

## Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* for the First Quarter of 2024

This is a review of the entire *Seventh-day Adventist Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) for the first quarter of 2024 titled “Psalms.” In this SSBSG seven different bibles were 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: 200.

King James Version (KJV) quotations: 5.

International Standard Version (ISV) quotations: 1.

American Standard Version (ASV) quotations: 1.

New International Version (NIV) quotations: 4.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) quotations: 1.

English Standard Version quotations: 3.

Memory texts were from the NKJV, the NIV and the KJV.

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

### **LESSON 1. How to Read *the* Psalms** (12/30/24 - 1/5/24)

The favorite “the Bible” used in this SSBSG is the NKJV. On page 4 it says “Jesus, the apostles, and the writers of the New Testament cited the Psalms and referred to them as “Scripture” and that “They are as surely the Word of God as are the books of Genesis and Romans.” Which of the following “the Bible” do you think is “the Word of God”?

“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.” Psalms 10:4-5 from the KJV.

“The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts. His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.” Psalms 10:4-5 from the NKJV.

I think about anyone knows what “prospering” means and should know what “grievous” means. Just for a review, prospering means doing well. The meanings of “grievous” per Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English language include oppressive, burdensome, afflictive, painful, causing grief or sorrow, distressing, atrocious, hurtful, offensive, atrocious, etc. Which “the Word of God” expresses God’s thoughts about the wicked? Are the ways of the wicked “grievous” or are they “always prospering”?

On page 5 the principal contributor, Dragoslava Santrac, PhD mentions the Septuagint and says it's "an early (second and third century B.C.) Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible. Actually, what is now called the Septuagint did not exist until Jesus and all of the apostles were dead.

## **LESSON 2. Teach us to Pray (1/6/24 - 1/12/24)**

On page 27 of the teachers comments section which is only in the teachers quarterly it says:

"Psalm 22:16 (" 'My hands and feet have shriveled.' " *NRSV*) is a direct allusion to Jesus being nailed to the cross, even though this particular verse is not quoted by the Gospels."

Really? Not quoted by the Gospels? Carlos Mora, Old Testament professor at Montemorelos University, who was responsible for this commentary is confused; probably from using a fake "the Bible." Psalms 22:16 IS quoted in the gospels in the real Bible. What do you think? Does the NRSV say ANYTHING about being nailed to ANYTHING? Were Jesus' hands and feet "pierced" or did they somehow shrivel?

"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet." Psalms 22:16 from the KJV.

"For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;" Psalms 22:16 from the NRSV.

Maybe Carlos doesn't know what "shriveled" and "pierced" mean. Per the Oxford English Reference Dictionary, "shriveled" means to "contract or wither into a wrinkled, folded, rolled-up, contorted, or dried-up state." To "pierce" isn't hard either. It means to "prick with a sharp instrument" or "make a hole, opening, or tunnel into or through (something)", etc. Exactly how do "shriveled" hands and feet describe anything about a crucifixion?

"In the sufferings of Christ upon the cross prophecy was fulfilled. Centuries before the crucifixion, the Saviour had foretold the treatment He was to receive. He said, 'Dogs have compassed Me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed Me: they pierced My hand and My feet.'" *The Desire of Ages* page 746.

The SSBSG editor, Clifford R. Goldstein, should be a bit more vigilant and help the contributors to the SSBSG to avoid embarrassing themselves.

## **LESSON 3. The Lord Reigns (1/13/24 – 1/19/24)**

The memory text for this lesson is from the NIV so it's apparently considered "the Bible." Here is a sample of the alleged Word of God from that "the Bible."

"Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."  
Psalms 51:5 from the NIV.

In the Psalm, David is speaking about his condition when he was conceived. It says he was sinful which, since conception happens when the sperm joins the egg, means David had sinned before he had a brain. The real Bible has a different message.

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”  
Psalms 51:5 from the KJV.

The KJV says David was born having a tendency to commit sin but it does not say he was sinful at conception and it does not even say he had already committed sin at birth like the NIV does. You don't commit sin until you break God's law and David hadn't yet broken God's law when he was born.

This lesson and others in this quarterly have Hebrew lessons like letting you know what *'edut* and *kun* mean. The ONLY purpose of these Hebrew lessons is to make you believe that since the author knows Hebrew you must believe the author. You need to know what the real Bible says in ENGLISH. Once you know what the real Bible says in English, feel free to play with Greek and Hebrew if you feel the need to.

#### **LESSON 4. The Lord Hears *and* Delivers (1/20/24 – 1/26/24)**

On page 29 it says, “What these images convey is the truth that there is no place in the universe where we can be out of God's reach. Though God is not part of the universe, as some believe, He is close to it all, having not only created it but sustaining it, as well (*see Heb. 1:3*). I suggest we look at another verse from the real Bible and from over half of the fake “the Bible” used in this SSBSG.

“One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”  
Ephesians 4:6 from the KJV.

“one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:6 from the ESV.

“one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:6 from the NIV.

“one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”  
Ephesians 4:6 from the NRSV.

“one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.”  
Ephesians 4:6 from the ASV.

“one God and father of all, who is above everything, through everything, and in everything.” Ephesians 4:6 from the ISV.

All five of the fake “the Bible” say God is in “all” or in “everything.” That clearly teaches in ENGLISH that, “as some believe,” that God IS part of the universe. That's pantheism. The KJV is correct because the verse is addressed to Christians and God does dwell in each true Christian in the person of the Holy Spirit.

## **LESSON 5. Singing *the* Lords Sing in a Strange Land (1/27/24 – 2/2/2024)**

In all of the other memory texts, the version of the “the Bible” used is in italicized capital letters except for this one. That’s because under copyright law, if you use a “the Bible” not yet in the public domain, you can only quote it in saleable materials, like the SSBSG, if you do so as permitted by the copyright holder. The KJV and ASV are now in the public domain so no credit need be given. Interestingly, in this SSBSG, where it’s used, the ASV is advertised in italicized capital letters but the KJV never is. Why? There are some verses they can’t use out of their fake bibles but that fact is never advertised. Why don’t you ask your General Conference Sabbath School Department about that?

That said, here is another example of where the favorite fake “the Bible” used in this SSBSG is wrong and the KJV is right.

“Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.” Psalms 146:3-4 from the KJV.

“Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.” Psalms 146:3-4 from the NKJV.

The KJV makes it clear that the dead know nothing. Your earthly plans can “perish,” as the NKJV says, whilst you continue to have consciousness in heavenly bliss.

## **LESSON 6. I Will Arise (2/3/24 – 2/9/24)**

In my SSBSG there is, on the page before lesson 6, an advertisement for the Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary that allegedly unlocks “the depth and breadth of the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.” It’s “written by an international team of Seventh-day Adventist scholars” and supposedly “features solid and fresh exegetical and theological material.” Before you buy it, remember it’s written by the same sort of people who routinely promote fake bibles, subtly put down the Spirit of Prophecy and come to erroneous conclusions. You would be much better off studying the inspired writings of Ellen G. White and the real Bible.

At the bottom of page 49, Jesus Christ in the heavenly sanctuary is mentioned. Seventh-day Adventists believe that Jesus Christ started the Investigative Judgement in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary in 1844. That doctrine is gutted by a single verse in some fake “the Bible” including the favorite fake “the Bible” used in this SSBSG.

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” Hebrews 9:12 from the KJV.

“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12 from the NKJV.

“He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12 from the NIV.

“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood he went into the Holy of Holies once for all and secured our eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12 from the ISV.

All of those “the Bible” except one, in past tense, say Jesus entered the Most Holy Place after His crucifixion and resurrection. Yes, I know, the ISV words it differently but “Holy of Holies” is equivalent to the Most Holy Place.

#### **LESSON 7. Your Mercy Reaches Unto *the* Heavens (2/10/24 – 2/16/24)**

I found nothing wrong with this lesson other than the use of fake bibles.

There is the continuation of a very nice story in this lesson. It's about Sekule who accepted the Sabbath and the vegetarian lifestyle on the spot after listening to a single sermon and was baptized six months later at age eighteen.

#### **LESSON 8. Wisdom *for* Righteous Living (2/17/24 – 2/23/24)**

I found nothing objectionable in the lesson other than the use of a fake bible.

#### **LESSON 9. Blessed *Is* He Who Comes *in the* Name *of the* Lord (2/24/24 – 3/1/24)**

On page 72 is found one of those errors that's the fruit of using a fake bible. It says, “One graphic depiction of Christ's ultimate victory is found in the pre-Advent scene in Daniel 7, which shows that, after judgment is given ‘in favor of the saints of the Most High’ (*Dan. 7:22, NKJV*), ‘His kingdom is established and ‘His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom (*Dan. 7:27, NKJV*).

“until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.” Daniel 7:22 from the NKJV.

“Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” Daniel 7:22 from the KJV.

Is judgment “made in favor of the saints” or is it “given to the saints” in the context of this verse?

“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.

“Daniel declares that when the Ancient of Days came, ‘judgment was given to the saints of the Most High.’ Daniel 7:22. At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says: ‘I saw thrones and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them.’ ‘They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.’ Revelation 20:4, 6. It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, ‘the saints shall judge the world.’ 1 Corinthians 6:2.” *The Great Controversy* page 661 (in the real one).

As in many other places, the NKJV is wrong in Daniel 7:22. Judgement has already been made “in favor of the saints” and Daniel 7:22 describes the work of the saints in judging the those destined for the lake of fire; judgement is “given” to them.

Not only are there fake bibles, the Pacific Press Publishing Association has published a book titled *The Great Controversy* that should really be titled *The Fake Controversy*. It has “updated Scripture references” from the NKJV as if it needed to be updated with that error ridden “the Bible.” Here’s from page 632 in that book.

“Daniel declares that when the Ancient of Days came, ‘judgment was given to the saints of the Most High.’ Daniel 7:22, KJV. At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says: ‘I saw thrones and they sat upon them, and judgment was committed to them.’ ‘They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.’ Revelation 20:4, 6. It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, ‘the saints shall judge the world.’ 1 Corinthians 6:2.” *The Great Controversy* page 632 (in the fake one).

Except for the “, KJV” and “was committed to” and “will” instead of “to” it’s exactly the same in this quotation as in the real *The Great Controversy*. Those changes are because *The Fake Controversy* has been “updated” with the NKJV. LOL. Apparently someone with more brains than the author of the SSBSG knew that the part about judgment being made “in favor of the saints” in the NKJV was wrong so he had to use the KJV. And, I might ask, was the KJV too hard to read?

And here is something else; three lines down and just above the paragraph in *The Fake Controversy* on page 661 a quotation is credited to the New American Standard Bible (NASB). That’s a “the Bible” that has more errors than the NKJV has.

Toward the top of page 74 it says, “Being both Christ’s prayers and prayers about Christ, the Psalms provide a unique revelation of Christ’s person and redeeming ministry as the One who is ‘God with us’ ” (*Matt. 1:23*). Here is that whole verse from the most used “the Bible” in this SSBSG, from another fake “the Bible” used and from the real Bible.

“ ‘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 1:23 from the NKJV.

" ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, ‘God is with us.’ ” Matthew 1:23 from the NRSV.

“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 1:23 from the KJV.

Before you read too much further, I suggest you try so see all by yourself what could be wrong with the above verses. While you’re doing that, here is the prophecy Matthew was referring to.

“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 7:14 from the NKJV.

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 from the NRSV.

“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 7:14 from the KJV.

The first problem to be discussed is the “God is with us” in the NRSV versus “God with us” in the other two. The name “God with us” means the person so named is God. The term “God is with us” makes Jesus Christ of no more eminence than other men who God was with such as Job, Daniel, Jonah, Peter, etc.

The second problem is the “a virgin” versus “the virgin.” The prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 was spoken to King Ahaz. If “the virgin” is correct, Isaiah was speaking about a virgin alive at that time that both of them knew and is not a prophecy about the virgin birth. If you don’t think so, go to the review I wrote on the SSBSG that was about the book of Isaiah. You can read about how the author of that SSBSG in an It Is Written YouTube video emasculated that prophecy of the virgin birth in the presence of John Bradshaw with no remonstrance from the latter.

On page 123 of the teachers comments section it says, “Nowadays the workplace, the echelons of academia and science, and various social media platforms are rife with the derision and scorn of incredulous minds who mock the Scriptures.” What chance is there that a person with an average brain wouldn’t be incredulous if he learned what are commonly called “the Scriptures” contradict themselves and each other? It goes on to talk about “the unity of the Bible.” Will wonders never end.

#### **LESSON 10. Lessons *of the Past* (3/2/24 – 3/8/24)**

Except for the use of a fake bible I found nothing objectionable in this lesson. If that changes, I’ll revise this.

#### **LESSON 11. Longing *for Zion* (3/9/24 – 3/15/24)**

At the bottom of page 86 it says, “Praying for the peace of Jerusalem is still a privilege and responsibility of the believers because it keeps alive the hope in the end-time coming of God’s kingdom of peace, which will embrace not only the city of Jerusalem but the

whole world (*Isa. 52:7; Isa. 66:12, 13; Revelation 21, 22*).” So, it’s alleged we have a special responsibility to pray for the peace of Jerusalem? The last I knew, the Jerusalem of our world as a whole had rejected Christ and brought upon itself God’s wrath. Well, here are the verses from Isaiah that are supposed to prove we have a “responsibility” to pray for Jerusalem’s peace from the fake “the Bible” that has been used TWO HUNDRED TIMES in this SSBSG. Since I’m not going to copy two whole chapters of Revelation, only a couple of verses from each chapter will be quoted to show their context.

“How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ ” Isaiah 52:7 from the NKJV.

“For thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.’ ” Isaiah 66:12-13 from the NKJV.

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” Revelation 21:1-2 from the NKJV.

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NONE of those passages lay ANY responsibility on us to pray especially for the peace of the Jerusalem of this world. There will be peace in the New Jerusalem whether we pray for it or not. You probably know that “Jerusalem” is different than “New Jerusalem. Where do they come up with this stuff?

## **LESSON 12. Worship That Never Ends (3/16/24 – 3/22/24)**

On page 158 of the teachers comments section it says, “Also, the place or location is no impediment to our worship. Psalm 4:3 states, ‘The LORD will hear when I call to Him’ (*NKJV*). Immediately the psalmist adds, ‘Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still’ (*Ps. 4:4, NKJV*). Whether from the privacy of the bedchamber, as in the case of the psalmist, or from the rocky isolation of Patmos, where the apostle John was exiled, our prayers ascend, unobstructed by geography or location to God.”

Here’s Psalms 4:4 from the real Bible.

“Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.” Psalms 4:4 from the KJV.



What think ye who understand English? Are you supposed to pray to God and immediately be angry? Are you supposed to be angry whilst meditating, apparently about God, in bed? Does the NKJV make sense? Is the NKJV easier to read? Does the author of this lesson know the difference between “angry” and “awe?” Has the author of this lesson ever used an ENGLISH dictionary?

**LESSON 13. Wait on the Lord** (3/23/24 – 3/29/24)

On page 172 of the teachers comments section it says, “It is within the pages and promises of the Scriptures that the Christian may find the assurance of his hope and salvation. The enemy is well aware of this fact and has made the Bible a special focus of his attacks, attempting to distract the believer from its truths or to deceive him into believing that the Scriptures are mere myth, invented by humans.”

I agree with that. Most ministers have swallowed hook, line and sinker the myth that there is no Bible anywhere in the world at this time without error and that it doesn't matter. They're apparently unaware that when they use a fake “the Bible” that contradicts itself and other “the Bible,” it encourages people to think the Scriptures are a myth.

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