volume 5 page 449.

“The rabbis limited the exercise of forgiveness to three offenses. Peter, carrying out, as he supposed, the teaching of Christ, thought to extend it to seven, the number signifying perfection. But Christ taught that we are never to become weary of forgiving. Not ‘until seven times,’ He said, ‘but, Until seventy times seven.’”

Did the ESV help your faith?

## LESSON 13. Choose This Day! (12/20/25 – 12/26/25)

Except for the use of a fake “the Bible,” I found nothing wrong with this lesson.

He's something you should know about a couple of fake “the Bible.” Seventh-day Adventist ministers are in the habit of calling the Seventh-day Adventist Church “the remnant church” and say the remnant church will “have” the Spirit of Prophecy. Here's where they get in trouble with their fake “the Bible” and have to rely on the real one.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17 (KJV).

“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17 (NKJV).

“Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.” Revelation 12:17 (ESV).

In neither of the above fake “the Bible” does the word “remnant” appear. That’s why Seventh-day Adventist ministers who have been preaching from a fake “the Bible” use the KJV for this verse.

“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10 (KJV).

“And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’” Revelation 19:10 (NKJV).

“Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.’ For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10 (ESV).

The ESV doesn’t say those “of her offspring” “have” the testimony of Jesus in the above verse but just that they “hold to” it. You can’t use that verse in the ESV to show the end time church will have the prophetic gift.

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