


Study Guide #8
“Get Ready” for the “Most Desolate and Solitary Places”

1. Jn 14:26, RH 3/22/1887 –Is the way _____ so the Holy Spirit can teach us?
 2. Matt 24:15-16 –There are _____ phases of “flee to the mountains” in the end-times
 (1st) 5T 464-5, CL 9-10 –Flee cities to the _____ at the first national Sunday law
 (2nd) GC 626 –Flee to the _____ places in response to the Death Decree
 3. Prov 22:3 –Since we _____ we will be going into the wilderness, (rather than it being something that happens unexpectedly), we should _____
 4. The ‘Death Decree’ happens in connection with 3rd plague, (Rev 16:4-6, EW 36-37, GC 627-628), so it will be _____ the Close of Probation (Rev 15:8) –no more evangelism
 a. Rev 13:15-17 –This will also be *after* ‘no buy/sell,’ so we’ll be traveling _____
 5. 7BC 971 –We will be staying in the wilderness _____ (until Jesus comes)
 6. Where are these “most desolate and solitary places?” _____
 7. Luke 17:28-30, Gen 19:15-19 –If wilderness is a _____ place —flee there for _____ ?
 a. If nature really is hostile, what does that say about nature’s _____
 b. Job 5:22-23 –The wild animals are on _____
 c. 2T 584 –Only way to overcome our fear is by our own _____
 d. GC 622 –If we _____ to learn these things we may ”be plunged into deeper distress”
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8. Rev 12:6,14, Mar 270, UL 327 –God has _____ places where He will _____
 9. Isa 33:16, MH 200 –God’s promised ‘wilderness blessings’ “will _____ cease”
 a. They’ve been there since creation, they’re there now, and will be there in the _____
 b. SC 123 –But God isn’t going to _____ food into our mouths
 c. Like birds and ‘natives’ we’ll _____ what we need from what God provides in _____
 d. Matt 7:7, Phil 4:19 –“Sacred Hunt” —as we _____ and _____ , God will _____
 e. Therefore we’ll need to know how to _____ and _____ these things
 f. EW 56 –“If _____ ” God will “send ravens” or “rain manna”
 10. CL 6 –‘switches & knobs’ —> false ‘baseline’: any _____ seems above/beyond
 a. People used to _____ : knife, fire-starter, blanket, cordage, food, water –CG 355
 11. GC 626, Mar 270 –We will be in _____ —Will we be an ‘asset,’ or a ‘liability?’
 a. ‘Asset’ = having: wilderness _____ , essential _____ , and key _____
 12. DA 121-122 –During this time we will be living by God’s _____
 a. GC 621 –So we should learn to trust God _____
 b. HS 217 –If we’re going to claim His promises, we need to do things His _____

1. *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887

There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out his Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. ... When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come.

2. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 5*, pages 464-465

The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.

3. *Country Living*, pages 9-10, —Letter 5, 1904; (also on 2SM 141)

Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one. We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies.

4. *Great Controversy*, page 626

As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places. Many will find refuge in the strongholds of the mountains.

5. *Early Writings*, pages 36-37

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance.

6. *Great Controversy*, pages 627-628

When Christ ceases His intercession in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Revelation 14:9, 10), will be poured out. The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people. Says the revelator, in describing those terrific scourges: "There fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshiped his image." The sea "became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea." And "the rivers and fountains of waters . . . became blood." Terrible as these inflictions are, God's justice stands fully vindicated. The angel of God declares: "Thou art righteous, O Lord, . . . because Thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and

Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy." Revelation 16:2-6. By condemning the people of God to death, they have as truly incurred the guilt of their blood as if it had been shed by their hands. In like manner Christ declared the Jews of His time guilty of all the blood of holy men which had been shed since the days of Abel; for they possessed the same spirit and were seeking to do the same work with these murderers of the prophets.

7. *S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 7*, page 971

This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.

8. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 2*, page 584

Those who sacrifice simplicity to fashion, and shut themselves away from the beauties of nature, cannot be spiritually minded.

9. *Great Controversy*, page 622

Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. The lessons of faith which they have neglected they will be forced to learn under a terrible pressure of discouragement.

10. *Maranatha*, page 270

During the night a very impressive scene passed before me. There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, "Call your household. I will lead you; follow me." He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, "Here you are safe." There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said. "The time of trouble has come as a thief in the night, as the Lord warned you it would come."

11. *The Upward Look*, page 327, (also on TDG 241)

He has made the strength of the everlasting hills to be a safe retreat for His people. He has prepared the mountains and the caves for His oppressed and persecuted children.

12. *The Ministry of Healing*, page 200

The mountains and hills are changing; the earth is waxing old like a garment; but the blessing of God, which spreads for His people a table in the wilderness, will never cease.

13. *Steps to Christ*, page 123

In His Sermon on the Mount, Christ taught His disciples precious lessons in regard to the necessity of trusting in God. These lessons were designed to encourage the children of God through all ages, and they have come down to our time full of instruction and comfort. The Saviour pointed His followers to the birds of the air as they warbled their carols of praise, unencumbered with thoughts of care, for "they sow not, neither do they

reap." And yet the great Father provides for their needs. The Saviour asks, "Are ye not much better than they?" Matthew 6:26. The great Provider for man and beast opens His hand and supplies all His creatures. The birds of the air are not beneath His notice. He does not drop the food into their bills, but He makes provision for their needs. They must gather the grains He has scattered for them. They must prepare the material for their little nests. They must feed their young.

14. *Early Writings*, pages 56

The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them or in the field in the time of trouble, when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands and strangers would reap their fields. I saw that our bread and water will be sure at that time, and that we shall not lack or suffer hunger; for God is able to spread a table for us in the wilderness. If necessary He would send ravens to feed us, as He did to feed Elijah, or rain manna from heaven, as He did for the Israelites.

15. *Country Living*, page 6

Life in the cities is false and artificial.

16. *Child Guidance*, page 355

When children reach a suitable age, they should be provided with tools.

17. *Desire of Ages*, pages 121-122

In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. See Rev. 13:11-17. But to the obedient is given the promise, "He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Isa. 33:16. By this promise the children of God will live. . . .

18. *Historical Sketches*, page 217

We are not to follow our own will and judgment, and flatter ourselves that God will come to our terms. God tests our faith by giving us some part to act in connection with his interposition in our behalf. To those who comply with the conditions, his promises will be fulfilled; but all that venture to depart from his instructions, to follow a way of their own choosing, will perish with the wicked when his judgments are visited upon the earth.

19. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 554

The most complete system that men have ever devised, apart from the power and wisdom of God, will prove a failure, while the most unpromising methods will succeed when divinely appointed and entered upon with humility and faith.

20. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 5*, page 450, (also PK 605)

The decree which is to go forth against the people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews in the time of Esther.