

The Promise: God's Everlasting Covenant
#5 – “Children of the Promise”
Seventh-day Adventist Adult Sabbath School Lesson
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Scripture and E. G. White references from Graham Maxwell's Audio Lesson Study
(Times given are approximate and are based on the on-line version)

1:26

Matthew 28:20, KJV

(Italic portion quoted in lesson.)

²⁰ *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*¹

2:40

Genesis 15:1, KJV

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram:
I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.²

5:24

1 Corinthians 10:13, NRSV

¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let
you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that
you may be able to endure it.³

12:21

(Referred to but not quoted.)

The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The student should
learn to view the Word as a whole and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge
of its grand central theme--of God's original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great
controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles
that are contending for the supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the
records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy
enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one
or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now
deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found. {LHU 115.2}⁴

14:42

(Referred to but not quoted.)

He was pictured as one who could take pleasure in the sufferings of his creatures. The very
attributes that belonged to the character of Satan, the evil one represented as belonging to the
character of God. Jesus came to teach men of the Father, to correctly represent him before the
fallen children of earth. Angels could not fully portray the character of God, but Christ, who was a
living impersonation of God, could not fail to accomplish the work. The only way in which he could
set and keep men right was to make himself visible and familiar to their eyes. That men might
have salvation he came directly to man, and became a partaker of his nature. {ST, January 20,
1890 par. 6}⁵

¹ *The Holy Bible : King James Version*. 1995. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

² *The Holy Bible : King James Version*. 1995. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

³ *The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version*. 1996, c1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁴ White, E. G. (1988;2002). *Lift Him Up*;LHU (Page 115). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

⁵ *The Signs of the Times*;ST. 2002.

16:31

(Paraphrased in the lesson.)

The Saviour of the world proposed that no attraction of an earthly character should call men to his side. The light and beauty of celestial truth alone should be the drawing power. {ST, January 20, 1890 par. 4}⁶

18:36

(Portions in italics quoted in the lesson.)

He was permitted to look down the stream of time and behold the first advent of our Saviour. He saw Jesus as a babe in Bethlehem. He heard the voices of the angelic host break forth in the glad song of praise to God and peace on earth. He beheld in the heavens the star guiding the Wise Men of the East to Jesus, and a great light flooded his mind as he called those prophetic words, "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel." Numbers 24:17. *He beheld Christ's humble life in Nazareth, His ministry of love and sympathy and healing, His rejection by a proud, unbelieving nation.* Amazed he listened to their boastful exaltation of the law of God, while they despised and rejected Him by whom the law was given. *He saw Jesus upon Olivet as with weeping He bade farewell to the city of His love.* {PP 475.2}⁷

⁶*The Signs of the Times*;ST. 2002.

⁷White, E. G. (1890;2002). *The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets as Illustrated in the Lives of Holy Men of Old*;PP;*Conflict of the Ages Series, Vol. 1;Patriarchs and Prophets* (Page 475). Review and Herald Publishing Association.