

# CHAPTER 10

## Do You Know You Are a Seventh-day Adventist?

### Foundational Review

Just as in the last two sessions, READ Ephesians 3:14-19. Never forget that this is the full, three part Gospel. This is how it actually works. These are the underlying concepts to all else that we will discuss. This middle section is not just for SDAs, but for all Christians who want an intense relationship with God.

### Elijah and the People

#### QUESTION #1:

READ 1 Kings 18:21 and the story about Elijah facing down the people in the book chapter.

- a. Why did the people not answer when Elijah told them to choose between God and Baal?
  1. Religion wasn't important to them.
  2. They didn't remember the Exodus stories.
  3. They were confused.
  4. They didn't know who they were.

#### QUESTION #2:

What do you think: Are we SDAs like these Israelites? (premise of the book)

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The last third of the book is about being a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Let's take all that we have said about being Christians and being intense about our relationship with God and apply it specifically to Seventh-day Adventists. And let's find out what the Bible has to say, specifically, about Seventh-day Adventists .

A question that immediately arises is: What makes us think that Seventh-day Adventists are so special? Aren't we being a little arrogant? Especially when we think of ourselves as the Last Day Remnant people?

### You Are:

- A Saint (Ephesians 1:1)
- and Beloved (Ephesians 1:6; John 16:27)
- A Christian/the 5 C's (Acts 11:26)
- In a Covenant Grace/Faith Relationship with God (Gal. 2:8)
- Accepting/Received From/ Faith/Son (1 John 4:7)
- Abiding/Growing In/Hope/Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:12-16)
- Acting/Becoming Like/Love/ Father (2 Peter 1:4)
- Required to choose (Romans 12:1)
- Each choice is made by Faith (Romans 4:21)
- Faith works by Love (Galatians 5:6)
- Gifts of Holy Spirit-internal/external change (Romans 12:2)
- Keep the Commandments because of Love (John 15:8-10)

*This is basic Christianity.*

### Think It Through

Are we being arrogant? Does the Bible really describe Seventh-day Adventists at the Time of the End as the Remnant people?

Let's find out. Open your Bibles. Set the diagram of the book of Revelation (at the end of this session) next to your Bible as we work through this session.



This is an old-fashioned Bible Study. Don't go too fast; stop and think through what the Bible says. Try to understand it. Remember: we are not trying to answer all questions posed by the book of Revelation, just a very specific question "to identify the Last Day Remnant."

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### Elijah and the People

To give us a historical connection, let's first orient ourselves to a time-line.

#### QUESTION #1:

What book of the Bible do we use to create a time-line of God's People?

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#### QUESTION #2:

Yes, turn to the Book of Daniel. Using the "Timeline for the Book of Daniel" found at the end of this exercise, compare what is listed in the outline with what you find in the book of Daniel, specifically:



1. The visions Daniel 2 & 7 which give the overall timeline of the history of the world (Metals and Beasts; Iron plus Iron/Clay and the Little Horn.) Note that Daniel 7:25 and 12:7 designates: time/times/1/2 time and 1260 day/years, followed by the Stone Kingdom and the kingdom given to the saints at the end.
2. The vision of Daniel 8, which has a Sheep with two horns, Goat with one horn which splits into four horns to the four winds. Out of one of these comes the Little Horn which begins the history of the Papacy (538-1798 AD) and Daniel 8:14 which designates the 2300 day/years, but no specific dates, and is followed by the Time of the End.
3. The vision of Daniel 9, which describes the decree to rebuild and occupy Jerusalem (in 457 BC) which describes a period for the Jews (70 weeks of years) from this starting point. This delineates the same starting point for the 2300 days of Daniel, which end in 1844 (in Daniel 8) with the cleansing the sanctuary, a euphemism for judgment.
4. The 70 weeks of years for the Jews, which pinpoints the time of the Cross when the Messiah will be cut off in the middle of the last or 70th week.

That's our basic timeline. The two important dates from Daniel for our study session are the Cross and the end of the 2300 day/years in 1844.

### Revelation

The book of Revelation has lots of puzzles to be worked out. In this session we will not try to solve all the puzzles. We will look at just one of the puzzles, the intervals or gaps that appear between the sixth and seventh units in the Churches, Seals, and Trumpets in the first eleven chapters of Revelation.

Look at the simplified outline of Revelation at the end of this exercise. For our purposes we will assume (although some may disagree) that the Churches, Seals, and Trumpets are historical periods that run concurrently, all beginning at the time when the author John is writing. We are not discussing the information found in these units, but we are interested in the historical placement of them.

### Interlude #1

#### QUESTION #1:

LOOK AT Revelation 6:12.

- a. Which seal is described here?

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- b. Where is the seventh seal?

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- c. What comes in between the sixth and seventh seals?

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#### QUESTION #2:

Find Interlude #1 on your Revelation outline and LOOK AT Revelation 7 about the 144,000.

- a. Verse 1 says four angels are holding back the four winds to prevent destruction. What are they waiting for?

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- b. Write on the Revelation outline what happens to this group (verse 2-4) just before the release of the four winds of destruction graphically described at the end of the 6th seal.

- c. READ Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Timothy 2:19. What does this sealing signify/symbolize?

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Interlude #1 does not tell us what the historical date is, but we know that the events of this first interlude occur between the sixth and the seventh Seals.



## Interlude #2a

### QUESTION #1:

LOOK AT Revelation 9:13.

- a. Which trumpet is described here?

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- b. Where is the seventh trumpet?

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- c. What comes in between?

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### QUESTION #2:

Find Interlude #2a on your Revelation outline and LOOK AT Revelation 10.

On the Revelation outline write in the following three pieces of information.

- a. READ Revelation 10:6. The Strong Angel announces the end of prophetic time.

## Think It Through

1. What time has ended? Earthly time or prophetic time?

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2. READ Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6. What kind of time do the prophetic parts of the Bible work in?

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3. READ Daniel 8:14. When does the longest and last prophetic time come to an end such that the Strong Angel could say that there is no longer any "time"?

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- b. READ Daniel 8:17, 19; 12:4. Write on the outline the name of the book (that was "closed" and is now "opened" – that is, it is to be understood) that the Angel has in his hand – and what time period has now begun.

In 1844 the last time prophecy came to a close and the Time of the End began. This occurred between the sixth and seventh trumpets. If they run concurrently, this is the same historical time as between the sixth and seventh seals. Now we have an historical date for the first two Interludes.

## Think It Through

1. READ Revelation 10:7. What is to be completed during this time?

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2. READ Col. 1:26-29; 2:2-3. What is the mystery of God?

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- c. READ Revelation 10:8-11. What does eating the Little Book do to John (who represents God's Time of the End People) and what must they do afterwards?

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What historical event is symbolically described by "sweet in the mouth but bitter in the stomach"?

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## Interlude #2b

We are not finished with this Interlude, as the seventh trumpet doesn't appear until the middle of Chapter 11.

### QUESTION #1:

Find Interlude #2b on your diagram AND look at the first half of Revelation 11.

Write in on the Revelation outline the following information.

- a. READ verse 11. Who or what was resurrected at this time?

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- b. READ verses 2, 3 (compare to Daniel 7:25). What historical time period comes to an end with an earthquake (see verse 13) (similar to the sixth seal Revelation 6:12)?

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This is confirmation of the time period for all three of the Interludes to occur.

At the end of the 6th Seal and the 6th Trumpet, prophetic time comes to an end, the Time of the End begins, the Great Disappointment occurs, there is a reawakening of Bible knowledge in the book of Daniel, the Lisbon earthquake, the darkened sun, the red moon, and the falling of the stars all occur – all in the hundred years between 1750 and 1850.



### Interlude #3

The first half of the book of Revelation occurs before the break point of the year 1844 (which for John was still future, but for us has already happened). The second half of Revelation occurs after the break point of 1844 (which was future for John, and is still future for us). Before continuing with the narrative of Revelation, John inserts Revelation 12-14 which is the source of our next two Interludes.

#### QUESTION #1:

LOOK AT Revelation 12 and notice that it is divided into three parts.

- (verses 1-4) History of the Jews, (verses 5) Jesus is a transition
- (verses 6, 13-16) History of Christian Church (Woman in the Wilderness)
- (verse 17) Remnant; this is the group we are trying to identify!

a. Where do these three historical divisions fit on our Daniel timeline?

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b. Which of these three divisions fits with a date that is already there?

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c. READ verses 6 and 14. How do you know this is where the second division fits?

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#### QUESTION #2:

Find Interlude #3 on your diagram and write in the following three pieces of information.

a. READ Revelation 12:17. What group emerges after the 1260 years and how does Satan relate to them?

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b. What are this group's two characteristics?

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c. READ Revelation 19:10. What is the testimony of Jesus?

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This interlude happens at precisely the same time as the first three interludes and gives us more descriptions of this group of people who emerge at this time in history. Revelation 13 outlines activities of Unholy Trinity. This is part of the Revelation 12-14 complex interlude, but it is not of interest to us and our question: "Who is the Remnant?"

*Revelation 14:12*

### Interlude #4

Revelation 14 outlines the activities of the People of God during the Time of the End. This is also part of this three chapter interlude and it is of importance to us.

#### QUESTION #1:

Write down on the Revelation outline the following information.

a. Two purposes for the sealing of this group as found in verses 1 and 4.

1. (see Revelation 7:2, 3)

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2. (See Mark 1:17)

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This second answer has been the whole point of our study during the first nine chapters of this book.

b. In verses 6-12, what do those who follow the Lamb have to say to the world?

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We will discuss these Three Angels Messages later, but here they are. Write them down on the Revelation outline. Note the historical time when these three messages are to be delivered. It is following Revelation 12:17, when the dragon makes war with the “remnant of her seed,” that Revelation 13 and 14 take place.

**QUESTION #2:**

READ Revelation 12:16. What time period has just finished?

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**QUESTION #3:**

READ Rev. 12:17. What time period has now begun?

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In this interlude we find more descriptions of this group of people whom we are trying to identify, the Remnant which has three messages to share with the world.

## Characteristics of the Remnant

Let's put together all of the characteristics described in the interludes.

- appear at the end of the 1260 day-years, after the falling of the stars
- are awaiting the sealing of the Holy Spirit
- are charged with calling the large group of victors in the Time of the End
- understand the book of Daniel just as prophetic time ends
- go through a Great Disappointment in order to speak further to the whole world
- are the “remnant of the seed” of the church in the wilderness
- keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus and/or the faith of Jesus
- have the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy
- are to give the Three Angels Messages.

**QUESTION #1:**

Who are these people?

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**QUESTION #2:**

Do you know who you are?

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### Think It Through

If the world is poised between the sixth and seventh Seals and the sixth and seventh Trumpets, if all pieces are in place for the final events to happen, why is the process not moving forward?

What's missing on our outline? Don't the Churches, Seals, and Trumpets run concurrently? Do we have an interlude between the 6th and 7th Seals? Do we have an interlude between the 6th and 7th Trumpets? Then what's missing?

## Interlude #5

**QUESTION #1:**

READ Revelation 3:17, 18. Where is the Interlude between the sixth and seventh Churches and what does it reveal?

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Laodicea – and her apathetic attitude – serves as its own interlude. The church (woman in the wilderness) was dying in Thyatira. The church in Sardis was brought back to life by the Spirit. The church in Philadelphia was gaining strength for the test to come. But progress stopped with the apathy of Laodicea.

## Conclusion

**QUESTION #1:**

LOOK AT Revelation 3:14-22 and compare this with our opening story of Elijah and the people on Mt. Carmel. What does Laodicea not know?

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## SIMPLIFIED OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

“Interludes”	
Chapter 1	Introduction and purpose of the book
Chapter 2-3	The Seven Churches <i>Interlude #5: Chapter 3:14-18 – Laodicea</i>
Chapter 4-5	The Heavenly Throne Room
Chapter 6	The Six Seals <i>Interlude #1 – Chapter 7: The 144,000 and the Great Multitude</i>
Chapter 8:1	The Seventh Seal
Chapter 8-9	The Six Trumpets <i>Interlude #2a – Chapter 10: The Strong Angel</i>
	<i>Interlude # 2b – Chapter 11:1-14: The Two Witnesses</i>
Chapter 11:15-19	Seventh Trumpet
Chapter 12	The History of the Great Controversy on Earth <i>Interlude #3 – Chapter 12:17: The Remnant (cf. Chapter 19:10)</i>
Chapter 13	The Activities of the Unholy Trinity
Chapter 14	The Activities of the People of God <i>Interlude #4 – Chapter 14:1-12: The People of God and the Three Angels Messages (cf. Chapter 12:17)</i>
Chapter 15	The Close of Probation
Chapter 16	The Seven Last Plagues
Chapter 17-19	The Scarlet Woman, The Battle of Armageddon, The Second Coming of Jesus (Reference Chapter 19:10 with Chapter 12:17)
Chapter 20	The Millennium and the Final Great White Throne Judgment
Chapter 21-22	The New Heaven and New Earth