

The Great Controversy — Study Guide

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References

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Chapter 37 — The Scriptures A Safeguard

1. What conditions in the last days make the study of God’s word more important than ever before? 593:1,2 [669:1-670:1]
2. Why were the disciples unprepared for the death of Christ? What is the lesson for us? How will the masses of the people relate themselves to the final message? 594:1-595:1 [670:1-671:1]
3. How has Satan used religious leaders to keep the people from investigating God’s word? How did Christ teach individual responsibility in searching the Scriptures? 595:2-596:4 [671:2-672:4]
4. When is ignorance no protection from punishment of sin? To what extent are men responsible for a knowledge of God’s word? 597:2-598:2 [674:1-675:1]
5. What rule of Bible interpretation would keep one from fatal deception? In what spirit should the deep problems of the Bible be approached? What is more important than the power of intellect? 599:1,2 [675:3-676:1]
6. What may the prayerful student of God’s word expect to receive? What promise of Christ is conditional upon storing the word of God in the mind? 599:3-600:1 [676:1,2]
7. Note other reasons for intensive Bible study:
 - (1) as a safeguard against prevalent infidelity;
 - (2) as a preparation of heart to pass the test of the judgment;
 - (3) to promote fruit bearing in the life;
 - (4) to strengthen the soul for times of persecution. 600:2-602:1 [678:1-679:1]
8. What Joy will come to the man who finds true wisdom in the word of God? 602:2,3 [679:2,3]

Chapter 38 — The Final Warning:

1. What is the relation of the message of Rev. 18:1-4 to the former similar message found in chapter 14:6,7? 603:1-604:1; 611:1 [681:1-682:1; 690:1]
2. State the fearful issue to which the world is now brought. Who only will finally receive the mark of the beast? 604:2-605:2 [682:2-683:3]
3. How will the agitation of Sunday laws give added power to the third message? 605:3 [683:4]
4. How is the attitude of reformers toward sinners often changed as the Spirit of God takes possession of them? What three evils are to be unmasked in the final warning? What results follow? How will persecution affect the spread of the message? 606:1-607:1 [685:1-686:1]
5. In what ways will the faith of God's servants be tried? Who will become the most bitter in opposition to the truth? 608:1-3 [686:2-687:2]
6. The insistence upon what vital test of truth has always resulted in opposition? Show that the restoration of primitive truth has been progressive. What enables God's servants to endure the increasing severity of the persecution? 609:1-610:1 [688:1,2]
7. May we hope for a cessation of persecution before God's work shall be finished? How has God used statesmen to hold in check the powers of evil? How will some of these be rewarded? 610:2,3 [689:1,2]
8. What Scriptures, beginning to be fulfilled at Pentecost, give assurance of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit in the closing work? 611:2,3 [690:2-691:1]
9. Through what means will God marvelously finish His work? 612:1,2 [691:2,3]