Sabbath School Lesson #7 – Now Hear This! – 7-13 November 2026

Christ would have us learn the object for which the historical records of the Bible were written. It was not simply to gratify curiosity concerning things that have taken place in the past, but for our guidance in the present. Thus, the apostle Paul says, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Corinthians 10:11). "Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4). Whenever the Bible is read, let the reader note the frequent occurrence in the Bible of the expressions, "And the Lord said;" "The word of the Lord came unto me;" etc. Let him learn to receive the entire Bible as the word of God, and then remember that it is written that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (see Deuteronomy 8:3; and Matthew 4:4).

Sunday: Anger at God's Messenger – Read Numbers 13:26-30; why were the Israelites so afraid; what word of encouragement did Caleb share with them? Of what happened, we are told: "The Lord commanded Moses to send men to search the land of Canaan, which He would give unto the children of Israel. . . . After they had spoken of the fertility of the land, all but two spoke very discouragingly of their ability to possess it. . . . As the people listened to this report, they gave vent to their disappointment in bitter reproaches and wailing. They did not wait to reflect and reason that God, who had brought them out thus far, would certainly give them the land. . . ." {CC 106.2}. "Caleb urged his way to the front, and his clear, ringing voice was heard above all the clamor of the multitude. He opposed the cowardly views of his fellow spies, which had weakened the faith and courage of all Israel. He commanded the attention of the people, and they hushed their complaints for a moment to listen to him. . . . But as he spoke, the unfaithful spies interrupted him, crying: 'We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.'" {CC 106.3}. "These men, starting upon a wrong course, set their hearts against God, against Moses and Aaron, and against Caleb and Joshua. Every step they advanced in this wrong direction made them firmer in their design to discourage every attempt to possess the land of Canaan. They distorted the truth in order to carry their baneful purpose. They represented the climate as being unhealthful and all the people of giant stature. . . ." {CC 106.4}. "This was not only an evil report, but a lying one also. It was contradictory; for if the land was unhealthy, and had eaten up the inhabitants, how was it that they had attained to such massive proportions? When men in responsible positions yield their hearts to unbelief, there are no bounds to the advance they will make in evil. . . . If only the two men had brought the evil report, and all the ten had encouraged them to possess the land in the name of the Lord, they would still have taken the advice of the two in preference to the ten, because of their wicked unbelief" {CC 106.5}.

Monday: Destroying the Message: Part 1 – Read Jeremiah 36:20-31; what was going on in the court, and how did the leaders respond to the prophetic warning, and how did God respond to Jehoiakim's act of defiance? We are told: "In the thirty-sixth chapter of Jeremiah is recorded an act on the part of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, that our people would do well to study [Verses 1-8, 11-25 quoted]. Some in the experience of the past few years have virtually repeated the act of King Jehoiakim in burning the messages of the Spirit of God. But today as of old the messages of warning have been repeated. [Verses 27-31 quoted]. The Lord has been trifled with by His people. The time that should have been devoted to repentance and reform has been spent in criticism and in following man-formed opinions and ideas. A terrible influence for evil is exerted when men turn from the right way to follow selfish devisings. Satan is playing the game of life for the souls of men, and he is gaining victory after victory. We can learn from a study of King Jehoiakim's example what men will do when they pass the boundary line. We see it in the persecution and suffering that Christ endured at the hands of wicked men. We see it in the treatment that the Lord's faithful servants in every age have received" – Ellen G White {22LtMs, Lt 152, 1907, par. 22}.

Tuesday: Destroying the Message: Part 2 – Read 2 Chronicles 36:15-16; they mocked the messengers of God, despised God's words, and scoffed at His prophets; surely, we today would never do anything like that – or would we? We are told: "How frequently ancient

Israel rebelled, and how often they were visited with judgments, and thousands slain, because they would not heed the commands of God who had chosen them! The Israel of God in these last days are in constant danger of mingling with the world and losing all signs of being the chosen people of God. Read again Titus 2:13-15. We are here brought down to the last days, when God is purifying unto Himself a peculiar people. Shall we provoke Him as did ancient Israel? Shall we bring His wrath upon us by departing from Him and mingling with the world, and following the abominations of the nations around us?" {1T 283.3}.

The prophet Jeremiah suffered mockery in reproving Israel. Jeremiah was derided and reproached and threatened, and he says: "Then I said, I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name. But His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jeremiah 20:9). Many today take that decision and act upon it; especially due the mockery they suffer from fellow Seventh-day Adventists, trying to reprove the many evils among us, these messengers of God decide to remain silent. Jeremiah did not act upon his decision, for the Spirit of Christ in him was stronger than he, as he "heard the defaming of many" (verse 10), he could not keep silent.

"In this generation, when God's servants speak the word of the Lord to reprove wrong-doers, to rebuke those who bring in wrong principles, have they not had an experience similar to that which Jeremiah had? When a course of action to pervert justice and judgment is introduced, the word of the Lord must be spoken in reproof. In this our day we find the very same difficulties that the Lord's servants found in the days of ancient Israel when they were sent to expose existing evils that were corrupting in their influence" {4BC 1156.8}.

Some of the evils that Jeremiah was dealing with are no different from what prevails in our Seventh-day Adventist Church today. He recounts, "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah" (Jeremiah 23:14). Only heaven can tell, how many who profess to be Seventh-day Adventists yet "commit adultery, and walk in lies" and "strengthen also the hand of evildoers," and would be verily described by Jeremiah "as Sodom" and "as Gomorrah"! Yet, the same professing to be Adventists would not take reproof from the messengers of God. For today's apostasy, Jeremiah would reprove most Seventh-day Adventists for being controlled by appetites – eating meat to strengthen lower passions. Today, Jeremiah would say to most of our ministers who only give lip services to health message, "Far better give up the name of Christian than make a profession and at the same time indulge appetites which strengthen unholy passions" {RH May 27, 1902 Par 15}.

Wednesday: Hypocrisy – Read Matthew 23:30-35; what important but painful point is Jesus making here; what lesson do we learn? We are told: "Christ's indignation was directed against the hypocrisy, the gross sins, by which men were destroying their own souls, deceiving the people and dishonoring God. In the specious deceptive reasoning of the priests and rulers He discerned the working of satanic agencies. Keen and searching had been His denunciation of sin; but He spoke no words of retaliation. He had a holy wrath against the prince of darkness; but He manifested no irritated temper. So the Christian who lives in harmony with God, possessing the sweet attributes of love and mercy, will feel a righteous indignation against sin; but he will not be roused by passion to revile those who revile him. Even in meeting those who are moved by a power from beneath to maintain falsehood, in Christ he will still preserve calmness and self-possession" – Ellen White {DA 619.5}.

Thursday: For Our Admonition – Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-12; why did God inspire prophets to write what they wrote in the Bible? For our admonition. Ancient Jews did wickedly. But while we justly condemn their actions, let us be certain we are not condemning ourselves. It would have been better for the Israelites to be grateful to God for His favours and to trust in Him. It is well to recall their actions, written for our admonition. If we can see wherein they erred, let us see to it that we do not follow their course. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."