

Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath School Bible Study Guide for the First Quarter of 2023

This is a review of the entire *Seventh-day Adventist Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) for the first quarter of 2023 titled “Managing for the Master Till He Comes.” In this SSBSG five different bibles were used. 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: 120.

King James Version (KJV) quotations: 25.

The Living Bible (TLB) quotations: 1.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) quotations: 1.

New Living Translation (NLT): 1.

Unidentified Version: 1

All memory texts were from the NKJV except for one that was from the KJV.

The whole quarterly is about stewardship. The last quarterly on stewardship was for the first quarter of 2018 and it was titled “Stewardship: Motives of the Heart.” There are many quotations from “Scripture” and the Spirit of Prophecy but for some reason, in this quarterly and in the prior one on stewardship certain Spirit of Prophecy quotations were lacking. Even the fake bibles say to give but to show that tithing is mandated for the New Testament era, the Spirit of Prophecy is very much needed.

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

LESSON 1. Part of God’s Family (12/31-1/6)

On page 14 of the teachers edition there is a statement backed up by a book written in Portuguese. I guess that if you don’t have that book in Portuguese or can’t read it, you just have to take the Principal Contributor’s word for it that it’s true. On the same page there is reference to the LXX also known as the Septuagint which was a fake Greek translation of the entire Hebrew Scriptures allegedly written before the time of Christ. Actually, it (should actually be “they” since there were at least three different versions of it) was written after Christ and all of the apostles were dead but G. Edward Reid, MDiv, MPH and JD apparently doesn’t know that. Added to all that are Greek and Hebrew lessons that are supposed to make you think you have to believe everything written by the scholar.

On page 15 of the teachers edition, G. Edward Reid, hereafter to be referred to as Ed, says, “The church must exercise stewardship faithfully because God has made her the custodian of material and spiritual blessing. However, the church’s stewardship does not replace the responsibility of individual members.” I agree with that statement. Keep it in mind for later discussion.

LESSON 2. God's Covenants With Us (1/7-1/13)

Except for the use of a fake bible and unneeded Hebrew lessons, I found nothing wrong with this lesson.

LESSON 3. The Tithing Contract (1/14-1/20)

On page 22 there is a quotation from the Spirit of prophecy.

“Men were required to offer to God gifts for religious purposes before the definite system was given to Moses, even as far back as the days of Adam.” *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 3, page 393.

The question is then asked, “What does all this mean for us today?”

On page 23 Ed says, “Nowhere in the Bible do we find any indication that God’s portion is less than a tenth.” To that I say, nowhere in the Bible is there any indication or justification for the ordination of female ministers. The illuminati of the Seventh-day Adventist Church think they’ve gotten around that one by “commissioning” female ministers. A commissioned female minister has the same privileges and responsibilities as an ordained male minister.

At the bottom of page 23 Ed says, it’s “important to understand that tithing, like the Sabbath, was not something that originated in ancient Israelite legal or even religious system” and then asks, “What message should we, who live after the Cross, take from this truth.” Well, the Sabbath originated at creation and there is nothing to indicate in the Bible that offerings other than the sacrificial offerings of lambs, etc. were required before the Law of Moses. There is also nothing to indicate there was a mandate for Abraham to give a tenth of all he had to Melchizedek or of Jacob to give a tenth of all that he had to God. If you wish to show that giving a tenth of all increase as a tithe is mandated in the Christian era, you have to bring in the Spirit of Prophecy.

Ed also imagines that when the Bible says “storehouse” it means only the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On page 24 he says, “In harmony with this biblical storehouse principle, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has designated the local conferences, missions, and unions of churches as storehouses on behalf of the world church and from which the ministry is paid.” Ed should either do a bit more reading or be honest enough to share what he has learned from the Spirit of Prophecy he is relying on heavily.

These quotations relate to ministers who were being neglected and apparently not being paid by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“It has been presented to me for years that my tithe was to be appropriated by myself to aid the white and colored ministers who were neglected and did not receive sufficient properly to support their families.” *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 2* page 99.

“I myself appropriated my tithe to the most needy cases brought to my notice. I have been instructed to do this, and as the money is not withheld from the Lord’s treasury, it is not a matter that should be commented upon, for it will necessitate my making known these matters, which I do not desire to do, because it is not best.” *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 2* page 99-100.

Ed would also do well not to rely on the Spirit of Prophecy to prove that all tithe has to go through the Seventh-day Adventist denomination when the Spirit of Prophecy contradicts that statement. Since he did that, I feel obligated to respond.

There’s another thing to notice about Ed’s statement. He says tithe is used to pay “the ministry.” That is the way it’s supposed to be but that’s not what’s done. I can’t imagine that Ed doesn’t know that since he’s an ordained minister with a MDiv and JD and has served for years as the director of Stewardship Ministries of the North American Division. If Ed doesn’t know that then he’s a bit ignorant. If he knows that and says or implies that the tithe is only used to pay “the ministry,” he’s a liar.

This is how it really is. Here’s how one conference was spending tithe in 2019. Pastors/ministerial got 34.6% of the tithe. Church planting/evangelism got 1.7% and that might be an appropriate use of tithe. The rest of the tithe was used for something else; that would be 63.7%. In addition to that, it’s pretty certain that some of the tithe used to pay pastors went to pay for the illegitimate office of female pastor. In another conference in 2022, tithe, among other things was used to pay for Adventist education and other nurturing ministries (whatever that means). While we’re at it, how is it justifiable to have THREE pastors in one church while there are three small churches not far away that have languished for years and are only being served by one pastor when they’re lucky?

Just to be clear, I have paid tithes and offerings for many decades and I believe the Spirit of Prophecy. I have actually read my Bible through cover-to-cover multiple times and more Spirit of Prophecy books than the majority of Seventh-day Adventists. I will continue to pay my tithes and offerings to those entities which I believe are using the money appropriately and most efficiently.

Here's another morsel for Ed to chew on should he ever read this.

“You ask me what you shall do in view of the fact that so little help is given to that department of the work in which you are working. I would say, ‘Trust it with the Lord. There is a way opened for you in regard to securing help for the Southern field. Appeal to the people. This is the only course you can pursue, under the circumstances. Send no statement of the situation through our religious papers; because it will not be honored. Send direct to the people. God’s ways are not to be counter-worked by man’s ways. There are those who have means, and who will give large and small sums. Have this money come direct to your destitute portion of the vineyard. The Lord has not specified any regular channel through which means should pass.” *Spalding & Magan’s Unpublished Manuscript Testimonies of Ellen G. White* pages 201-202 (page 498 in the original).

At the bottom of page 24 Ed says, “Imagine if everyone decided to give their tithe to whoever they wanted to, at the expense of the Adventist Church itself.” First of all, one doesn’t have to run all funds through the denomination in order to support the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a body of believers. Secondly, if the princes of the Seventh-day Adventist Church wish to be taken seriously, it would be well for them not to waste money, learn what the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy say in English, and quit using fake bibles and official publications to justify such unbiblical acts as the ordination of women ministers.

On page 25 Ed calls the tribe of Levi “the ministerial force in the Old Testament.” LOL. Ed just had to get something about “minister” in there.

On page 26, Ed attests to his belief that the counsel in *Tithing Principles and Guidelines* published by the General Conference should be followed. According to Ed, the self-employed may deduct the cost of doing business from titheable income but everyone else should pay tithe on gross income before taxes are deducted. I fail to see how taxes aren’t part of the cost of doing business whether one is self-employed or employed by someone else. In addition, I have no confidence in what some publication of the General Conference says when the General Conference promotes fake bibles in their publications, has errors aplenty in their publications and finds ways around plain declarations of Scripture when they feel like it.

On page 27 Ed says, “If I don’t return a full 10 percent of my ‘increase,’ I’m not really tithing; and if I don’t bring that 10 percent to the ‘storehouse,’ I’m not really tithing either.” I agree with the part of “a full 10 percent.” The tithe should go to the storehouse but that doesn’t mean God’s exclusive storehouse is the denomination.

At the bottom of page 27 Ed says, “Some argue that they don’t like how their tithe money is used and, hence, either don’t tithe or send their money somewhere else. Yet, where did God say, ‘Bring the tithe to the storehouse, but only if you are sure that the storehouse is using it right?’” I would ask, where did God say, “Go ahead and ordain female ministers.” Our princes are very smug believing the money will keep coming in irrespective of how they’re using it.

On page 28 Ed says, “Think of what would happen if people decided to send their tithe somewhere else. What would happen to our church?” Consider Ed’s metaphor about the storehouse. What would happen if you had a storehouse filled with grain or other edibles and you had a rat infestation? What would the rats do if there was no more food there?

Oh, and here is something God did say.

“There are fearful woes for those who preach the truth, but are not sanctified by it, and also for those who consent to receive and maintain the unsanctified to minister to them in word and doctrine.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 1 pages 261-262.

In the teachers comments section on page 40 Ed says, “Moreover, there are no Bible references indicating the end of the ministerial tithe.” Actually, there are no Bible

references that even say there is a “ministerial tithe.” It’s also a bit strange to call it a “ministerial tithe” when in some conferences the majority of it goes to things that aren’t ministerial.

Ed claims that the reason the “ministerial tithe” should all go “exclusively” to support the “priestly ministry” is because of Melchizedek. Ed is confused; the guy or gal who stands at the pulpit as a purveyor of spiritual truth, is called a minister and not a priest. Ed believes Genesis 14:18-20 and Hebrews 7:12-15 mandate giving a “ministerial tithe” only to the “storehouse” (meaning the Seventh-day Adventist denomination) and not to any independent ministry because of Melchizedek’s priestly ministry. I encourage you to read those passages from the real Bible and draw your own conclusions.

Ed says tithing includes “all” possessions or increase. Ed is concerned lest one think tithe should be returned in “goods and animals” even though the priestly ministry of the Levites was paid in goods and animals. I guess Ed is saying not to send a tenth of your Swiss chard, apples, spinach, wheat, corn, collards, increase of dogs or cats, etc. to the General Conference. There are ways to ship those things to the General Conference if you prefer to do that.

On page 41 of the teachers comments section, what the Hebrew and Ellen G. White say is used to buttress Ed’s position. It gets repetitive so I won’t repeat it.

What Ed and other princes of the Seventh-day Adventist Church need to remember is that they would have a very difficult time showing from the New Testament that there was a mandated ministerial tithe. That is why they should be extremely cautious never to say either the Bible or Sister White’s writings have an error. It’s also the reason they shouldn’t be promoting fake bibles like the NKJV that contain multiple easily demonstrable gross errors.

In the early years of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it was not clear to the leaders that payment of a tithe of ten percent on all increase for the support of the ministry was mandated in the Christian era. The Lord’s Messenger was the one who pointed them in the right direction. Here are some quotations from *The Early Years* by Arthur L. White.

“Sister White stated to her husband, ‘The Lord has shown me that, if you will call the ministers together, and have J. N. Andrews come down from Waukon, and hold a Bible class, you will find that in the Scriptures there is a complete plan to sustaining the work of the ministry.’” *The Early Years* pages 387-388.

“The pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church could have gone more easily to the Old Testament and brought in the obligation of the tithe, but at this juncture, regardless of the attractiveness of the tithe, they were not sure that it was not one of those *ceremonial* obligations that ceased at the cross.” *The Early Years* page 389.

Here are some things tithe should not be used for that I doubt Ed will mention.

“A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord’s arrangement. God will judge for these things. One reasons that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 9 pages 248-249.

Back in the 1990s I wrote to the presidents of the Ohio and Pennsylvania conferences asking about what tithe was used for. Among other things, it was used for schools. Misappropriation of tithe has gone on for a long time and it would be well for Ed to do as the Lord’s Messenger counseled decades ago.

“In regard to the colored work in the South, that field has been and is still being robbed of the means that should come to the workers in that field. If there have been cases where our sisters have appropriated their tithe to the support of the ministers working for the colored people in the South, let every man, if he is wise, hold his peace.”

She went on to say,

“I would not advise that anyone should make a practice of gathering up tithe money. But for years there have now and then been persons who have lost confidence in the appropriation of the tithe who have placed their tithe in my hands, and said that if I did not take it they would themselves appropriate it to the families of the most needy ministers they could find. I have taken the money, given a receipt for it, and told them how it was appropriated. I write this to you so that you shall keep cool and not become stirred up and give publicity to this matter, lest many more shall follow their example.”

Ed should have kept “cool” and should not have “become stirred up” and given “publicity to this matter, lest many more shall follow their example.”

There is another appropriate use for tithe other than for the ministers.

“There are ministers wives, Sisters Starr, Haskell, Wilson and Robinson, who have been devoted, earnest, whole-souled workers, giving Bible readings and praying with families, helping along by personal efforts just as successfully as their husbands. These women have given their whole time, and are told that they receive nothing for their labors because their husbands receive their wages. I tell them to go forward and all such decisions shall be reversed. The Word says, ‘The laborer is worthy of his hire.’ When any such decision as this is made, I will in the name of the Lord, protest. I will feel it my duty to create a fund from my tithe money, to pay these women who are accomplishing just as essential work as the

ministers are doing, and this tithing I will reserve for work in the same line as that of the ministers, hunting for souls, fishing for souls.” *Spalding and Magan’s Unpublished Manuscript Testimonies of Ellen G. White* page 50 (page 117 in the original)

I suspect that with this lesson Ed has about blown his whole wad. It will be interesting to see if he has anything else to say that he hasn’t already said.

LESSON 4. Offerings for Jesus (1/21-1/27)

On page 32 Ed says, “When Jesus sent out his disciples on a missionary trip, he told them, ‘Freely you have received, freely give’ (Matt. 10:8, NKJV).” Ed was trying to show that one should be generous in giving offerings in addition to tithes. A bit more thought should have gone in to what he quoted.

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.**" Matthew 10:5-8 from the King James Version also known as the real Bible.

That passage describes how much ministers of the gospel should charge lost sheep for their services. It’s not describing what the sheep in Christ’s fold should be giving to the church.

On page 33 Ed says, “The Bible does not give us an order of service for worship. But it appears that at least four things are present in worship services. In the New Testament this list includes study/preaching, prayer, music, and tithes and offerings.” You will find NOTHING in the New Testament that says “tithes” are included in a worship service.

Ed relates the oft heard story of the widow that donated two small coins who was complimented by Christ. Ed says “this is the only gift Jesus ever commended” when on the very next page the story of Mary’s gift of costly ointment is related. Both of those stories are great but neither one teaches the lesson that all gifts have to go through the denomination to be counted. In fact, Mary’s gift would show the opposite.

I don’t think anyone sins by giving all gifts to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. It can be a bit confusing to know which independent ministry will use a gift right and who won’t. Furthermore, some independent ministries that start out good get new administration and then aren’t so good and may even become quite bad. The princes of the church should understand that if they misuse gifts from the trusting sheep, they will be judged for it.

On page 53 of the teachers comments section Ed, who on the same page gives a Hebrew lesson, says, “In terms of worship, spontaneous—or freewill—doesn’t necessarily mean optional.” Here is the ENTIRE definition of “freewill” from Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language.

“**FREEWILL**’ *n.* The power of directing our own actions without restraint by necessity or fate. *Locke*. 2. Voluntariness; spontaneousness.”

If you can read and understand ENGLISH you can know what “freewill” means. If you have been to a seminary or studied too much Greek or Hebrew you may have difficulty.

For those of you who use the real Bible, there is fantastic software available at <https://www.purebiblesearch.com> free for the downloading. I have downloaded it on several Macs and an older Windows computer and it works great.

LESSON 5. Dealing With Debt (1/28-2/3)

This lesson is quite good if you ignore the use of a fake bible.

LESSON 6. Laying Up Treasure in Heaven (2/4-2/10)

Except for the use of a fake bible, I found nothing objectionable in this lesson.

LESSON 7. Unto the Least of These (2/11-2/17)

On page 60 Ed says, “Zacchaeus was a wealthy Jew who had made his money by working as a tax collector for the hated Romans. For that, and because he and other tax collectors exacted more tax than was really due, Zacchaeus was hated and called a ‘sinner.’”

“And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.” Luke 19:8 from the KJV.

The Bible doesn’t say Zacchaeus had “exacted more tax than was really due.” If Zacchaeus was going to give half of his stuff to the poor and was willing to give back four times as much as he had cheated any person out of, I very much doubt Zacchaeus had been cheating people.

On page 96 of the teachers edition Ed says, “There was a contribution that the Israelites called the ‘second tithe’ (Heb, *ma’asser sheni*) of all the increase (*Deut. 14:28, 29; Deut. 26:12, 13*), set aside for the family’s religious expenses and for charity. Every devout Israelite had to spend in Jerusalem one-tenth of the increase of their land as a second tithe.”

“At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.” Deuteronomy 14:28-29 from the KJV.

“When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them.” Deuteronomy 26:12-13 from the KJV.

I read English and couldn't care less what the Hebrew says or that the Israelites called it a second tithe when the Bible doesn't even call it a second tithe. It's also a bit illogical to say the second tithe had to be spent in Jerusalem when the Israelites had no access to Jerusalem when Deuteronomy was written. Another thing Ed may not have considered is that the Israelites had no welfare, Social Security, Medicaid or Medicare. In the United States of America, taxes on those who work serve the function of Ed's "second tithe."

LESSON 8. Planning for Success (2/18-2/24)

On page 66 Ed says, “God said to Adam: ‘Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life’” (*Gen. 3:17, NKJV*). Notice, God curses the ground for ‘your sake,’ for the sake of Adam, with the idea that work would be something he would need, especially as a fallen being.”

Ed misunderstands English. “For your sake” means because of you and the verse clearly states it's a curse which is the opposite of a blessing. Here's another verse where the phrase “for your sake” is used where it also means because of you and is also a curse.

“Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.” Micah 3:12 from the KJV.

LESSON 9. Beware of Covetousness (2/25-3/3)

On page 78, Ed uses the NKJV to try to teach a lesson. Here is part of the passage quoted.

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” 1 Timothy 6:10 from the NKJV.

Here is that verse from the real Bible.

“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” 1 Timothy 6:10 from the KJV.

To say “root of all kinds of evil” means money is not “the root of all evil” but rather just the root of some kinds of evil.

“It is not God’s will that His ministers should seek to be rich. Regarding this, Paul wrote to Timothy: ‘The love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.’ *The Acts of the Apostles* page 366.

Apparently the Lord’s Messenger knew that some ministers might “seek to be rich” and that money was “the root of all evil” and not the root of just some types of evil.

You may think that “money” is only things like coins and bank notes so it couldn’t be “the root of all evil.” This is where an English dictionary comes in handy; in this case Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language where one of the definitions of “money” is “Wealth; affluence.”

On page 121 of the teachers edition, Ed alleges that “The book of Leviticus establishes that the money from the sale of property should be given as an offering to the storehouse in the sanctuary (*Lev 27:8-33*).” Read that whole chapter if you like. It starts out by saying in verse 2 that it’s about a man that makes “a singular vow” so it’s an entirely voluntary offering that is spoken of. Down in verses 16 to 19, it says what was sold of land was estimated to have a value of the crops that would be harvested from that land until the jubilee at which time the property reverted to the owner. If the owner wished to redeem the property before the jubilee, he had to add a fifth to the value of said crops that remained to be harvested from that land.

On page 122 of the teachers edition, Ed once again speaks of “tithes” in the New Testament. The only places in the New Testament where tithe is mentioned is in verses that pertain to the Jewish economy before there was any group of people called Christians.

LESSON 10. Giving Back (3/4-3/10)

There is good advice in this lesson. That said, when quotations are taken from the Spirit of Prophecy, it would be well to check them for yourself since the princes of our church tend to leave out parts that don’t further their agenda.

On page 89 Ed says that as people get older they worry about their future and the assets they’ll need when they become feeble. I agree. He then quotes from page 423 (it’s on page 424 of my copy) of *Testimonies for the Church* volume 1 where it says the elderly “should lay aside anxiety and burdens” and that the fears about money “originate with Satan.” Here is some additional information Ed didn’t mention regarding the elderly.

“Satan often plays upon their imagination and leads them to feel a continual anxiety in regard to their money. It is their idol, and they hoard it with miserly care. They will sometimes deprive themselves of many of the comforts of life, and labor beyond their strength, rather than use the means which they have.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 1 page 423.

I would take this to mean that at times the elderly can buy a new car or maybe a smart phone or a new computer without feeling guilty.

“Those who have children whose honesty and judicious management they have reason to confide, should let their children make them happy. Unless they do this, Satan will take advantage of their lack of mental strength and will manage for them. They should lay aside anxiety and burdens, and occupy their time as happily as they can, and be ripening up for heaven.”
Testimonies for the Church volume 1 page 424.

I would call what is described as ideal but not all have “children whose honesty and judicious management they have reason to confide” and will have to come up with another plan.

LESSON 11. Managing in Tough Times (3/11-3/17)

On page 93 Ed wrote, “The Bible paints a painful picture of the world before the second coming of Jesus. Daniel writes about “ ‘a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time.’ ” (*Dan. 12:1, NKJV*). Considering some of the troublous times in the past, what he is referring to here must be pretty bad.”

Ed’s right. If that time of trouble will be the worse one that ever was, it must be worse than what God’s people endured during the Dark Ages when having God’s Word in a language you could read and understand could get you burned at the stake or buried alive.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."
Revelation 20:4 from the KJV.

No one received the mark of the beast in their foreheads or hand when in ignorance they worshipped on Sunday to the neglect of keeping the seventh day Sabbath. That mark is only applied when there is deliberate desecration of God’s Sabbath and the honoring of the spurious rest day of the man of sin. That means there will be people in the future that will be “beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God” because they refused to accept the mark of the beast.

On page 94 Ed gets in more about tithing. He believes that “many members” have “refrigerators stuffed with more food than we can eat, owning one or two cars, taking yearly vacations and shopping online, and having the latest in home computers and smartphones” is a serious peril to their souls. He believes the solution is tithing; maybe so ministers can have yearly vacations (I believe the majority do), smart phones and maybe the latest in home computers.

Once again, understand that I’m not against tithing; I just don’t want my tithe spent on fluff and the illegitimate office of female ordained minister.

LESSON 12. Rewards of Faithfulness (3/18-3/24)

On page 98 toward the bottom of the page part of John 14:3 is in quotation marks which implies it's quoted from some bible. It's not from the KJV or the NKJV or from any of the multiple other bible versions I looked in. Maybe Ed made a personal modification because he thought he could say it better.

On page 100, Matthew 24:3 is quoted where it says "end of the world." Ed couldn't use the NKJV to say that because nowhere does the NKJV say "end of the world" except in a geographic sense. The NKJV has replaced that phrase with "end of the age" which aligns with New Age thinking.

On page 160 of the teachers edition there is a quotation from The Living Bible (TLB). It's the one that says:

"Now a population explosion took place upon the earth. It was at this time that beings from the spirit world looked upon the beautiful earth women and took any they desired to be their wives. Then Jehovah said, 'My Spirit must not forever be disgraced in man, wholly evil as he is. I will give him 120 years to mend his ways.' In those days, and even afterwards, when the evil beings from the spirit world were sexually involved with human women, their children became giants, of whom so many legends are told."
Genesis 6:1-4 from TLB.

For plenty of further reading you can go to:

SatanIsDead.com

InfallibleBible.com

DeathConfusion.com

AdventistsToday.com

SabbathSchoolGuide.com