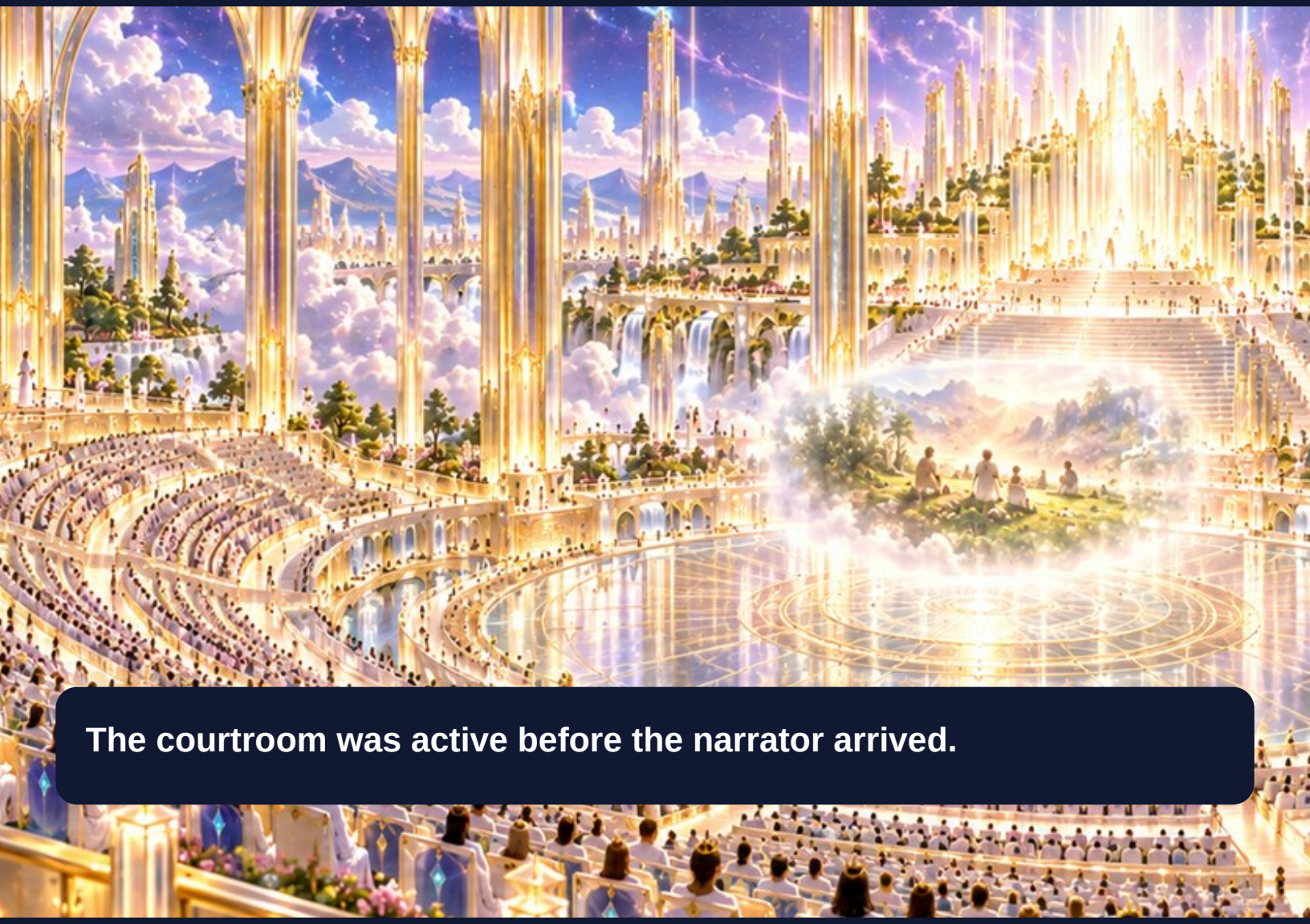
ISSUE 13 / VOLUME 3



The courtroom was active before the narrator arrived.

THE OPEN BOOKS

Why does the courtroom refer to a judgment before the narrator's resurrection?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



Existing movie environment concept / final scene still to be selected

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Read / Observe

Open the Bible together

DANIEL 7:9-14, 21-27

Follow the court, opened books, the Son of Man receiving the kingdom, and the saints' vindication. What occurs before possession of the kingdom? Adventists see a judgment before Christ's return within this wider sequence.

HEBREWS 8:1-5; 9:11-14 + DANIEL 8:14

Christ entered His heavenly priestly ministry at His ascension. Adventists distinguish its Holy Place ministry from the final Most Holy Place phase begun in 1844, at the end of the 2,300 prophetic years. The earthly sanctuary's daily and yearly services explain the two-phase pattern. Christ's once-for-all sacrifice remains the sole basis of both.

HEBREWS 10:10-14 + REVELATION 14:6-7

The cross supplies a complete, sufficient sacrifice; Christ applies its benefits in His heavenly ministry. The investigative judgment discloses who abides in Him, vindicates God's justice, and ends with the close of probation before His return. It does not mean God needs information or that believers earn acceptance apart from Christ.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Use the sanctuary connection: throne, priesthood, access, advocacy. Hebrews presents Christ's ministry on the basis of His sacrifice. Daniel's courtroom is not another crucifixion.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Daniel 7:9–14, 21–27: Place the court, the Son of Man receiving the kingdom, and the saints' vindication in order. Revelation 14:6–7: What announcement accompanies the gospel? Hebrews 4:14–16; 7:25: What is Christ doing for believers?

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

SACRIFICE

Hebrews 10:10-14 / Christ’s offering is sufficient and unrepeatable.

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2

PRIESTLY MINISTRY

Hebrews 7:25 / The risen Savior intercedes.

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3

JUDGMENT AND KINGDOM

Daniel 7 / The court culminates in vindication and the kingdom.

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 THIS DESTROY ASSURANCE?

Assurance rests in Christ, not in predicting one’s courtroom score. Read Romans 8:1, 31-39 with Hebrews 4:14-16. Adventists understand judgment as revealing genuine allegiance and God’s justice; leaders should not teach it as an invitation to endless self-terror.

WASN’T IT FINISHED AT THE CROSS?

John 19:30 and Hebrews 10 affirm the completed sacrificial work. Hebrews also describes a living High Priest. The Adventist distinction is between the sufficient sacrifice and its priestly ministry, not between a failed first payment and a later replacement.

HOW DOES BLUEPRINT REACH 1844?

Blueprint connects Daniel 8’s 2,300-day prophecy with Daniel 9’s restoration decree, using the day-year interpretation. Starting in 457 BC, 2,300 years reaches AD 1844; the calculation crosses directly from 1 BC to AD 1, with no year zero. Study Daniel 8:14, 26-27; 9:21-27 with Leviticus 16. A follow-on lesson must demonstrate each interpretive and historical step.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Draw a sanctuary path with three labeled stops: sacrifice, access through the High Priest, judgment and restoration. Use Hebrews for the first two and Daniel 7 for the third. Mark the date question as a further study rather than filling it with an unexplained number.

FIRST FRAME

Passage / observation

SECOND FRAME

Passage / observation

THIRD FRAME

Passage / observation

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.

How would judgment feel different if you trusted the Judge as your Advocate?

MY NEXT STEP

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

NEXT: Issue 14 / Why They Believed Daniel

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.

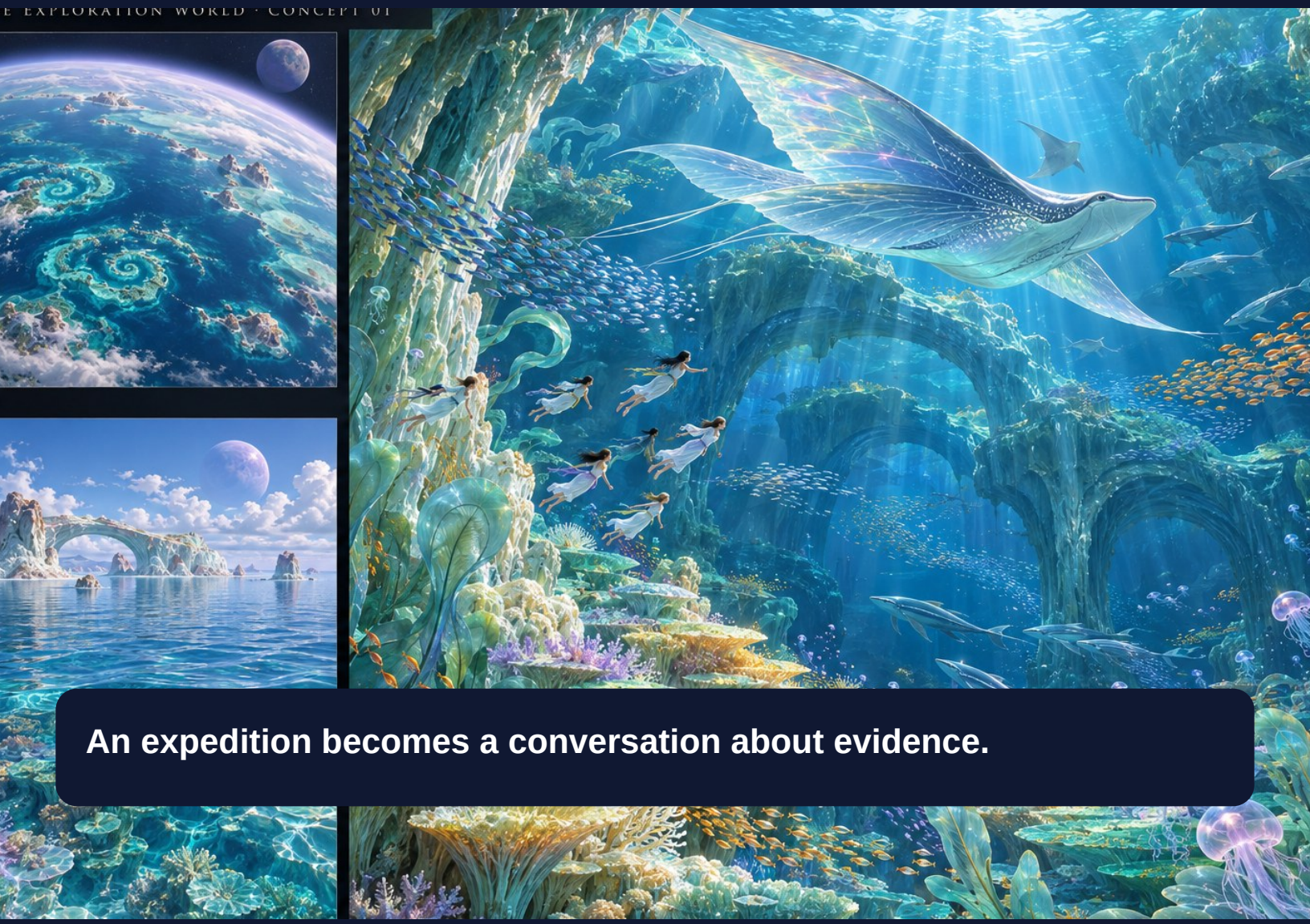
ISSUE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Present Fundamental Belief 24 clearly: ascension intercession, the 1844 Most Holy Place investigative phase, and probation closing before the return. Use Blueprint's judgment-as-jury-selection teaching with Daniel 7 and Revelation 14, while affirming Christ as Judge and Advocate. The full 2,300-year argument still needs a dedicated follow-on lesson.

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ISSUE 14 / VOLUME 3



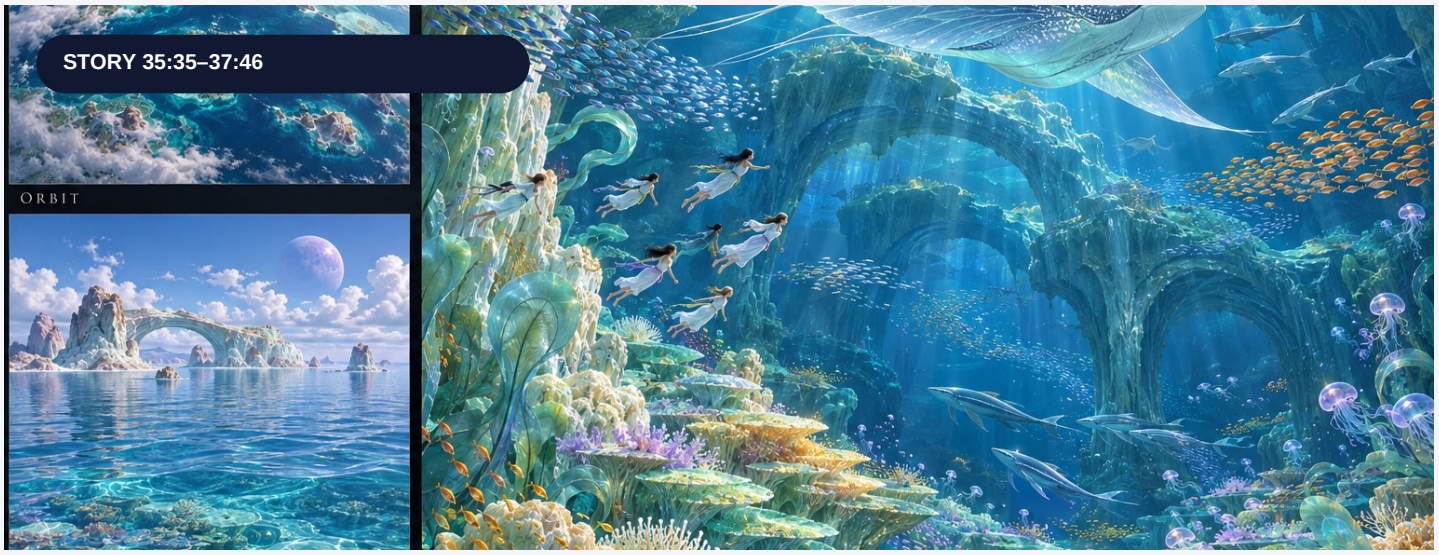
An expedition becomes a conversation about evidence.

WHY THEY BELIEVED DANIEL

Why did the former atheists find Daniel's prophecies compelling?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



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Why did the former atheists find Daniel's prophecies compelling?

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Read / Observe

Open the Bible together

DANIEL 2:27-45

Read the explanation, not only the statue. Babylon is named; the sequence culminates in God’s kingdom. What contrast does Daniel draw between human power and God’s revelation? Identify where historical interpretation supplies later kingdom names.

DANIEL 8:15-22

The explanation identifies Medo-Persia and Greece. These are stronger anchors than an unsupported guess based on an image. Compare the statue and animal visions while keeping each chapter’s distinct details intact.

LUKE 24:25-27 + 2 PETER 1:16-21

Scripture’s witness centers on Christ and God’s revelation. Prophecy should lead toward faithful discipleship rather than fascination with prediction. The movie’s travel scenery is not evidence establishing the historical case.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Compare the statue and beasts as repeated kingdom sequences. Introduce the historicist reading as a reasoned interpretation; distinguish named identifications from later identifications requiring historical evidence.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Daniel 2:27–45: Who reveals the mystery, and which kingdom is named? Daniel 8:20–22: Which empires does the explanation identify? Luke 24:25–27: How does Jesus connect Scripture with His mission?

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

OBSERVE THE VISION

Daniel 2 / List the symbols and sequence without naming every empire first.

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2

USE THE INSPIRED EXPLANATION

Daniel 8:20-22 / Let explicit identifications anchor connections.

↓

3

TEST THE HISTORICAL CASE

Distinguish textual data, historical identification, dating evidence, and inference.

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

WAS DANIEL WRITTEN AFTER THE EVENTS?

The critical argument places Daniel's detailed history in the Maccabean era. Adventists argue that the book's kingdom sequence, sanctuary conflict, and end-time horizon exceed that setting. Compare Daniel 8:17-26 and 12:1-4. Those interpretive arguments need dating evidence too; neither interpretation should dismiss the rival case without examination.

DO OLD COPIES PROVE EARLY AUTHORSHIP?

A copy's date is not automatically the composition date. Qumran witnesses matter for transmission and reception, but later copies alone do not prove a sixth-century author. Likewise, the Greek Pentateuch's translation date cannot be assigned to every Greek biblical book.

IS THE FOURTH KINGDOM CERTAIN?

Adventists connect Daniel 2 and 7 with Daniel 8:20-22, which joins Media and Persia in one ram and names Greece as the goat. That supports their Babylon/Medo-Persia/Greece/Rome sequence. Other readers separate the earlier sequence differently. Test the chapters' parallels and historical fit rather than assuming one identification settles every feature.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Make an evidence board with four columns: the passage explicitly names; the interpreter identifies; history must verify; a question remains. Place each claim from the conversation in its proper column.

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.

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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.

Which question about Scripture would you like to investigate rather than simply inherit an answer to?

MY NEXT STEP

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

NEXT: Issue 15 / When Heaven Went to War

Participation and personal sharing are voluntary. Bring unresolved questions.

Leader companion

Guide the next conversation

75-MINUTE ROUTE

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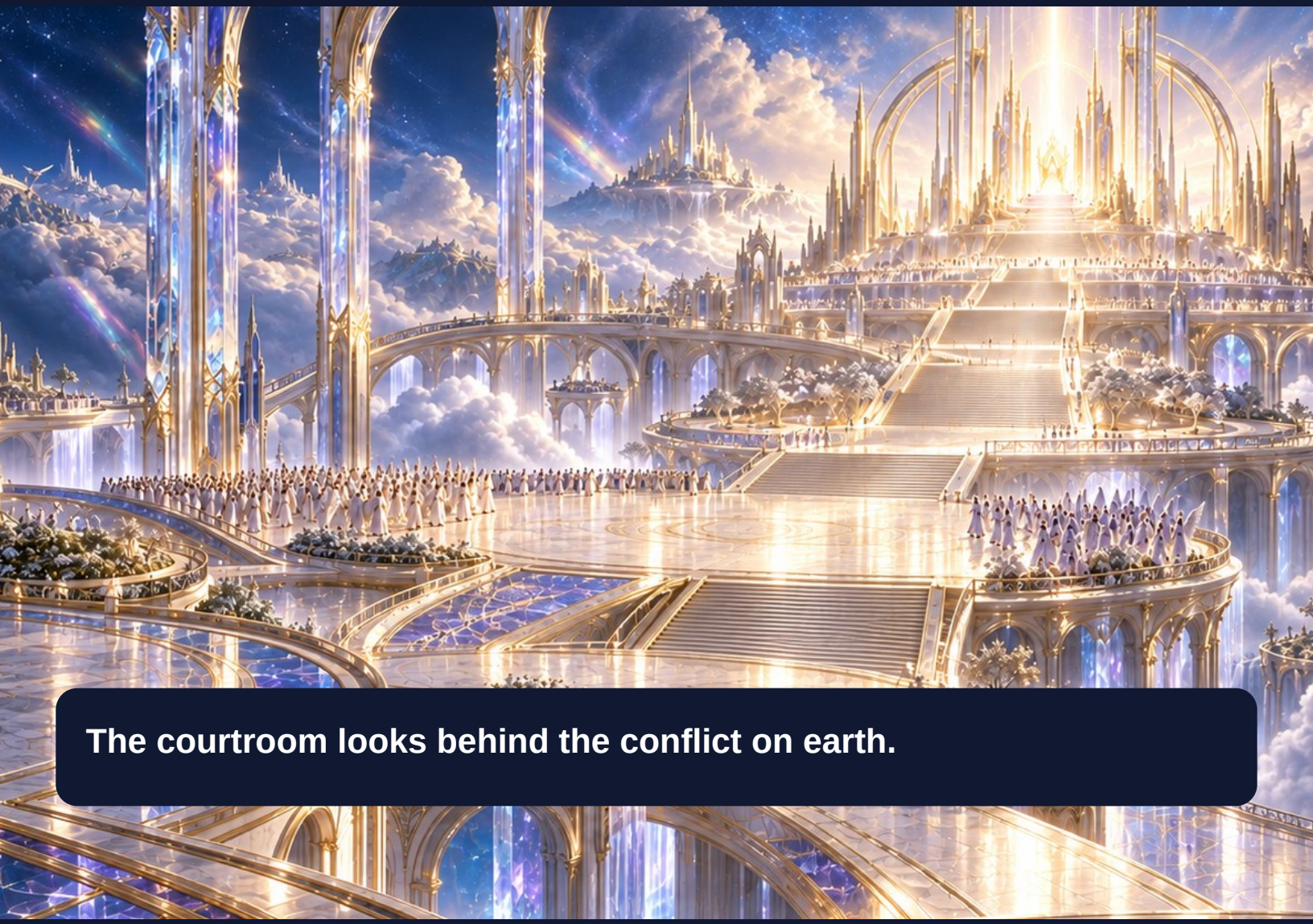
ISSUE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Use the ministry’s Daniel-authenticity objection bank for the advanced discussion. Do not repeat unverified manuscript counts or claim prophecy has eliminated every scholarly dispute. An honest evidence trail strengthens a serious invitation to study.

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ISSUE 15 / VOLUME 3



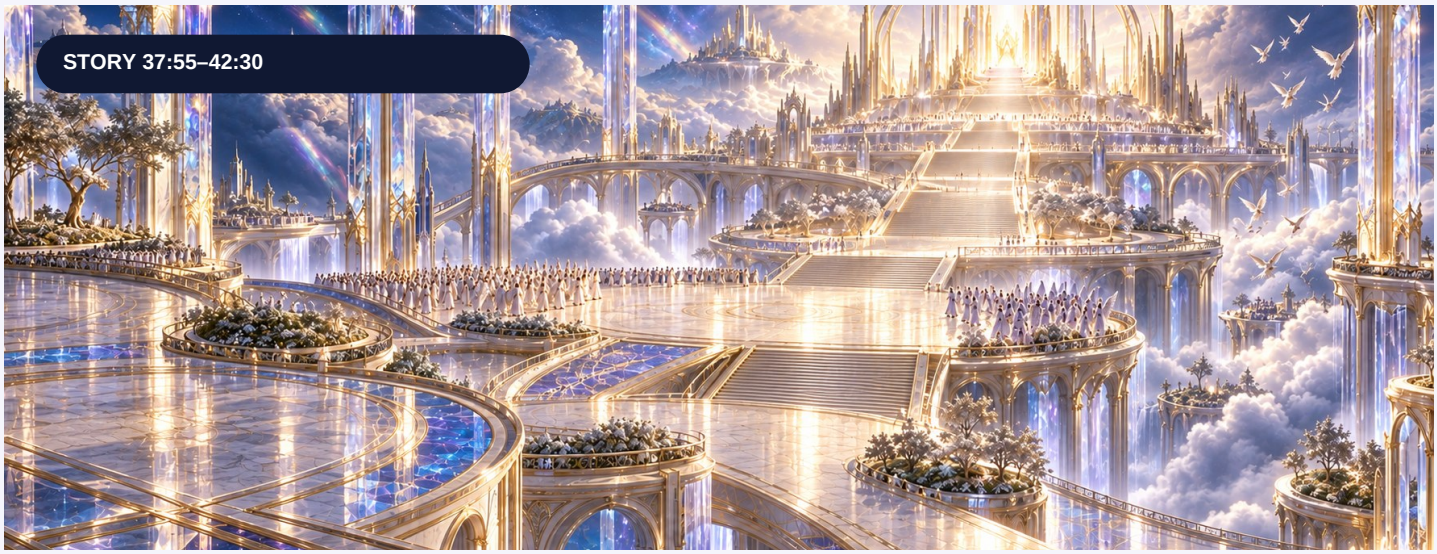
The courtroom looks behind the conflict on earth.

WHEN HEAVEN WENT TO WAR

How could a beautiful, created being become God's opponent?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



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How could a beautiful, created being become God's opponent?

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Read / Observe

Open the Bible together

REVELATION 12:7-12

Identify the dragon, deception, accusation, heavenly conflict, and the Lamb’s victory. Read the chapter’s symbolic narrative as a whole. What does it explicitly reveal about the enemy’s character and the believers’ source of victory?

EZEKIEL 28:11-19 + ISAIAH 14:3-23

Begin with the earthly rulers addressed: Tyre and Babylon. The traditional Adventist cosmic application sees more than a human ruler in the imagery. Label that interpretive movement rather than pretending the original political setting does not exist.

EXODUS 25:10-22 + 1 JOHN 3:4

The ark contains the covenant testimony beneath the mercy seat; covering cherubim stand beside it. Blueprint links this sanctuary picture with Ezekiel’s covering cherub and the conflict over God’s law. The great controversy concerns God’s character, law, and sovereignty. Explain the verse connections while retaining Isaiah’s and Ezekiel’s original historical settings.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Observe pride, self-exaltation, and accusation across the passages. The great controversy connects the Bible's conflict story; not every detail about Lucifer's rank or musical ability is directly stated.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Revelation 12:7–12: Who deceives and accuses? Ezekiel 28:11–19 and Isaiah 14:3–23: Identify the immediate earthly rulers before exploring the traditional cosmic reading. James 1:13–17: Is God the source of temptation?

EXPLAIN IT IN THREE SENTENCES

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PHOTOTHEOLOGY / MAP THE TEXT

Trace the biblical movement

1

A GOOD CREATION

God’s goodness is the starting point, not an eternally evil rival.

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2

REBELLION AND ACCUSATION

Revelation 12 / Evil resists God through deception and accusation.

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3

VICTORY THROUGH THE LAMB

Revelation 12:10-11 / Redemption answers the accuser.

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

DID GOD CREATE THE DEVIL EVIL?

Adventists distinguish creating a good being with freedom from willing its rebellion. The distinction preserves creaturely responsibility. It does not make the mystery of evil trivial or answer every philosophical question about permission.

WHY NOT DESTROY SATAN IMMEDIATELY?

The great controversy framework emphasizes the disclosure of evil’s character and God’s justice. That is a theological synthesis, not a transcript of a biblical heavenly council explaining every divine delay. Use patience and judgment passages without inventing a quotation from God.

WAS THE REBELLION ONLY ABOUT RULES?

The movie emphasizes law and self-exaltation. Scripture also emphasizes truth, worship, accusation, and allegiance. God’s law expresses His righteous character; avoiding one isolated error is not the whole of reconciliation with Him.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Create two speech-free panels: accusation and the Lamb’s answer. Use Revelation 12 to label the enemy’s actions and Christ’s victory. Put imagined speeches in a separate illustration box, not inside a Scripture quotation.

FIRST FRAME

Passage / observation

SECOND FRAME

Passage / observation

THIRD FRAME

Passage / observation

RETURN TO THE STORY

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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.

Where does self-exaltation compete with trust in God in ordinary life?

MY NEXT STEP

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

NEXT: Issue 16 / Why Humanity Matters

Participation and personal sharing are voluntary. Bring unresolved questions.

Leader companion

Guide the next conversation

75-MINUTE ROUTE

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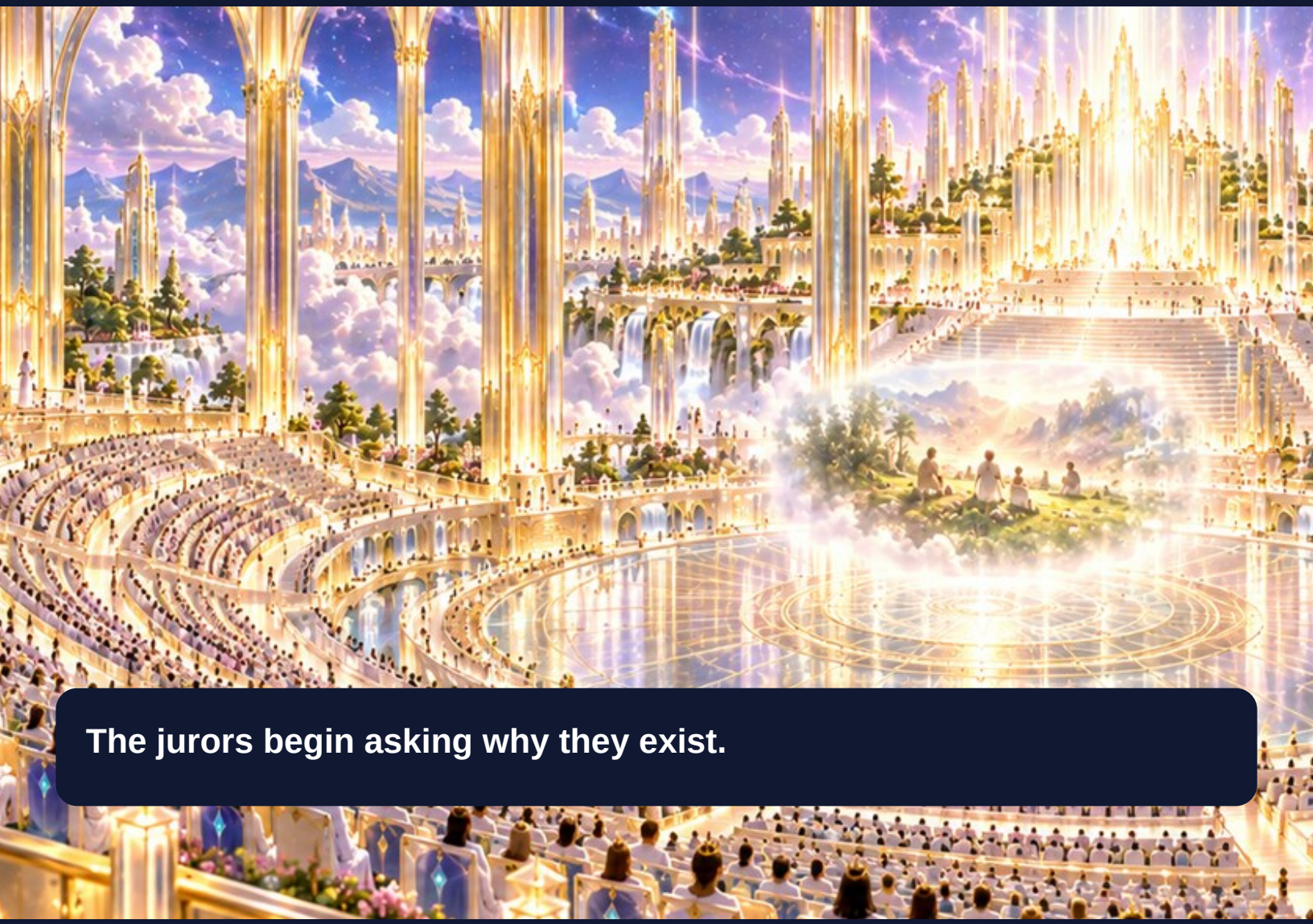
ISSUE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Do not use a speculative Lucifer biography to carry the doctrine. Respect the original settings in Isaiah and Ezekiel, then explain the cosmic synthesis. Let the discussion lead to trust in Christ rather than fascination with Satan.

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ISSUE 16 / VOLUME 3



The jurors begin asking why they exist.

WHY HUMANITY MATTERS

Why does the story picture humanity as jurors in the conflict?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



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Why does the story picture humanity as jurors in the conflict?

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Read / Observe

Open the Bible together

DEUTERONOMY 19:16-19

Read the law about a false witness, careful inquiry, and judgment. Blueprint uses its principle of openly examined accusation to illuminate Satan’s challenge to God. This is a biblical principle applied across passages, not a claim that an earthly court has authority over the Creator.

EZEKIEL 28:17 + REVELATION 1:5-6

Ezekiel speaks of being laid before kings. Revelation identifies the redeemed as a royal, priestly people. Blueprint connects these with humanity’s God-given dominion (Genesis 1:26-28). Trace how the kings connection contributes to the larger judgment argument rather than treating an isolated shared word as sufficient.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:2-3 + REVELATION 20:4

Scripture explicitly says saints will judge the world and angels and reign with Christ. Blueprint links that future calling with humanity’s creation and redemption. Jury duty names the redeemed’s participation in God’s disclosed judgment; it does not replace His authority as righteous Judge.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Trace Blueprint's biblical jury chain: Deuteronomy 19:16-19; Genesis 1:26-28; Ezekiel 28:17; Revelation 1:5-6; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; Revelation 20:4. The saints' future judging is explicit. Blueprint connects their created and redeemed calling with that role. This is a cross-passage biblical argument, not an invented film detail.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Genesis 1:26–28: What human calling is explicit? Psalm 8:3–8: What dignity and responsibility are given? 1 Corinthians 6:1–3: What does Paul actually say about judging angels? Ephesians 3:8–11: What does the church make known?

EXPLAIN IT IN THREE SENTENCES

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PHOTOTHEOLOGY / MAP THE TEXT

Trace the biblical movement

1

ACCUSED AND EXAMINED

Deuteronomy 19:16-19 / False accusation calls for careful inquiry.

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2

KINGS BEFORE GOD

Genesis 1:26-28; Ezekiel 28:17; Revelation 1:5-6 / Blueprint connects royal calling and judgment.

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3

SAINTS JUDGE ANGELS

1 Corinthians 6:2-3; Revelation 20:4 / The promised participation is explicit.

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

IS JURY DUTY JUST AN INVENTED PLOT?

No. The saints' future judgment of the world and angels is directly taught in 1 Corinthians 6:2-3. Blueprint develops the creation-purpose connection through Deuteronomy 19, Genesis 1, Ezekiel 28, and Revelation 1. Teach that chain as a biblical synthesis rather than calling it made-up. Its wording is not a direct quotation from Genesis.

DOES GOD NEED OUR PERMISSION TO JUDGE?

No. God is already righteous and remains the Judge (Psalm 96:13; John 5:22-27). He opens His dealings to creatures so His justice is understood and affirmed. The jury picture expresses participation and vindication; it must not imply that God lacks authority or cannot know the right verdict.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HUMANITY FALLS?

Blueprint connects the fall with a corrupted jury and redemption with restored fitness to serve. Read Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-21, and Revelation 1:5-6. Christ's saving work restores people; the courtroom connection does not turn salvation into a legal loophole or a payment earned by jurors.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Make a five-link evidence chain: Deuteronomy 19:16-19; Genesis 1:26-28; Ezekiel 28:17; Revelation 1:5-6; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3. Under each link write its original meaning, then explain its contribution to Blueprint’s jury argument. Mark the direct promises and the connections between them.

TEXTUAL EVIDENCE

CONNECTION OR REPLY

QUESTION TO KEEP

RETURN TO THE STORY

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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.

How does belonging to Christ give your life significance beyond survival or success?

MY NEXT STEP

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

NEXT: Issue 17 / Where Were Their Angels?

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

Use Operation Blueprint, Scene 2, the Levels 1-4 study-guide material, and the original YouTube presentation at about 21:41-28:57. Explain the full proof chain. Do not call this established Blueprint teaching merely fictional; distinguish direct statements, its cross-passage synthesis, and cinematic staging. God remains sovereign Judge.

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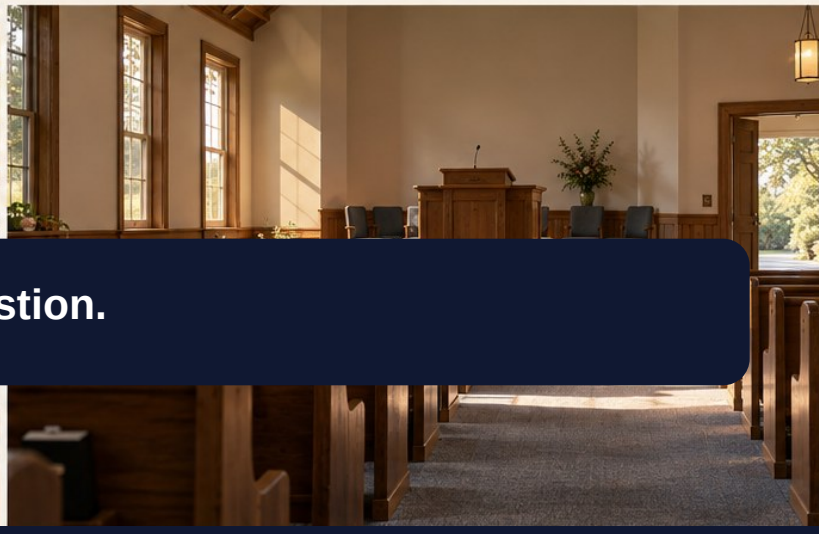


NEIGHBORHOOD



GARAGE





A rescue story raises a harder question.

WHERE WERE THEIR ANGELS?

Why was the narrator protected while other people endured terrible suffering?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



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Read / Observe

Open the Bible together

HEBREWS 1:13-14 + PSALM 34:7

Angels minister under God’s authority. The passages assure believers of His care; they do not provide a formula predicting that every danger will end in visible rescue. How does trust differ from a guarantee of comfort?

JOHN 9:1-3 + LUKE 13:1-5

Jesus rejects simplistic equations between particular suffering and exceptional guilt. Do not treat someone’s illness or death as evidence that God loved them less. What attitudes does Jesus correct?

ROMANS 8:31-39 + HEBREWS 11:32-40

Some believers experience deliverance; others remain faithful through suffering and death. Both are included in faith’s story. God’s love is not measured only by whether the crisis ends as we wanted.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Set the narrator's rescue beside Christ's suffering. Deliverance and endurance are both biblical experiences; neither licenses us to assign blame to victims.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Hebrews 1:13–14: What do ministering spirits do? John 9:1–3: What explanation of suffering does Jesus reject? Romans 8:31–39: What cannot separate believers from God? Luke 16:19–31: How are status and ultimate outcomes reversed?

EXPLAIN IT IN THREE SENTENCES

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PHOTOTHEOLOGY / MAP THE TEXT

Trace the biblical movement

1

PROTECTION

Acts 12:6-11 / Peter experiences rescue.

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2

SUFFERING

Acts 12:1-2 / James is killed; the chapter includes both outcomes.

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3

UNBROKEN LOVE

Romans 8:35-39 / Suffering cannot separate believers from Christ’s love.

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

WHY DID GOD SAVE HIM BUT NOT MY CHILD?

Acknowledge the pain before offering a framework. We do not know the hidden reason for an individual tragedy. The cross establishes God’s solidarity and love, not an explanation of every loss. Offer practical care and space for lament.

IS EVERY TRIAL WITHIN MY CAPACITY?

Do not use 1 Corinthians 10:13 as a promise that trauma cannot overwhelm a person. Its subject is temptation. Paul describes affliction beyond his strength in 2 Corinthians 1:8-9. Seeking help is not a failure of faith.

DOES BELIEF IN ANGELS REPLACE PRECAUTIONS?

No. God’s care does not authorize reckless exposure to danger; read Matthew 4:5-7. Ordinary safety, medical care, and protection from abuse are compatible with trust. A rescue testimony must not become advice to test God.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Make a care map: listen, lament, practical support, professional or pastoral help when wanted. For each, name one action the group can take without claiming to know why another person suffered.

TEXTUAL EVIDENCE

CONNECTION OR REPLY

QUESTION TO KEEP

RETURN TO THE STORY

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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.

What practical care can you offer someone whose suffering you cannot explain?

MY NEXT STEP

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

NEXT: Issue 18 / The First Sabbath

Participation and personal sharing are voluntary. Bring unresolved questions.

Leader companion

Guide the next conversation

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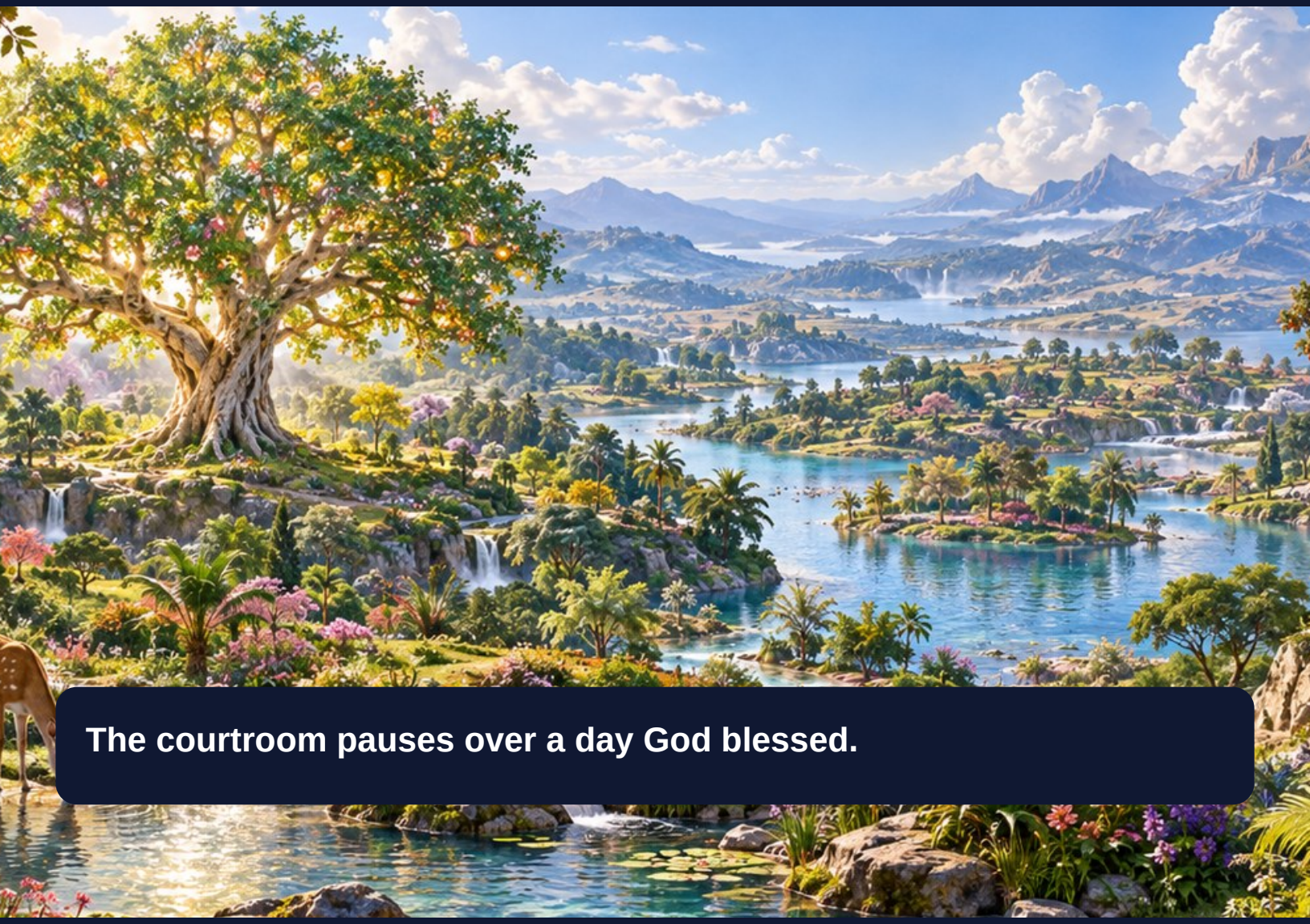
ISSUE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Avoid mandatory trauma disclosures and explanations that blame victims. When abuse is disclosed, prioritize safety and appropriate support rather than a theological debate. The narrator’s angel conversation is imaginative, not privileged knowledge about someone else’s life.

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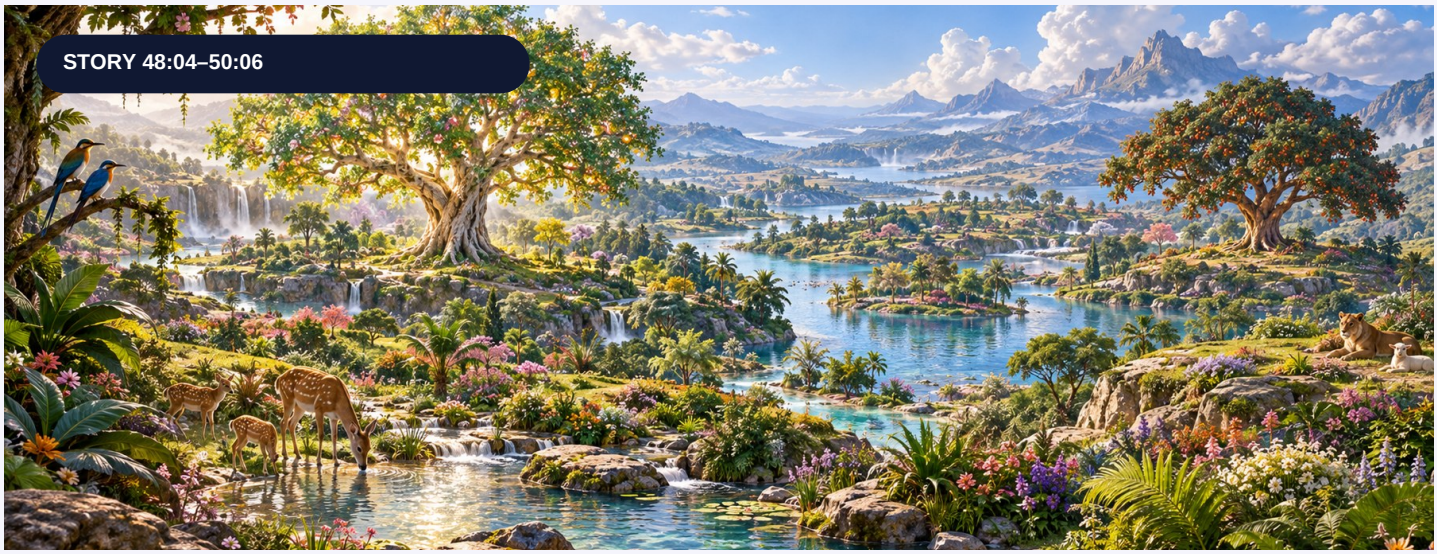
The courtroom pauses over a day God blessed.

THE FIRST SABBATH

Why does the courtroom linger over God blessing the seventh day?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



Existing movie environment concept / final scene still to be selected

Why does the courtroom linger over God blessing the seventh day?

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

GENESIS 1:1-2:3 + EXODUS 20:8-11

Adventists affirm the historical Genesis creation account and a recent creation week of six literal days followed by the seventh-day Sabbath, the same seven-day unit we know today. The Creator made humanity in His image. Observe the completed work, rest, blessing, and sanctifying of the seventh day. Do not turn this into an unsupported date for the entire universe.

EXODUS 20:8-11 + DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

The fourth commandment calls all people to seventh-day rest, worship, and ministry. Adventists observe Sabbath from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. Its creation and redemption meaning belongs to grace, not earning salvation. Rest includes others within the household; it must not merely shift one person’s burdens onto another.

MARK 2:23-28 + EZEKIEL 20:12

Jesus teaches Sabbath’s human benefit and His lordship. Ezekiel calls it a sign of God’s sanctifying work. The day directs dependence toward the One who makes holy; it is not a method of self-salvation.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Connect creation rest with dependence on the Creator. The day is a gift and sign; it does not make human rest a payment for righteousness. The movie's comparison between heavenly rest and Sabbath is an application.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Genesis 2:1–3: What does God do to this day? Exodus 20:8–11: What reason is given for the command? Mark 2:23–28: For whom was Sabbath made? Ezekiel 20:12: Who sanctifies?

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

Genesis 2:1-3 / God blesses the seventh day.

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2

DELIVERANCE

Deuteronomy 5:15 / Freed people extend rest to others.

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3

RELATIONSHIP

Ezekiel 20:12 / God is the One who sanctifies.

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

ISN’T SABBATH ONLY JEWISH?

Its creation foundation precedes Israel, and Jesus says it was made for humanity. It also has a specific covenant role in Exodus 31. A serious case considers both rather than denying either. Issue 22 examines New Testament objections more fully.

IS KEEPING A DAY LEGALISTIC?

A practice can be distorted into earning, but that does not settle whether the practice itself is biblical. The Adventist case receives Sabbath as God’s gift and command within grace. Ask what trusting the Giver looks like.

DID JESUS BREAK THE SABBATH?

Read Mark 2:23-3:6. Jesus challenges interpretations that obstruct mercy and asserts His lordship. Explain His argument from the passage instead of assuming that healing either abolishes Sabbath or has nothing to teach about its purpose.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Design a Sabbath day with four spaces: worship, rest, mercy, relationship. Add one passage and one realistic practice in each. Include how workers and dependents could share the rest rather than carry your burdens.

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.

What might one day centered on God, rest, mercy, and relationships look like?

MY NEXT STEP

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

NEXT: Issue 19 / The Tree and the Covering

Participation and personal sharing are voluntary. Bring unresolved questions.

Leader companion

Guide the next conversation

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ISSUE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Introduce the day as a Christ-centered gift before debating calendar controversies. Define sanctify as set apart or make holy in context. Invite exploration, not an instant public pledge.

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