

The Great Controversy — Study Guide

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References

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Chapter 25 — God’s Law Immutable

1. What did John declare would be seen when the temple of God was opened in heaven? To what time must this apply? How did the acceptance of the Sabbath by the truth-seeking Adventists fulfil this prediction? 433:1-434:3 [495:1-497:1]
2. What was the hidden reason for opposition to the truth that revealed Christ’ ministry in the most holy place? 435:1 [697:2]
3. What are the characteristics of the people prepared for Christ’s coming by the three-fold message of Revelation 14? How is the first message shown to be a call to keep God’s commandments? Which commandment stressed God as the Creator? How would universal Sabbath keeping have preserved the world from idolatry and atheism? 435:2-437:2 [498:1-499:2]
4. What is symbolized by the dragon of Revelation 12? The leopard-like beast of chapter 13? At what point is the lamblike beast introduced? In what two features does the latter differ from those preceding it, and the beasts seen by Daniel? 438:2-440:1 [500:3-502:2]
5. How is the United States indicated by
 - (1) the time,
 - (2) the manner of its rise,
 - (3) its location,
 - (4) the two horns? 440:2-441:1 [502:3-503:1]
6. What striking difference is seen between the appearance of the beast as it was seen coming up, and in its later utterances? What is thus implied regarding the role of the United States in the latter days? Compare Revelation 5:12 and 12:9. 441:2-443:1 [505:1-506:1]
7. What led the early church to seek the support of the secular power? What church was thus formed, and how did she use the secular power? 443:2-4 [506:2-4]

8. What early conditions preceded the union of church and state? What scriptures indicate that similar conditions in the churches of today will produce similar results? 443:5-444:1 [506:5-507:1]
9. Upon what conditions may the diversified Protestant churches unite to influence the State to legislate in their behalf? When the State shall yield to their demands, what will be the result? 444:2-445:1 [507:2-508:1]
10. How is the message of the third angel shown to be a warning against yielding to what is to be demanded by the “beast” or its “image”? How is it evident that this demand is something contrary to God’s commandments? 445:2-446:1 [508:2-509:3]
11. Which commandment has been intentionally and deliberately changed? In the light of the first message, why is this commandment of vital importance? 446:1-3 [509:1-3]
12. What words of Christ disprove the claim that He changed the Sabbath? What is the claim of the Catholic Church regarding the change, and how do their members look upon the Protestant acceptance of that change? 447:1-448:3 [510:1-512:1]
13. Not until what time and under what circumstances will men receive “the mark of the beast”? Can there be a neutral position in the final issue? 449:1-450:1 [512:2-513:2]

Chapter 26 — A Work of Reform

1. What prophecy in Isaiah promises a blessing upon the Gentile Sabbath-keepers? How does the context show it to apply in the last days? 451:1, 2 [515:1, 2]
2. How is the law to be sealed among God’s disciples, as a preparation for looking for Him? (Isaiah 8:17) 452:1, 2 [516:1, 2]
3. Where does the prophet Isaiah reprove God’s people for forsaking His ordinance? How is that ordinance defined? What blessing is pronounced upon those who restore it? 452:3, 4 [516:3-517:1]
4. Has there ever been a time when there were no Sabbath keepers in the earth? What has frequently been their lot? 453:1, 2 [517:2, 3]
5. As the heralds of Sabbath reform presented the subject, what two common objections were raised by the people? 454:1-3 [519:2-520:1]
6. How did the general rejection of light on the sanctuary involve the Adventist body in time setting? How does the setting of definite time suit the purposes of Satan? 456:1-457:1 [521:1-522:1]
7. In what way was the experience of the Adventists following 1844 similar to that of Israel at Kadesh Barnea? 457:2-458:1 [522:2-523:1]
8. To what climax will the spirit of intolerance be carried by the opposers of unpopular

truth? Is opposition or persecution an excuse for withholding God's message? 458:2-459:2 [523:2-524:2]

9. How many are called to the solemn responsibilities of watchmen? What is the only irrefutable argument against the truth? 459:3-460:2 [524:3-525:2] 10. Memorize Isaiah 51:7, 8.

Chapter 27 — Modern Revivals

1. What marks of true conversion have always followed the faithful preaching of God's word? 461:1-528:3 [527:1-528:3]

2. How are popular contrasted with genuine spiritual revivals, as to
(1) nature of the appeals made;
(2) results in the lives of the converts;
(3) permanence of the work of grace? 463:1-3 [529:1-3]

3. Anticipating the promised Pentecostal revival and power among God's people, how does Satan work to deceive those who will then be called out of Babylon? 464:1 [530:1]

4. What safeguard has the Christian against deception by counterfeit manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power? 464:2 [530:2]

5. What popular, but dangerous teachings are responsible for the low standards of piety because of errors regarding true sanctification? What kindred danger was recognized by Prof. Edward Parks? 465:1-3 [531:1-3]

6. What Scriptures refute the teaching that Christ abolished the law, or that there is a conflict between law and gospel? 466:1-467:1 [532:1-4]

7. What change has sin wrought in the human heart in its attitude toward the law of God? What necessary part does the law act in conversion? How does the gospel supplement what the law can not do? 467:2-468:1 [533:1-4]

8. What is the cause of many superficial conversions? 533:2 [534:1]

9. Define Bible sanctification. Will the sanctified one be free from temptation? Is the work of sanctification instantaneous? In what three ways does the spurious differ from that seen in the lives of Moses, Daniel, Job, Isaiah, and Paul? 469:3-471:3 [535:1-537:1]

10. What view regarding the relation of faith and works is presumption? What are the consequences of cherishing known sin? Of what is a claim to be sinless an evidence? 472:1-473:1 [537:2-538:2]

11. How are health habits related to sanctification? What common practices are among the "fleshly lusts that war against the soul"? 473:2-475:2 [538:3-540:3]

12. What heights of attainment may be reached by the Christian? What provision has God made to make this experience possible? 475:3-477:1 [541:1-542:2]

13. What part has joy in the experience of the Christian? What promises and experiences will make his life cheerful? Why are these fruits of sanctification so seldom seen? 477:2-478:3 [542:3-543:3]