

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

This is a review of the entire *Seventh-day Adventist Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) for the second quarter of 2024 titled “The Great Controversy.” In this SSBSG ten different bible versions were listed in the front of but I only counted nine that were used (I may find more). 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 come 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: 119.
Complete Jewish Bible (CJB) quotations: 2.
New International Version (NIV) quotations: 5.
English Standard Version (ESV) quotations: 1.
New American Standard Bible (NASB) quotation: 23.
New Living Translation (NLT) quotations: 1.
King James Version (KJV) quotations: 4.
Amplified Version (AMP) quotations: 1.
Unknown Version quotations: 2.

All memory texts were from the NKJV.

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

LESSON 1. The War Behind All Wars (3/30/24 - 4/5/24)

On page 7, the student is advised to compare Ezekiel 28:12-15 and Isaiah 14:12-14 to find out “What went wrong in the mind of this angelic being called Lucifer that led to his rebellion?” All of the “the Bible” used in this SSBSG except one are identified (except for the occasional accidental omission) in italicized capital letters and the big winner is the NKJV. Isn’t the impression made that all of them are fine? If all are fine, why cannot one use each and every one to know what is truth? Does one have to have all of the “the Bible” used? If there is an apparent contradiction between one or more of the “the Bible,” do we go by what the majority of them say?

Let’s try the verses in Ezekiel first and pretend you became so engrossed in the first part of the passage that you continued reading. The “the Bible” used most frequently in this SSBSG is the NKJV so that should be a good one to use for truth, shouldn’t it?

"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 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. By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. 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. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.’ ” Ezekiel 28:12-19 from the NKJV.

The “anointed cherub” must be Lucifer because that is the only “angelic being” mentioned in the passage. The passage clearly says in English that the covering cherub has been turned to ashes so Lucifer now known as Satan and the Devil must be dead. Without burdening you with what all of the other “the Bible” say about the “angelic being” I’ll tell you that ALL of them except one of the “the Bible” used say the being referred to has been turned (past tense) to ashes.

Here is that passage from the real Bible which is the only one you need.

“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. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 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. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.” Ezekiel 28:12-19 from the KJV.

Since the punishment of the covering cherub is in future tense in the real Bible, we are assured that Satan hasn’t been turned to ashes yet. This is a good way to determine if you have a fake bible. If it has the punishment of Satan in past tense, it will have other errors.

Now for the other passage Mark Finley, hereinafter to be referred to as Mark, thought you should read to learn about the angelic being.

“ ‘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! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ” Isaiah 14:12-14 from the 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! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” Isaiah 14:12-14 from the KJV.

“ ‘How you have fallen from heaven, You star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who defeated the nations! ‘But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ ” Isaiah 14:12-14 from the NASB.

The NKJV is fine for Isaiah 14:12-14 and so is the KJV. Isaiah 14:12 is the only verse in any bible that names Lucifer and his name is gone in the second most used “the Bible” in this quarterly and, for that matter, in all of the other “the Bible” used in this SSBSG. This means that Lucifer, a.k.a. Satan, has managed not to be named in most of the most frequently used “the Bible” versions. And here’s something else.

“ ‘I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you of these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’ ” Revelation 22:16 from the NASB.

See the “star of the morning” in Isaiah 14:12 and the “bright morning star” in Revelation 22:16 in the NASB? Jesus says He is “the bright morning star” which is the same as “star of the morning. In Isaiah 14:12 in the NASB, a name for Jesus Christ has replaced that of Lucifer.

On page 10 it says, “Jesus presents us before the universe as clothed in His righteousness.” I believe that but what does the Bible say?

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.’ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” Revelation 19:7-8 from the NKJV.

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

The NKJV clearly says, and so do the other fake “the Bible” used in this quarterly, that what we’re clothed with is our works; it’s righteousness by works.

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

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On page 14 of the teachers comments section of the SSBSG Gheorghe says that “Adventists do not have a fundamental belief dedicated to the doctrine of sin.” Is he serious? Oh, I understand now. He means no fundamental belief in the *Church Manual* which has changed over the years. Unfortunately, blowhards who think they can edit the Bible feel authorized to tell you what you must believe. I have several *Church Manuals* and some of their content is clearly contrary to the Spirit of Prophecy. So, even if the *Church Manual* has no doctrine of sin, the Bible clearly does so the Church Manual doesn’t matter.

On page 15 of the teachers comments section it says fundamental belief number 7 includes “care for their environment.” That’s a new one but Pope Francis would be happy because that’s in accord with his 2015 encyclical letter *Laudato Si’* which is about “care for our common home.” On page 152 of that letter it says:

“On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world.” *Laudato Si’* page 152.

See the part about “the world?” He has already said “with others” so “the world” must be our planet. It appears that there will be a push for a rest day to help the planet and that day is not going to be “the Jewish Sabbath.”

Also on page 15 of the teachers comments section it says, “The Bible is its own expositor.” That works if you have one infallible Bible but it doesn’t work with bibles that contradict themselves and each other.

LESSON 2. The Central Issue: Love or Selfishness (4/6/24 - 4/12/24)

Except for the use of a counterfeit bible, I found nothing wrong with this lesson. That said, how many errors does it take to make a bible counterfeit? How many errors in a dollar bill does it take to make it counterfeit? Could you call a counterfeit dollar bill a fake dollar bill? If you printed a counterfeit dollar bill and were caught is there a chance you would be fined? Is there a chance you would go to prison if you were caught? What is more important, a dollar bill or the Bible?

The contributors to this SSBSG attest to their belief that they believe the whole Bible from cover to cover and quotations from Ellen G. White's books are frequently used as an authoritative source of instruction. Do you think said contributors know that the "the Bible" they mostly use have errors? If they know their fake "the Bible" has errors and they tell you that you can believe it one hundred percent cover to cover are they liars? If these learned Seventh-day Adventist scholars don't know the "the Bible" they mostly use has errors, are they ignoramuses?

Just one more question for this lesson. Really. When you find out a fake "the Bible" has errors and contradicts the Spirit of Prophecy, does that affect your confidence in either one being inspired by the infallible Almighty God?

Here's one for you.

"Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. Matthew 21:18-19 from the NKJV.

"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 from the KJV.

"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.

The NKJV in saying the fig tree "immediately" withered, contradicts *The Desire of Ages* which says the withering wasn't noticed until the next day. The KJV in saying it withered "presently" is giving an indefinite time so doesn't contradict *The Desire of Ages*.

LESSON 3. Light Shines *in the* Darkness (4/13/24 – 4/19/24)

This lesson used two or three different bible versions. The one most used was the NKJV. On page 24 there is part of a passage in quotation marks, i.e., "the mystery of lawlessness does already work." I looked in a bunch of different bibles and didn't find any that worded it exactly that way. It's possible Mark made up his own version. The other unknown version quotation in quotation marks is found on page 28 at the bottom of the page.

On page 23 Mark says, Throughout the centuries, Satan has used the same strategy. He undermines confidence in God's Word, contradicts God's revealed will, distorts Scripture, and at times misquotes the Bible to his advantage." No kidding. Thus far I've found the use of eight different "the Bible" in this quarterly with no disclaimer that any of them contained error. Notice that God's Word, Scripture and the Bible are all singular meaning ONE "the Bible." Mark apparently thinks the NKJV is "the Bible."

On page 25 Mark bravely says, "the Bible is the infallible revelation of God's will" and that " 'all Scripture' is inspired by God; not some parts or some parts more than others" and that "the whole Bible must be accepted as the Word of God, Otherwise, the door is wide open for deception." Those are. brave words coming from a Seventh-day Adventist minister using a fake "the Bible."

Here is a quotation from Mark's favorite "the Bible" compared to what the real Bible says.

"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.

"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.

This is not a prophecy; it's describing what already happened. If Jesus started His ministry in the Most Holy Place right after his resurrection, as says the NKJV, then the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine of Jesus starting His ministry in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 is wrong.

Mark also says on page 25 that "we must fight against any and all attempts to undermine its authority or inspiration, even from those who, while professing great love of the Bible, bring doubts about it, even subtly." I don't think Mark's undermining the authority is all that subtle except for those accustomed to using a fake "the Bible" and for those who haven't studied the real Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy enough to know the difference between the genuine and the fake. Fighting against attempts to undermine the authority and inspiration of the Bible is what I do.

On page 26 Mark says, "That which contradicts God and His Word is error and error is always dangerous." It's hard to fathom. Mark claims that anything that contradicts God's Word is dangerous and he preferentially uses a "the Bible" that contradicts itself and contradicts the Spirit of Prophecy. Mark must have a strange blindness.

On page 27, Mark does what blowhards do. He gives a Greek lesson. The only thing it serves is to make you think that because he knows Greek, you have to believe him. You don't need to know what *noema* means and if you were presented that word in Greek letters, you probably couldn't read it anyway.

One of the discussion questions on page 28 is, "What are our greatest safeguards against misinterpreting God's Word?" A good place to start is by knowing what the real Bible

and the Spirit of Prophecy say and to examine critically what is written in the SSBSG or spoken by Mark or men of similar ilk.

LESSON 4. Standing for the Truth (4/20/24 – 4/26/24)

This would have been a nice lesson were it not for the fake “the Bible” used. Gheorghe’s “the Bible” for the teachers comments section is the ESV. Let’s see where you can go with the ESV.

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

The ESV says Jesus was made alive (resurrected) “in” the “spirit” but specifies that He was put to death in the “flesh.” This, in ENGLISH, means only Jesus’ spirit and not his body was resurrected. It then says he “proclaimed” (that would be, He spoke) to the “spirits” of the wicked people that had died in the flood. If Jesus’ spirit took the trouble to speak to those spirits, they had to be conscious and still capable of being saved. What a fantastic way to teach the doctrine of Purgatory.

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

The KJV says Jesus was quickened (brought to life) “by” the Spirit (Holy Spirit) and that it was “by” that same Spirit that the wicked people who had died in the flood had been warned. This is explained in 2 Peter.

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

The Holy Spirit warned the antediluvians of the coming flood through Noah. That was the way Jesus had preached to them. This gross error comes from “in” instead of “by.”

The ESV is an approved Roman Catholic Bible and it’s being used in the SSBSG. Do you think the Roman Catholic Church would ever use the KJV in one of their publications as “the Bible?”

LESSON 5. Faith Against All Odds (4/27/24 – 5/3/2024)

On page 40 it says, “Tyndale’s greatest desire was to give England an accurate, readable translation of the Bible.” That is true and that happened when the KJV of 1611 was

printed. On page 41 it says, “Since Satan can no longer keep the Bible from us, he does the next best thing: strip it of its supernatural character, make it merely good literature or, even worse, an oppressive tool of religion to control the masses.” That is also true.

The authors of this SSBSG have heaped effusive complements on “the Bible,” “the Word of God,” “Scripture,” etc. It sounds very good until you know that their “the Bible” isn’t one book but it’s a bunch of different ones from which they pick and choose. They don’t believe there is a bible in any language in the world at this time that doesn’t have some problem and the contributors to this SSBSG are using books they call “the Bible” that contain gross errors. Is Satan being successful in stripping the Bible of its supernatural character? They are still looking for “an accurate, readable translation of the Bible” even though we have had one since 1611.

On page 67 in the teachers comments section that’s special for teachers Gheorghe says, “Satan employed several strategies to undermine God’s special revelation. One such strategy was to cause humanity to doubt what God revealed in His Word.” At the end of that paragraph Gheorghe quotes three different passages from the NIV.

The NIV is another “the Bible” that says, in 1 Peter 3:18-20, only Jesus’ spirit was raised from the dead and that His resurrected spirit spoke to the spirits of wicked people that had died in the flood. Here is a passage from the NIV that can destroy your faith in “the Bible” being the infallible Word of God and at the same time cast doubt on Sister White’s prophetic gift.

“If someone asks, 'What are these wounds on your body?' they will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.' 'Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!' declares the LORD Almighty. 'Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.' ” Zechariah 13:6-7 from the NIV.

Here's something from Sister White.

“Even the manner of His death had been shadowed forth. As the brazen serpent had been uplifted in the wilderness, so was the coming Redeemer to be lifted up, ‘that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.’ John 3:16. ‘One shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends.’ Zechariah 13:6.” *The Acts of the Apostles* page 226.

Jesus even mentioned this passage.

“ ‘You will all fall away,’ Jesus told them, ‘for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ” Mark 14:27 from the NIV.

Here is the footnote for Zechariah 13:6 in the NIV Andrews Study Bible written by a Seventh-day Adventist scholar who knows Hebrew.

“**13:6 wounds on your body.** The false prophet lies about the scars, which probably resulted from self-mutilation while participating in idolatrous rituals (1 Ki 18:28).”

How do you feel about the NIV and the Spirit of Prophecy now? Is your faith in their veracity increased? Mark Finley, by the way, was on the “oversight project committee” that recommended publication of this abomination.

Here is what the real Bible says in Zechariah 13:16-7.

“And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.” Zechariah 13:6-7 from the KJV.

On page 68 Gheorghe says, “Liberal Protestants did not prohibit people from reading Scripture for themselves. Rather, these liberal thinkers reinterpreted the very definition and nature of Scripture.” The NIV is a good example of what liberal thinkers can do.

On page 69 Gheorghe says, “As God’s end-time remnant church, Seventh-day Adventists have been divinely entrusted with the mission to, once again, proclaim the foundational biblical principles of *sola scriptura* and *sola gratia/sola fide*.” This is from a man who has used a bible as Scripture by which a Messianic prophecy is destroyed, by which Ellen G. White is shown to be wrong and by which you CANNOT prove that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church.

A couple of pages after the end of this lesson there is an ad for *The Great Controversy Guide*. I advise you not to waste your money. *The Great Controversy* is written in simple ENGLISH and is easy to understand.

LESSON 6. The Two Witnesses (5/4/24 – 5/10/24)

Toward the bottom of page 47 Mark says, “Who are these two witnesses? In view of these biblical points and the characteristics given in Revelation 11, we can conclude (not dogmatically, however) that the two witnesses are the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, communicating God’s light and truth to the world.”

“Dogmatically” means expressing opinions very strongly as if they were facts. That’s interesting because I’ve heard Mark dogmatically claim that the Bible teaches that we currently aren’t supposed to eat the flesh of unclean animals when his favorite fake “the Bible” contradicts that. I will now “dogmatically” tell you who the two witnesses are and I’m REALLY surprised Mark doesn’t know this.

“The two witnesses represent the Old and New Testament Scriptures.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 4 page 188.

On page 84 of the teachers comments section Gheorghe says, “The devil aims to destroy God’s revelation in His Written Word. But he especially aims to suppress the Word of God in His church. This satanic objective has not succeeded nor ever will it.” It appears to me that when it’s a rare Seventh-day Adventist minister who believes there is any Bible in the world without at least some error, the devil has been pretty successful.

LESSON 7. *Motivated by Hope* (5/11/24 – 5/17/24)

In this lesson three fake “the Bible” are used. The most ridiculous one, in my opinion, is the CJB which is used on page 96 of the teaches comments section. That’s the same page on which Gheorghe says, “Miller and the Seventh-day Adventists longed for hope, but they wanted a hope built on the solid foundation of the Word of God.” Gheorghe has also used the NASB in this lesson and Mark has used the NKJV. We’ll see how well their “the Word of God” stands the test of being “the solid foundation of the Word of God.”

“So He said to them, ‘Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?’ ” Mark 7:18-19 from the NKJV.

“And He said to them, ‘Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?’ (Thus He declared all foods clean.)” Mark 7:18-19 from the NASB.

“He replied to them, ‘So you too are without understanding? Don’t you see that nothing going into a person from outside can make him unclean? For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and it passes out into the latrine.’ (Thus he declared all foods ritually clean.)” Mark 7:18-19 from the CJB.

“And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?” Mark 7:18-19 from the KJV.

The NKJV says food enters man (that would be through the mouth) goes into the stomach and is “eliminated” (out the other end) and is thus purified. That means, in ENGLISH, that the brown stuff that comes out is pure. The NASB and CJB say Jesus made all foods clean. The KJV says food goes into a man, (goes into the digestive tract) and then goes into the “draught” (sewer or latrine) and it does not say all foods are thus made clean. “Purging” means getting rid of and not making clean.

Obviously the three fake “the Word of God” contradict the Spirit of Prophecy. The only Bible of those that can be used to show that the eating of pork, rattlesnake, etc., is prohibited in the New Testament era is the KJV. Though Mark usually uses the NKJV, he also used the CJB on page 82 of this SSBSG so he’s apparently as deluded as Gheorghe.

The CJB has to be the most ridiculous “the Bible” ever conceived for ENGLISH speaking Christians. For some inexplicable reason someone thought that using words and names like *Matzah* and *Ruach HaKodesh* in a “the Bible” would be beneficial to ENGLISH speaking people when most ENGLISH speaking Christians think ENGLISH is too hard to understand. To make things more spiritual (LOL) the books of that “the

Bible” aren’t necessarily where an ENGLISH speaking Christian would expect to find them. After Ezekiel comes *Shneim-‘Asar* (The Twelve) and after that comes the *K’tuvim* (Writings). If you like to suffer, by all means do your “the Bible” study from a CJB.

LESSON 8. Light From *the* Sanctuary (5/18/24 – 5/24/24)

In this lesson five different bibles are used and one of them is the KJV on page 69 where it’s quoted as “love his appearing.” Here’s the whole verse.

“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:8 from the KJV.

Here’s the same verse from the favorite fake bible of this SSBSG.

“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:8 from the NKJV.

I believe the reason the KJV is used is because it says “love his appearing” which refers to Christ’s second coming and the NKJV says “loved His appearing” which could mean they liked it when He came to earth but maybe aren’t looking forward to His second coming.

Toward the bottom of page 110 of the teachers comments it says, “Thus, our mission, as Seventh-day Adventists, is to guard against compromising the Word of God, and to call both Christians and the world to focus their attention on the sacrifice of Christ on earth and His mediation in the heavenly sanctuary.” Already discussed in this review of the SSBSG is Hebrews 9:12 in which Mark’s favorite “the Bible” that says Jesus started His ministry in the Most Holy place long before 1844. Here’s another example of how to diss God’s Word and the Spirit of Prophecy by using the same verse from each the four fake bibles used in this lesson.

“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16 from the NKJV.

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5:16 from the NLT.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) is able to accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].” James 5:16 from the AMP.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16 from the NASB.

The NLT, AMP and NASB say to confess your sins to each other. The NKJV says to confess you trespasses to each other. A “trespass” occurs as soon as a law is broken so is equivalent to a sin.

Here’s what the real Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy say.

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16 from the KJV.

“The apostle says, ‘Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.’ Confess your sins to God, who only can forgive them, and your faults to one another.” *Steps to Christ* on the first page of the chapter titled “Confession.”

This is why the Roman Catholic Church prefers the reading of the fake bibles. Here is the footnote for James 5:16 in my Douay Rheims Bible.

“Confess your sins one to another...That is, to the priests of the church, whom (ver.14) he had ordered to be called for, and brought into the sick, moreover, to confess to persons who had no power to forgive sins, would be useless. Hence the precept here means, that we must confess to men who God hath appointed, and who, by their ordination and jurisdiction, have received the power of remitting sins in his name.”

How are we doing as Seventh-day Adventists in our mission “to guard against compromising the Word of God?”

LESSON 9. The Foundation of God’s Government (5/25/24 – 5/31/24)

The subject of this lesson is good but the bibles used aren’t. There is a lot about the Sabbath.

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11 from the KJV.

“ ‘Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made

the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” Exodus 20:8-11 from the NASB.

“Remember the day, *Shabbat*, to set it apart for God. You have six days to labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a *Shabbat* for *ADONAI* your God. On it, you are not to do any kind of work—not you, your son or your daughter, not your male or female slave, not your livestock, and not the foreigner staying with you inside the gates of your property. For in six days *ADONAI* made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them: but on the seventh day he rested. This is why *ADONAI* blessed the day, *Shabbat*, and separated it for himself.” Exodus 20:8-11 from the CJB.

The thing to notice is the “the sabbath” in the KJV, the “a sabbath” in the NASB and the “a *Shabbat*” in the CJB. The word “the” is the definite article and the “a” is the indefinite article. If you say to your kid, “bring me the dog” your kid would understand that a you meant a specific dog. If you said, “bring me a dog” any dog your kid came across would suffice to give you your request.

I had a discussion with a Seventh-day Adventist minister about this who said that in the Hebrew there wasn't a definite or indefinite article. That doesn't make any difference because in ENGLISH it's understood that a very definite day is meant because it's the ONLY day in which God Himself rested from His work. Some like “a sabbath” better because it's easier to then lump the seventh day Sabbath in with the various ceremonial sabbaths of the children of Israel in which God didn't rest and which we're no longer commanded to keep in any special way.

Then there is the “Complete Jewish Bible” in which appear Hebrew words and names for no good reason and containing the name of a people that still, if they're orthodox, rest on the seventh day Sabbath, and the “a” is there as well. That doesn't make much sense.

LESSON 10. Spiritualism Exposed (6/1/24 – 6/7/24)

The SSBSG for the fourth quarter of 2022 was on the state of the dead and I wrote an extensive review about it. I suggest you take a look at it for more information related to this lesson.

On page 80 Mark says, “the Fox sisters' claim, later admitted to be fraudulent, that they could receive answers to their questions from the spirits of the dead.” On page 133 of the teachers comments section Gheorghe says, “the Fox sisters, who claimed that a spirit communicated with them through a rapping code. In 1888, one of the sisters disclosed that all the rapping had been a hoax, but in 1889, she retracted her confession.” Gheorghe's statement that “she retracted her confession” being in the teachers comments means the average Sabbath School student won't know that unless the teacher remembers to tell them.

The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia under “spiritualism” connects the Fox sisters with the start of spiritualism and with communicating with spirits through “rapping or knocking sounds.”

“The mysterious rapping with which modern spiritualism began was not the result of human trickery or cunning but was the direct work of evil angels, who thus introduced one of the most successful of soul-destroying delusions.” *The Great Controversy* page 553.

It seems to me that Mark and Gheorghe should have mentioned this quotation since the title of this quarterly is “The Great Controversy” and *The Great Controversy* is used repeatedly as an authoritative reference on spiritual matters. Why the timidity gentlemen? Think ye that the Holy Ghost was somehow mistaken? You can find similar statements about the source of the rapping in *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 4 page 371-372 and page 173 (chapter XXX) of the 1858 *The Great Controversy*.

LESSON 11. The Impending Conflict (6/8/24 – 6/14/24)

There are three excellent quotations from *The Great Controversy* on page 94 that all should read and remember.

“None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict.” From *The Great Controversy* page 593.

“But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms.” *Ibid.*, page 593.

“Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain, ‘Thus saith the Lord’ in its support.” *Ibid.*, page 593.

Here’s something else.

“The Word of God is our sanctification and righteousness, because it is spiritual food. To study it is to eat the leaves of the tree of life.” Letter 17, 1902 or page 867 of the Old Testament section of *The Mission Study Bible*.

The phrase “the Bible” is singular meaning just ONE Bible and not the several “the Bible” from which Mark and Gheorghe pick and choose. I don’t know about Gheorghe, but Mark has used a “the Bible” to preach about the sin of eating unclean meats when his favorite “the Bible” cannot be used to teach that doctrine. Mark and Gheorghe should care about the spiritual food the flock is being fed with.

“There is a wide field for the elders and the helpers in every church. They are to feed the flock of God with pure provender, thoroughly winnowed from the chaff, the poisonous mixture of error. You who have any part to act in the church of God, be sure that you act wisely in feeding the flock of God; for its prosperity much depends upon the quality of this food.” Found in Manuscript 59, 1900 or in *The Mission Study Bible* on page 439 of the New Testament section.

I heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister say from the pulpit that the Bible says it’s OK to lie some times. That can be taught by using the favorite “the Bible” used in this quarterly.

“And the king said to Hazael, ‘Take a present in your hand, and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?’ So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said, "Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?’ And Elisha said to him, ‘Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the LORD has shown me that he will really die." 2 Kings 8:8-10 from the NKJV.

“And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die.” 2 Kings 8:8-10 from the KJV.

The NKJV has the inspired prophet of God saying to Hazael that the king would “certainly recover” but that he would “really die.” In the real Bible, the prophet said “mayest” which means recovery was possible. That was not a lie if recovery was possible; it doesn’t mean recovery would happen and it didn’t happen because Hazel intervened and killed the king as recorded in 2 Kings 8:15.

LESSON 12. Earth’s Closing Events (6/15/24 – 6/21/24)

On page 158 of the teachers comments section Gheorghe says, “the Word of God is our only trustworthy guide.” His Word of God for this lesson was the NASB.

“They were watching Him to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" And He said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent. After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.” Mark 3:2-5 from the NASB.

“But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.” Matthew 5:22 from the NASB.

“But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.” Matthew 5:22 from the KJV.

The NASB says Jesus was angry with people in Mark and in Matthew 5:22 says “everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty.” Did Jesus sin?

LESSON 13. *The Triumph of God's Love* (6/22/24 – 6/28/24)

On page 105 Mark says, “There are some who have misunderstood the concept of living thorough the time of trouble without a mediator. Jesus ceases His mediation in heaven’s sanctuary when everyone has made their final decision for or against Him.” I think many in the Seventh-day Adventist Church have misunderstood that. The popular teaching is that we’ll keep sinning until Jesus comes. If Jesus ceases to cleanse us from our sins and we then sin, how are we to be saved with no more sacrifice for sin? The less popular teaching is that the righteous who are living when Jesus ceases to minister in the Most Holy Place will never sin again but I’ve never heard that explained in a rational manner.

Here are some references to consider.

“He vanquished Satan in the same nature over which in Eden Satan obtained the victory. The enemy was overcome by Christ in His Human nature.” From *The Mission Study Bible*, page 91 of the New Testament section or from the 4/25/1901 issue of the *Youth Instructor*.

“Notwithstanding that the sins of a guilty world were laid upon Christ, notwithstanding the humiliation of taking upon Himself our fallen nature, the voice from heaven declared Him to be the Son of the Eternal.” *The Desire of Ages* page 112.

“In Christ were united the divine and the human—the Creator and the creature. The nature of God, whose law had been transgressed and the nature of Adam, the transgressor, met in Jesus—the Son of God, and the Son of man.” From *The Mission Study Bible* page 412 of the New Testament section and from Manuscript 141, 1901.

“He [Christ] was able to take His position at the head of humanity by taking the nature but not the sinfulness of man.” From *The Mission Study Bible*, page 412 of the New Testament section or from the 5/29/1901 issue of *Signs of the Times*.

“He could not come in the form of an angel; for unless He met man as man, and testified by his connection with God that divine power was not given to Him in a different way to what it will be given to us, He could not be a perfect example for us.” From *The Mission Study Bible* page 412 of the New Testament section or from Manuscript 21, 1895.

“Christ had not exchanged His divinity for humanity; but He had clothed His divinity with humanity.” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* volume 5 (copyright 1956) page 1128 or *Review and Herald*, 10/29/1895.

“Be careful, exceedingly careful as to how you dwell upon the human nature of Christ. Do not set Him before the people as a man with the propensities of sin. He is the second Adam. The first Adam was created a pure, sinless being, without a taint of sin upon him. He was in the image of God. He could fall, and he did fall through transgressing. Because of sin his posterity was born with inherent propensities of disobedience. But Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God. He took upon Himself human nature, and was tempted in all points as human nature is tempted.

He could have sinned. He could have fallen, but not for one moment was there in Him an evil propensity.” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* volume 5 (copyright 1956) page 1128 or Letter 8, 1895.

“Bent of mind, natural or acquired; inclination; in a *moral sense*; disposition to any thing good or evil, particularly to evil; as a *propensity* to sin; the corrupt *propensity* of the will.” Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language.

When Adam and Eve sinned, they acquired the propensity to sin and passed on this propensity to their descendants. Jesus came as the second Adam and did NOT have the propensity to sin. Jesus Christ had to prove that Adam’s sin was because of Adam’s choice and was not because of some defect in his creation. Jesus came to prove that a man with no propensity to sin (like Adam before he sinned) could live a sinless life as a man after the human race had degenerated for about 4,000 years. Divine power was not given to Jesus in a way different than it’s given to us.

I’m quite sure this subject will be the never-ending study of the redeemed.

On page 172 of the teachers comments section which the average Seventh-day Adventist doesn’t have in their SSBSG, Revelation 22:11 is quoted from the NASB.

“Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.” Revelation 22:11 from the NASB.

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Revelation 22:11 from the KJV.

Those having bibles with the words of Christ in red will find that Revelation 22:11 is in black print. That is incorrect because of the verse that follows and because only Jesus Christ is the Creator that can recreate a man to be sinless with no propensity to sin.

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Revelation 22:12 from the KJV.

It is Jesus Christ who is coming quickly and He, as the Creator, has the right to say “let him be righteous” or “let him be holy” just like when He said “let there be light: and there was light” In Genesis 1:3.

“An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves to the divine precepts have received ‘the seal of the living God.’ Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts His hands and with a loud voice says, ‘It is done;’ and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ Revelation 22:11. Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins.

The number of his subjects is made up: ‘the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,’ is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor.” *The Great Controversy* pages 614-615.

Notice where it says Jesus “blotted out their sins.” If their sins are blotted out, they are sinless just like Adam was before he yielded to temptation. Don’t think so? Here is proof. Speaking of the righteous at this time *The Great Controversy* says:

“But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance.” *The Great Controversy* page 620.

“And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” Jeremiah 31:34 from the KJV.

At that time, the past sins of the righteous aren’t remembered by them or by God. I think it’s pretty clear that we won’t be sinning until Jesus comes. Those who have confessed and forsaken all of their sins by the new birth and accepting Christ’s robe of righteousness will be the ones that are eternally recreated with the same sinless nature that Adam had before he sinned. The final test will show that men in their current degenerated physical state can live sinless lives even in the worse tribulation imaginable when they have been recreated by Jesus Christ the Creator to men with unstained souls and no propensity to sin. Remember that Satan claimed God’s Law was too hard for Adam in his unfallen state to keep. God will show how false that claim is.

On page 174 of the teachers comments section Gheorghe says, “According to the Bible, at death our being is not divided. We do not survive as an ethereal soul, and that soul does not transition, fully conscious, to a state of transcendence beyond the created universe. When we die our entire being dies.” That’s mostly true. Here is what the real Bible says.

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

That clearly says when the body dies the soul does not die unless it’s destroyed in hell. In this passage “soul” means our intellectual processes that God keeps a memory of in a sleeping state until the resurrection. Once again, for a more complete discussion on this, see my review of the Sabbath School lessons for the fourth quarter of 2022.

Here is an obvious error the majority of fake “the Bible” have. In this SSBSG I found nine or ten “the Bible” used. The reason for uncertainty as to the number is because two

of the quotations didn't indicate what version they were from and despite looking at quite a few different bible versions I didn't find any that read exactly the same.

“For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.” Hebrews 4:8 from the NKJV.

“For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.” Hebrews 4:8 from the KJV.

The obvious difference is the “Joshua” in one and the “Jesus” in the other. Both of those are translated from the same Greek word translated as “Jesus” in all other places in the KJV (that would be 973 times). There is a marginal reading in the NKJV Andrews Study Bible that lamely says, “Gr. Jesus, same as Heb. Joshua.” They aren't translating from Hebrew they're translating from GREEK. In fact, just a few verses down the same Greek name is translated Jesus.

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.” Hebrews 4:14 from the NKJV.

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.” Hebrews 4:14 from the KJV.

According to the introduction of the CJB, “Besides systematically using the original Semitic names for persons and places in and near the land of Israel the *Complete Jewish Bible's* New Testament draws on what I call ‘Jewish English,’ defined as Hebrew and Yiddish expressions which many English-speaking Jews incorporate into everyday speech.”

“For if Y'hoshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later of another day.” Hebrews 4:8 from the CJB.

“Therefore, since we have a great *cohen gadol* who has passed through to the highest heaven, Yeshua, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we acknowledge as true.” Hebrews 4:14 from the CJB.

Apparently, according to a Jew, if the NKJV translators wanted to be true to the Hebrew, they should have used “Y'hoshua” and it still doesn't provide a satisfactory reason for using different words to translate the same Greek word.

Here is the connection all of the known fake bibles used in this quarterly try to avoid.

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. 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 sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.” Psalms 95:1-11 from the KJV.

If “Jesus were left in Hebrews 4:8 it would make it easier to see that Jesus was the LORD, the great God, the King above all gods, the creator, our maker and the God that led the children of Israel.

Did Paul know the difference between “Jesus” and “Joshua?”

“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 from the KJV.

If Paul had meant Joshua, he would have written something like Jesus the son of Nun to make the distinction between him and Jesus of Nazareth the Son of God.

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