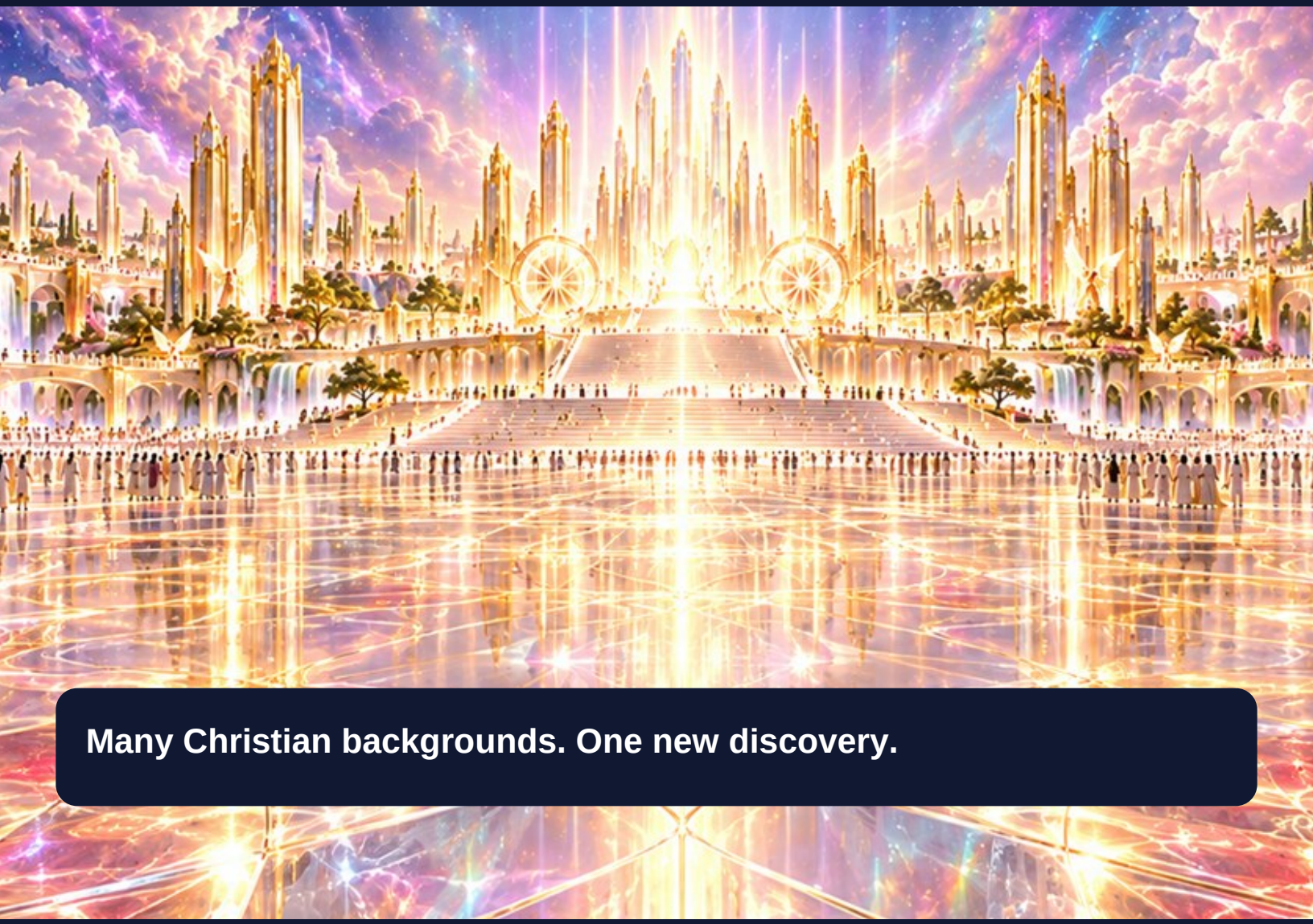
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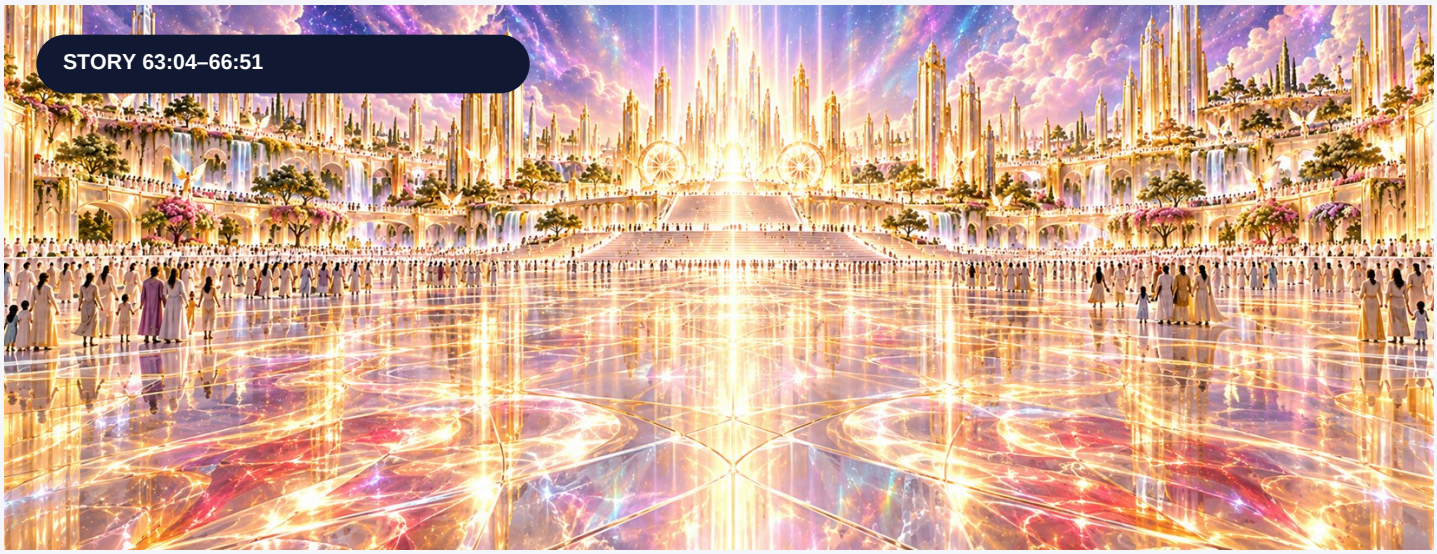
Many Christian backgrounds. One new discovery.

THEIR FIRST SABBATH IN HEAVEN

Why are Christians from many denominations discovering Sabbath together?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



Existing movie environment concept / final scene still to be selected

Why are Christians from many denominations discovering Sabbath together?

Return to this part of Heaven’s Diary. Describe what the narrator sees, what surprises him, and what he has not yet understood. Read the Bible before accepting the story’s explanation as a doctrine.

Read / Observe

Open the Bible together

ISAIAH 56:1-8 + 66:22-23

Foreigners are welcomed into worship, and restored creation includes Sabbath. The seventh day is God’s continuing creation memorial and a sign of sanctification and redemption, not a privilege restricted to one ethnicity. Its observance is Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. Read the texts before applying their promises to the narrator’s first Sabbath.

LUKE 23:54-24:3 + MARK 2:27-28

Distinguish preparation, Sabbath, and the first day in the burial/resurrection narrative. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. The resurrection is central to faith, but this narrative does not command a transfer of seventh-day holiness to Sunday.

COLOSSIANS 2:13-17 + ROMANS 14:1-6

Read Paul’s concerns about condemnation, shadows, food, and observing days. The Adventist view must explain these passages rather than ignore them. Compare their immediate arguments with creation Sabbath and the moral law.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Link creation, redemption, and new creation through Sabbath. Read Hebrews 4:1–11 as a call to enter God's rest; avoid reducing its rich argument to a single calendar proof.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Isaiah 56:1–8: Who is welcomed? Isaiah 66:22–23: What worship is pictured? Luke 23:54–24:3: Distinguish Sabbath and the first day. Romans 14:1–6 and Colossians 2:13–17: What are Paul's concerns? John 14:15: How does love respond?

EXPLAIN IT IN THREE SENTENCES

First: what the passage says in its original setting. Second: how the Adventist understanding brings the passages together. Third: how the movie illustrates that conclusion. Do not let an attractive scene substitute for the argument. Ask which connection reveals Christ’s work or character.

PHOTOTHEOLOGY / MAP THE TEXT

Trace the biblical movement

1

CREATION GIFT

Genesis 2:1-3 / The seventh day is blessed.

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2

REDEMPTIVE REST

Deuteronomy 5:15; Mark 2 / The gift belongs to liberation and mercy.

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3

WORLDWIDE WORSHIP

Isaiah 56; 66 / The invitation reaches beyond one people.

Use the passages to explain each step. A solid link needs textual support; use a dotted link for an illustration or a proposal that remains uncertain.

A fair objection

Questions worth taking seriously

DOES COLOSSIANS ABOLISH SABBATH?

Adventists distinguish the creation Sabbath from ceremonial shadows and read Paul as resisting imposed condemnation rather than repealing God’s creation gift. Compare Genesis 2:1-3 and Mark 2:27-28. The festival/new moon/Sabbath formula can indicate annual/monthly/weekly observance; explain why Paul’s argument should not be treated as canceling the creation command.

DOES ROMANS 14 MAKE EVERY DAY OPTIONAL?

Paul discusses food, disputed days, conscience, and contempt without explicitly naming the seventh-day Sabbath. Adventists read that dispute alongside the explicit creation command rather than as its repeal. Other Christians apply the day principle more broadly. Compare the two readings: does liberty concerning disputed practices establish permission to set aside every commanded practice?

ARE SUNDAY CHRISTIANS AUTOMATICALLY LOST?

No. The film itself pictures sincere believers from many backgrounds. Salvation is in Christ, and God judges with knowledge of the light received. Invite readers to follow new conviction; do not pronounce the destiny of whole denominations or substitute affiliation for faith.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Plan a first Sabbath experience: sunset-to-sunset rest, worship, mercy, and questions to bring. Read Leviticus 23:32 in context when discussing boundaries; distinguish its specific festival setting from the broader Adventist practice. Name the Adventist congregation before accepting a visit invitation.

TEXTUAL EVIDENCE

CONNECTION OR REPLY

QUESTION TO KEEP

RETURN TO THE STORY

Use your work to answer the opening question. Name one claim you can support directly, one inference, and one detail supplied by the film’s visual staging.

For activities needing more panels or columns, continue on a separate sheet.

A PERSONAL RESPONSE

Let the truth shape your life

READ AND REFLECT

Read the first passage again. Identify what it reveals about God, what it asks of you, and how Christ supplies hope or help. Pray with one specific response in mind.

Would you like to experience a Sabbath gathering and ask questions? The optional invitation names the Seventh-day Adventist church clearly.

MY NEXT STEP

( ) I understand. ( ) I need more study.
( ) I would appreciate a Bible study conversation.

NEXT: Issue 23 / When Heaven Said Goodbye

Participation and personal sharing are voluntary. Bring unresolved questions.

Leader companion

Guide the next conversation

75-MINUTE ROUTE

Scene and observation 10 / Bible investigation 20 / Christ-centered connection and map 15 / strongest objection 15 / visual activity 5 / response and prayer 10. Use a second meeting when the questions need it; do not force agreement to finish a schedule.

ISSUE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Offer a voluntary Living Manna or local Adventist visit and a keep-studying option. Do not transfer contact details without specific consent. Sunday-history claims require sourced historical treatment rather than a compressed accusation.

SOURCE AND INVITATION

Story: Heaven’s Diary transcript, 63:04–66:51. Method: Phototheology Core Method v2. Apologetics sources and editorial limitations are mapped in the accompanying source register. This is new editorial wording, not a verbatim Ivor Myers quotation. Invite a voluntary next step and preserve unresolved questions.