

# ***Allusions, Images, and Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy In the Psalms: Part 2***

Lesson #9 for May 31, 2025

Scriptures: Psalm 46; 47:1-4; 75; Jeremiah 4:23-26; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 14:6-12.

1. In our prior study, we discussed how studying Psalms can help us interpret Bible prophecy. Let us see what else we can learn on that topic.

[From the Bible study guide=BSG:] When thinking of final events, we tend to focus on the beasts and the powers of Revelation. And, of course, they have a big role—an important one, too. Otherwise, God would not have put them in the Bible for us to [study and] understand them (see *Rev. 1:3*).—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide\** for Sabbath Afternoon, May 24.<sup>†§</sup>

**Revelation 1:3:** Happy is the one who reads this book, and happy are those who listen to the words of this prophetic message and obey what is written in this book! For the time is near when all these things will happen.—American Bible Society. (1992). *The Holy Bible: The Good News Translation\** (2nd ed., Revelation 1:3). New York: American Bible Society [abbreviated as *Good News Bible*].<sup>‡</sup>

[BSG:] **Prophecy, however, also deals with key issues associated with sin and suffering, judgment, the battle between good and evil, the nature of justice and injustice, persecution, and more.** [Do these things require multiple different solutions? Or, is there one grand solution?]

The Psalms also deal with these issues in great depth, exploring nearly every possible human emotion—from dark despondency to unbridled joy. We see Israel preparing for battle against the forces of darkness. **We read about individuals wrestling with the question of *why doesn't God address evil more directly and immediately*, a question that no doubt we all have asked. We are directed to the sanctuary for answers, and there also are repeated appeals to God's status as Creator. Are these not issues and questions that we, in our context today, wrestle with, as well?**—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide\** for Sabbath Afternoon, May 24.<sup>†‡</sup> [Italic type is added for emphasis.]<sup>‡</sup>

[BSG:] **The four selected psalms will draw our attention to God Himself. The first psalm** will present God to us as “our refuge,” who comforts us and reassures us, drawing Himself near to us as the One who will bring “help in” times of “trouble” (*Ps. 46:1, NKJV*).

**The second psalm** will stir our hearts, making us rejoice because God “our King . . . is the King of all the earth” (*Ps. 47:6, 7*). **The third psalm** will reinforce these emotions, which will transform into **thanks because God has finally responded to our cry. God is no longer just the God to whom we repeat our supplications, asking for His deliverance. God is no longer simply the God to whom we complained, venting our frustration because “in the place of judgment, wickedness was there”** (*Eccles. 3:16, NKJV*). **Ultimately, God is the Judge who will bring justice to the world and finally will restore the right order** (*Ps. 75:7, 10*). **The fourth, and last, psalm** is the fulfillment of the priestly blessing. God, full of merciful blessings, is there among

2. In what sense are we directed to the sanctuary to get answers to our questions? Is it that only God, on His throne, is able to give us satisfactory answers?
3. ***Does the Bible provide answers to our current personal and world-wide problems? Or, must we wait for future solutions? Does this psalm apply particularly to the final events in this world's history? Or, did the writer have something else in mind in his own day?***

## **Psalm 46: “A Very Present Help in the Time of Trouble”—Is Destruction Coming?**

**Psalm 46:1-11:** <sup>1</sup> God is our shelter and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.

<sup>2</sup> So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken  
and mountains fall into the ocean depths; [**Has this happened yet?**]

<sup>3</sup> even if the seas roar and rage,  
and the hills are shaken by the violence. [**Remember that Israel is on a  
massive earthquake fault!**]

<sup>4</sup> There is a river that brings joy to the city of God,  
to the sacred house of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in that city, and it will never be destroyed;  
at early dawn he will come to its aid.

<sup>6</sup> Nations are terrified, kingdoms are shaken;  
God thunders, and the earth dissolves.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the LORD has done.  
See what amazing things he has done on earth.

<sup>9</sup> He stops wars all over the world;  
he breaks bows, destroys spears,  
and sets shields on fire.

<sup>10</sup> “Stop fighting,” he says, “and know that I am God, [Be still and know....]  
supreme among the nations,  
supreme over the world.”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.—*Good News Bible.\*†*

4. ***Did this psalm apply to the people at the time it was written? Or, is this primarily a psalm about protection just before Jesus comes back at the second coming? Or, does this apply to our situation in some way even now? Does this sound like something predicting the final destruction of the world?***
5. In Psalm 46, the psalmist seemed to be contrasting a terrible world and all its problems, with God's final solution.

[BSG:] Notice, too, what is written here. “Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea” (Ps. 46:2, NKJV).

**One cannot help but be reminded of the scenes that will take place at the Second Coming:** “Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place” (*Rev. 6:14, NKJV*). And this: “Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat” (*2 Pet. 3:12, NKJV*). **Our present world, with all its attendant evils, isn’t going to last forever, and what comes afterward promises us something that our minds now can barely fathom. For now, though, we just need to hold on, persevering in faith and clinging to the revelation of God that we have, especially in Jesus on the cross.**—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide\** for Sunday, May 25.<sup>†</sup> [Is there nothing to worry about? What about all of God’s faithful followers who have been tortured or martyred?]<sup>‡</sup>

**Revelation 6:14:** The sky disappeared like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place.—*Good News Bible.\**

**2 Peter 3:12:** As you wait for the Day of God and **do your best to make it come soon** — the Day when the heavens will burn up and be destroyed, and the heavenly bodies will be melted by the heat.—*Good News Bible.\*†*

[BSG:] **However bad things are in this world (and we know they are going to get [even] worse), what hope should you draw from your knowledge of the goodness, power, and character of God (think: the Cross)?**—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide\** for Sunday, May 25.<sup>†</sup> [Does that mean that God will never allow us to suffer more than Jesus suffered?]<sup>‡</sup>

6. It is believed that the “sons” of Korah wrote this song (Psalm 46). They were choirmasters or religious song leaders in the temple in the days of David. What do we know about the history of their ancestor, Korah?

**1 Chronicles 6:16,22:** <sup>16</sup> Levi had three sons: Gershon, **Kohath**, and Merari. <sup>17</sup>Each of them also had sons....

<sup>22</sup> These are the descendants of **Kohath** from generation to generation: Amminadab, **Korah**, Assir.—*Good News Bible.\*†* [Their ancestor, Korah, (perhaps, grandfather) was the one who, along with Dathan and Abiram, led the rebellion against Moses and Aaron as recorded in Numbers 16.]<sup>‡</sup>

7. God’s people have experienced double disasters down through history. Some of them come from natural disasters. Others come from wars or subjugation by other nations. But, Psalm 46 reminds us that **in the end, we will drink water from the river of life in the kingdom of God**; and God will protect us by His presence. Does God want us to suffer? Even to be martyred? No! Everyone needs to have an opportunity to see evil and to see good “show their true colors” so each person can intelligently choose. Unfortunately, many people do not even realize that there is a war going on between good and evil, between God and Satan.
8. Compare Genesis 2:10; Revelation 22:1; Matthew 8:27; Daniel 11:45; and Revelation 16:16.

[BSG:] Much of the language in the book of Psalms is symbolic, but when it comes to the language that points forward to the ultimate resetting of our planet, we have little reason to believe that it is *merely* symbolic. Psalm 46 reminds us that the physical earth will be deeply affected by Christ’s return. But it is not merely the rocks and ocean that will be affected; the grand climax of

earth's history will mean the breakdown of worldly kingdoms—the miserable systems of human government that have caused so much suffering over the millennia.—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*\* for Monday, May 26.†§

9. To what was Jeremiah referring when he wrote Jeremiah 4:23-26?

**Jeremiah 4:23-26:** <sup>23</sup> I looked at the earth — it was a barren waste;  
at the sky — there was no light.

<sup>24</sup> I looked at the mountains — they were shaking,  
and the hills were rocking to and fro.

<sup>25</sup> I saw that there were no people;  
even the birds had flown away.

<sup>26</sup> The fertile land had become a desert;  
its cities were in ruins [What did Jeremiah see?]

because of the LORD's fierce anger.—*Good News Bible*.\*†

10. **Was Jeremiah given a view of the destruction of this world at the second coming?**

11. Daniel 7 tells us that the various empires and governments that have controlled our world have arisen out of strife and warfare, i.e., those “troubled seas.” They have never been very good for the rest of the people on this earth, especially those under them. But, we as Christians know that there is a better day coming. **God is still in overall control**, and He will fulfill His promises. However, before that day comes, there will be a time of great trouble. How much trouble do we need to see? That might be different for every person!

12. Read **Matthew 24**. There, Jesus warned His disciples and us that there will be many false prophets and false christs making many claims. It also tells us that the Devil, working through some of them, will perform great miracles. So, how can we know for sure when the real Christ shows up?

[From the writings of Ellen G. White=EGW:] Between the first and the second advent of Christ a wonderful contrast will be seen. No human language can portray the scenes of the second coming of the Son of Man in the clouds of heaven. **He is to come with his own glory, and with the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. He will come clad in the robe of light, which he has worn from the days of eternity. Angels will accompany him. Ten thousand times ten thousand will escort him on his way.** The sound of the trumpet will be heard, calling the sleeping dead from the grave. The voice of Christ will penetrate the tomb, and pierce the ears of the dead, “and all that are in the graves ... shall come forth.”—Ellen G. White, *The Review and Herald*,\* September 5, 1899, Article A, par. 6.††

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[EGW:] **And, furthermore, Satan is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Christ's advent.... This coming there is no possibility of counterfeiting. It will be universally known—witnessed by the whole world.**—Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*\* 625.2.††

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13. **All that we have to do to make certain that it is the true Jesus at His second coming is to look up. The entire sky will be full of bright shining angels if it is the true Redeemer!**

14. Seventh-day Adventists have studied extensively the famous prophecies of the sun darkening, the moon turning to “blood,” the capture and death of the pope, and the “stars” falling from the heavens. We understand that these signs were given back in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries as a challenge for people to study their Bibles. That studying led to the great religious awakening that was the foundation for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
15. Turning back to Daniel 7, we discover that all things will be brought to a wonderful conclusion when the heavenly court sits in judgment. God’s faithful people will then rule forever.

### **Psalm 47: “Under His Feet”**

16. As we know, Adam and Eve ceded control of our world to Lucifer; Lucifer is still in control!

**Psalm 47:1-4:** <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands for joy, all peoples!

Praise God with loud songs!

<sup>2</sup> The LORD, the Most High, is to be feared;  
he is a great king, ruling over all the world.

<sup>3</sup> He gave us victory over the peoples;  
he made us rule over the nations.

<sup>4</sup> He chose for us the land where we live,  
the proud possession of his people, whom he loves.—*Good News Bible*.\*

17. Psalm 47 suggests that God will put all the peoples of the earth under the control of His faithful people. When will that happen?

[BSG:] **Long term, the future is bright. Until then, humanity ceded dominion over the planet to Lucifer, and by the time Satan appeared at the heavenly council [as recorded] in [the book of] Job, he boasted that this earth belonged to him.**

“ ‘From where do you come?’ ” God asked.

“ ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it,’ ” he replied (*Job 1:7, NKJV*).—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*\* for Tuesday, May 27.<sup>†‡§</sup>

**Job 1:7:** The LORD asked him, “What have you been doing?”

Satan answered, “I have been walking here and there, roaming round the earth.”—*Good News Bible*.\*<sup>†</sup>

[BSG:] **Satan was declaring ownership; the foot was used in antiquity to represent ownership. “ ‘Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land,’ ” God instructed Abraham, “ ‘for I will give it to you’ ”** (*Gen. 13:17, ESV*).—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*\* for Tuesday, May 27.<sup>†‡§</sup>

18. However, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 and Zechariah 14:4 tell us that Christ is coming back, and **He will put His feet down, once again, on the Mount of Olives.** That is the place from where He departed 2000 years ago. Ellen White told us what will result from that coming.

[EGW:] Christ descends upon the Mount of Olives, whence, after His resurrection, He ascended, and where angels repeated the promise of His return. Says the prophet, “The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.” “And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst

thereof, ... and there shall be a very great valley.” “And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.” Zechariah 14:5, 4, 9. **As the New Jerusalem, in its dazzling splendor, comes down out of heaven, it rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it, and Christ, with His people and the angels, enters the Holy City.**—Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*\* 662.3-663.0.<sup>†‡</sup> [This all occurs at the third coming of Jesus.]<sup>‡</sup>

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19. Psalm 47 tells us that for God’s faithful people, He serves as King. That will be the final result of His coming back and claiming His own people and this world. It is interesting to notice from Psalm 47 that the nations will then be praising God. These are the same nations that formerly were defeated in the war. The book of Revelation also tells us that the leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations. So, now we can see that some people from the “nations” are no longer enemies but will be identified as God’s people.
20. The children of Israel had a lot of trouble with the nations around them over a period of 1500 years while they lived in Palestine. How do you explain these words from Moses?

**Deuteronomy 32:8-9:**<sup>8</sup> “The Most High assigned nations their lands;

he determined where peoples should live.

He assigned to each nation a heavenly being,

<sup>9</sup> but Jacob’s descendants he chose for himself.”—*Good News Bible*.<sup>\*</sup> [Does this mean that God assigned other “gods” to the nations other than Jacob’s descendants? In ancient times, it was believed that anything that could not be explained was God’s doing. So, they assumed by the Hebrews that those other gods must have been placed there by the One true God.]<sup>‡</sup>

## **Psalm 75: “Wine and Blood”**

**Psalm 75:1-10:** *To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup> Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks,

*Unto thee* do we give thanks:

For *that* thy name is near

Thy wondrous works declare.

<sup>2</sup> When I shall receive the congregation

I will judge uprightly.

<sup>3</sup> The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:

I bear up the pillars of it.

*Selah.*

<sup>4</sup> I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly:

And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

<sup>5</sup> Lift not up your horn on high:

Speak *not* with a stiff neck.

<sup>6</sup> For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west,

Nor from the south.

<sup>7</sup> But God *is* the judge:

He putteth [*sic-Br*] down one, and setteth [*sic-Br*] up another.

<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red;

It is full of mixture; and he poureth [*sic-Br*] out of the same:

But the dregs thereof,

All the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

<sup>9</sup> But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;

*But* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.—*King James Version*. \*†§

21. Psalm 75 tells us clearly that, just as was suggested by Daniel 7, God will conclude His work in the great controversy by bringing all things into judgment. In this Psalm, God uses some very strong language against the wicked. What do you think they understood the psalmist to be saying when he wrote that God will give the strong wine of His anger to those wicked nations? That should remind us of Revelation 14:9-11.

[BSG:] There is some thought that this psalm [Psalm 75] would have been sung upon the miraculous destruction of Sennacherib's army (*2 Chronicles 32, 2 Kings 19*)—a story that appears to point forward to the final destruction of the wicked in Revelation 20. The people of God are inside the Holy City with their righteous king when the armies of evil come up and surround them, and then they are destroyed by God Himself.—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide\** for Wednesday, May 28. †§ [How many of those people believe that they will be able to conquer the New Jerusalem, even with God inside?]<sup>‡</sup>

**Revelation 20:1-3,7-10:** [At the second coming of Jesus:] <sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And **he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: **and after that he must be loosed a little season....**

<sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are expired, **Satan shall be loosed out of his prison**, <sup>8</sup> and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.—*King James Version*. \*††§

22. Scholars who do not have an understanding of the great controversy over the character and government of God do not know what to do with Revelation 20:1-3,7-10! They have written some absolutely crazy things about these verses. One famous scholar even suggested that John must have died at the end of writing Revelation 19, and then, some poor assistant tried to put the last three chapters together from some written notes that he found!

[BSG:] **One of the things that God corrects in the judgment is the misappropriation of power that has taken place in our fallen world.** Fallen humans no longer live for others or for the glory of God but for self. Today, in many ways, we are living with the consequences of choosing to believe that there is no meaning or objective moral standard in the universe. If there is to

be a meaning, the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche insisted that we must invent it for ourselves and pretend as if the universe exists for our benefit. Each individual, in effect, behaves as if he or she is a god.

(One might justifiably ask: *How well did this philosophy work out for Nietzsche himself?* Not too well, actually. He went insane, collapsing on a street in Italy after trying to stop a man from beating a horse. He then spent the next 11 years of his life in a semi-catatonic state before his death in 1900.)—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*\* for Wednesday, May 28.†‡§

23. What we have learned so far from these passages is that no matter how bad things are, or how bad they become, **God will still be in control; the ultimate future is bright.** We may find people and nations turning the moral guidelines of the Bible upside down in every way; but, eventually, God will make it right.

24. Psalm 75 is very notable because it mentions three acts of judgment by God:

[BSG:] **First**, there is **the image of the shaking of the earth**, which has crumbled and lost all its foundations (*Ps. 75:3*). It is as if the psalm described our world today—full of chaos and disorder, a world that has lost all stability and moral points, or pillars, of reference. God, as Judge, reminds His people that He will restore the stability of the “pillars” (*Ps. 75:3, NKJV*).

The **second image** is that of **the cup full of very strong wine that God pours out on the wicked**. The wicked drink this wine thoroughly (*Ps. 75:8*). Similarly, the book of Revelation often refers to the cup of God’s wrath (*Rev. 14:10, Rev. 16:19, Rev. 18:6*).

The **third image** is that of **the horns** (*Ps. 75:10*). The **horns are a symbol of power and dignity** (*Num. 23:22, Dan. 7:8*).—*Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*\* 121.†‡§

25. It is obvious that in each stage, God solves the problems that have been plaguing this earth and returns everything to justice and righteousness.

26. It is interesting to note that Revelation 14, being a response to Revelation 13, talks about a double judgment. On one hand, we see that **those who worship the beast will be destroyed**; but, **those who remain faithful to God, will be rewarded**. They will be the ones keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.

## **Psalm 67: “That Your Salvation May Be Known”**

27. Read **Psalm 67**.

28. We look forward to the day when God will solve all the problems that Satan or humans inspired by Satan have caused. However, while we are still here, there is work to be done. God’s plan is for His glory to shine over the entire world (*Revelation 18:1*) until every person has had a chance to learn of the truth about Him.

[BSG:] **Engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have created a new black coating that renders objects painted with it nearly invisible. Created from nanotubes, it is many times darker than any black material previously created. This new material can absorb 99.995 percent of all visible light. Even the brightest light fails to make objects covered in this coating visible.**



Psalm 67 begins with an appeal for God to “cause His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth” (*Ps. 67:1, 2, NKJV*). In the plan of salvation, God has provided a way for sinners to be readmitted to His immediate, glorious presence without being destroyed by His glory; and even now, in this life, the cross of Christ makes it possible for God’s face to shine on us....

In this psalm [Psalm 67], David reminds us that God wants His “way [to] be known on earth, [His] salvation among all nations” (*Ps. 67:2, NKJV*). **Tragically, God’s people have often failed in this task. Israel’s record in the Old Testament contains some dark chapters, as does the record of the Christian church during the past two millennia. It is as if we have painted our hearts with an ultra-dark substance, content to absorb God’s light without reflecting it.**

Sometimes, we treat God’s last-day movement as a kind of privileged departure lounge reserved for spiritual frequent flyers, and we seem quite content that the rest of the world must sit in the noisy, uncomfortable gate lounge, unprepared for the journey ahead. The remnant church of Revelation 14, however, is not content just to stand on Zion with Christ, basking in His presence. Instead, they fly across the face of the earth, urging the world to join them on God’s holy mountain.

What obligations should we as a church, and as individuals, feel toward teaching others the truths that we love so much?—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide\** for Thursday, May 29.<sup>†‡Ω§</sup>

29. How well have God’s people done in spreading the truth about Him to those around them? How well did Israel do in ancient times? How well has the Christian church done in the last 2000 years? What about us? How well are we doing at spreading the gospel?
30. This final work of spreading the gospel to the entire world is not our work; it is the Holy Spirit’s work. We are just to cooperate with Him.

**Acts 1:4-9:** <sup>4</sup>And when they came together, he [Jesus, just before His ascension] gave them this order: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. <sup>5</sup>John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

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<sup>6</sup> When the apostles met together with Jesus, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time give the Kingdom back to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “The times and occasions are set by my Father’s own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be. **<sup>8</sup>But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**” <sup>9</sup>After saying this, he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight.—*Good News Bible*.<sup>\*†‡</sup>

[EGW:] During the patriarchal age the influence of the Holy Spirit had often been revealed in a marked manner, but never in its fullness. Now [at Pentecost], in obedience to the word of the Saviour [*sic-Br*], the disciples

offered their supplications for this gift, and in heaven Christ added His intercession. He claimed the gift of the Spirit, that He might pour it upon His people.—Ellen G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles*\* 37.3.†

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**Matthew 24:14:** “And this Good News about the Kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all nations; and then the end will come.”—*Good News Bible*.\*

[BSG:] When Christ told us to carry the gospel to the world, He did not leave us alone to figure out how it might happen. The work is directed from heaven’s sanctuary. Our work is intimately wrapped up in Christ: He guides and empowers us. This is *His* work, not ours: we are asked to follow His lead. You will notice this is how it worked with Israel: God asked them to follow His instructions, and then *He* made the impossible happen. The Spirit is already at work in the hearts of our neighbors; we are asked to be there when the moment of decision arrives so that we can invite them to join God’s people as they stand with the Lamb on Zion. We do not have to invent new means and methods because we have never been in charge of the work.—*Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*\* for Friday, May 30.‡§

31. Revelation 5 tells us of the seven seals that are opened by the Lamb, Jesus Christ. They tell us of the history of the Christian church from the apostolic days down through the final days of this world’s history. The most exciting part of that story is found in Revelation 5:13-14.

**Revelation 5:13-14:** <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, in the world below, and in the sea — all living beings in the universe — and they were singing: [Does this included Satan and his angels?]

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,  
be praise and honor, glory and might,  
for ever [*sic-Br*] and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures answered, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshipped [*sic-Br*].—*Good News Bible*.\*†

32. What stands between us and that glorious day when everyone, even the Devil and his angels, will be bowing down and admitting that God has done everything right? The seven seals tell of some very serious times ahead.
33. What current events do you see in the world that could easily lead to what we know is coming as told in Revelation 13&14? Are we prepared for those final days?
34. See the section in Ellen G. White’s book *Evangelism* pages 694-697, and read “The Reason for the Delay.” (<https://egwwritings.org/read?panels=p30.3848&index=0>)

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