

**Aim:** Fundamental 13a & 6 – The 1<sup>st</sup> Angel's message and Creation.

**Resources:** What We Believe for Kids by Jerry D Thomas; What We Believe for Teens by Seth J Pierce; God Loves Me 28 ways – Bible Adventures for Young Readers. All published by Pacific Press Publishing Association.

This term we are looking at what the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes. Today we are doing Fundamental 13 part 1& 6 – The remnant, the 1<sup>st</sup> Angels message and Creation.

*Revelation 1:1-2, 9-11*

*This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ... I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus. It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. It said, "Write in a book everything you see..."*

John was shown some really weird things which he wrote down. If you ever get the chance to do a Revelation Seminar, do it and you will learn that each of those weird things that John saw represent and teach us about real things that have happened, or that are going to happen in the future.

For example, in Revelation 12 John writes about a red dragon that pulls one third of the stars from the heavens and throws them to the earth. Later, he is told that the dragon is Satan, and the stars represent the angels that he took with him from heaven – one third of the angels. Later in verse 17, the dragon is chasing a woman and when he can't get her, he declares war against the rest of her children. The KJV Bible calls these people the remnant – which means the small amount left at the end.

In chapter 14, John sees three angels with messages flying.

**Read the 1<sup>st</sup> Angels message Revelation 14:7 And write it on the whiteboard.**

**Read Genesis 1:1** and find the similarities

As Seventh-day Adventists, we also believe that God created the world in one actual week and made the first Sabbath on that first Seventh-Day. Next year we will study creation in a lot more detail. We will look at some of the reasons that it makes sense to believe creation happened in one week, just as the Bible tells us it did.

**Read Exodus 20:8-11** and find the similarities

Seventh-day Adventist believe that the first angel's message means that as the world nears its end there will be a call for people to remember the creator and worship on the seventh day (Saturday).

This is happening today. Here is one story that I was told second hand.

There was a single protestant church in this little country town, so when an Adventist family moved to the area, they worshiped at home on Sabbath and attended the protestant church on Sunday for some Christian fellowship. The church doesn't have a local pastor or priest, so some of the church members, including the Adventist family take turns leading the worship service. One day one of the families shared that they had recently become convicted that Saturday was actually the true Sabbath. Another family then shared that they had in fact been keeping the Sabbath at home for some time now. The Adventist family said, "Well we are Seventh-day Adventists, so we also keep the Sabbath." And so this tiny country church now worships on Sabbath.