



**Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.**

**Lesson No. 01**                      **24 – 30 September 2022**  
**Title:**                                      **Rebellion in a Perfect Universe**

**Let's Share the Word**

**Key Texts:**                      **1 John 4:7-16 especially verses 8 & 16; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 12.**

**Themes to Explore**

- The Bible uses the word MYSTERY once to describe evil (2Thess. 2:7), but many times to describe the plan of salvation (for example: Rom 16:25; Eph 1:9; 3:3-5 & 9; 6:19; Col 1:27; 2:2; 4:3; 1 Tim 3:16; Rev 10:7).
- The mystery of evil contains all things negative: pain, sickness, death, injustice, violence etc.
- Evil has an origin, an author, a mind, a strategy, a being. Jesus defined him as the enemy (Matt 13:28).
- He elevated himself above God; he is an antagonist, supplanter, false, which makes him an enemy of God and all His creation.
- Through his dialogue with Eve his intent emerges: to shatter faith in God.
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**Pastoral Group Objectives**

- Reflect on evil and its machinations, but search for the solution in Jesus.
- Invite the group to train their thoughts on the revelation of God, not ignoring the reality of evil, but meditating on Jesus.
- Reflect on Lucifer's actions to understand His intentions, the motives and objectives: understand His nature.

**Suggestions for Teaching and Spiritual Objectives:**

- Seeing the levers with which Satan has used understand what His aims are towards us. Identify the counter-moves we need to take.

**Possible Questions for Deeper Study, Sharing and Application:**

1. What have we discovered that is new and clearer about the mystery of ungodliness, about evil? Why did GOD allow it?
2. How can we define in one phrase the nature of evil and the motives of its author? Its machinations?
3. In the light of Genesis 3, what purposes did the serpent have in his discussion with Eve? What did he want to destroy?
4. In our mission to others, what goal should we set ourselves? What is to be rebuilt that has been destroyed by evil?

**Personal Testimony and Church Mission:**

Identify the acts to be pursued in order to build faith in those we want to witness to.