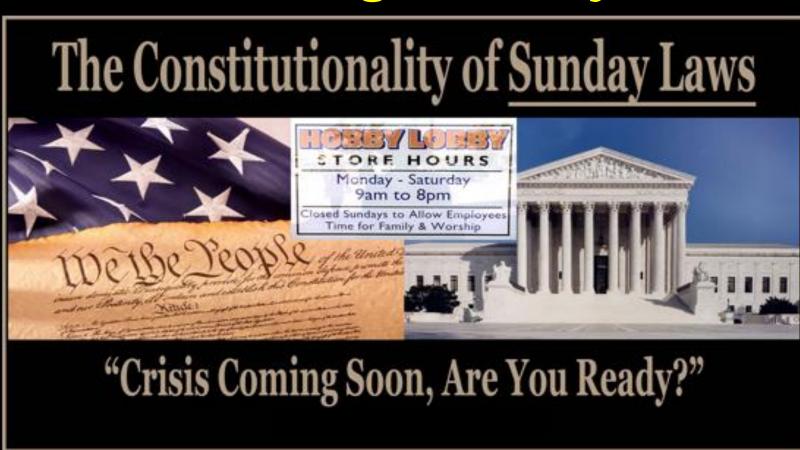
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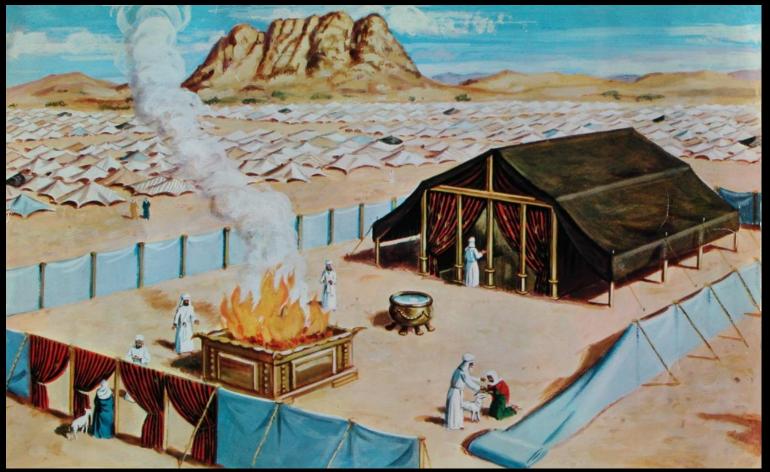
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Who will you Choose?



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And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet - Cabbage

Health Benefits of Cabbage (Seek Medical Advise)
While it may look a lot like lettuce, it actually belongs to
the Brassica genus of vegetables, which includes broccoli,
radishes, and Brussels sprouts. It comes in a variety of
shapes and colours, including red, purple, white, and
green, and its leaves can be either crinkled or smooth.

1. Cabbage is packed with nutrients: 1 cup, or 89 grams of
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raw green cabbage contains - Calories: 22, Protein: 1 g, Fibre: 2 g, Vitamin K: 56%, Vitamin C: 36%, Folate: 10%, Manganese: 6%, Vitamin B6: 6%, Calcium: 3%, Potassium: 3%, Magnesium: 3%, etc...

- 2. It helps keep inflammation in check: a 2014 study shows
- 3. <u>It helps improve digestion</u>: gut-friendly insoluble fibre.
- 4. <u>Helps keep your heart healthy</u>: 2013 study men + 93,600 females, intake of anthocyanin lower risk of a heart attack.
- 5. <u>It lowers blood pressure</u>: Potassium helps excrete excess sodium through urine. It relaxes blood vessel walls.
- 6. Helps lower cholesterol levels: reduces LDL cholesterol.
- Cabbage is a versatile veggie that's easy to add into your diet. You can use it to make many different dishes, including salads, stews, soups, slaws, and sauerkraut.

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Health Benefits
of Cabbage

1. Packed with Fiber

2. Lowers Cholesterol

3. Powerful Immune Booster

4. Build Better Bones

5. Natural Diuretic

6. Helps to Relieve

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7. Prevents Cancer

8. Powerful Anti-Inflammatory

9. Heals Injuries Faster

10. Super Low in Calories



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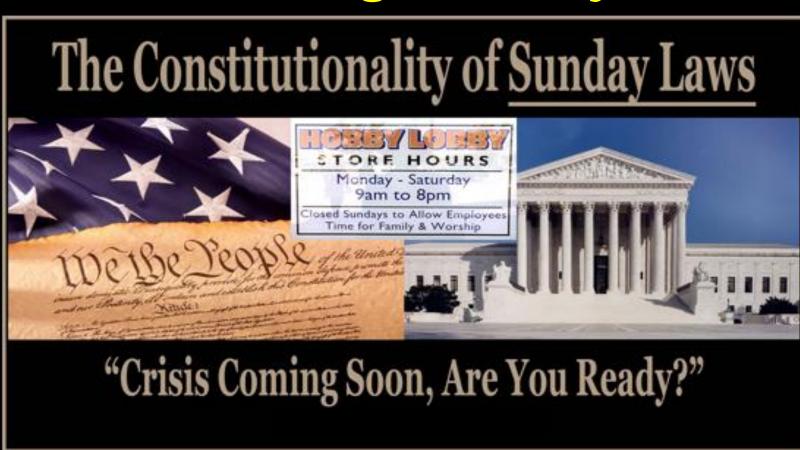
Yes we Can!

Matthew 2:16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.



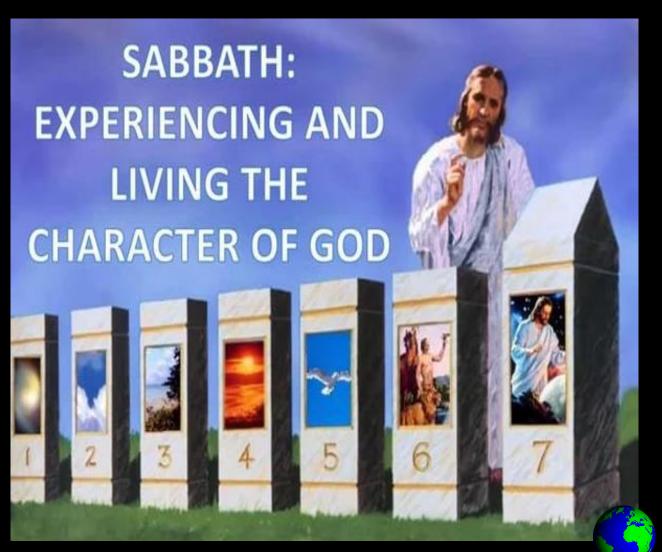
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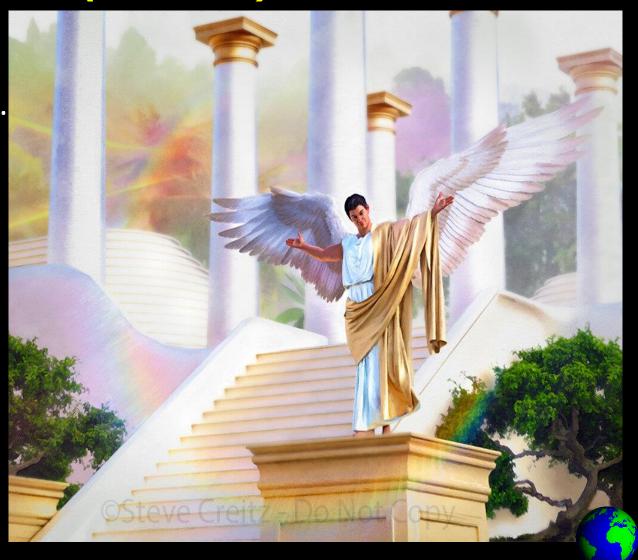
Introduction

God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh, sanctifying this day, and setting it apart from all others as holy to Himself, to be observed by His people throughout their generations. But the man of sin, exalting himself above God, sitting in the temple of God, and showing himself to be God, thought to change times and laws. This power, thinking to prove that it was not only equal to God, but above God, changed the rest day, placing the first day of the week where the seventh should be. And the Protestant world has taken this child of the papacy to be regarded as sacred. In the Word of God this is called her fornication [Revelation 14:8].—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:979 (1900).



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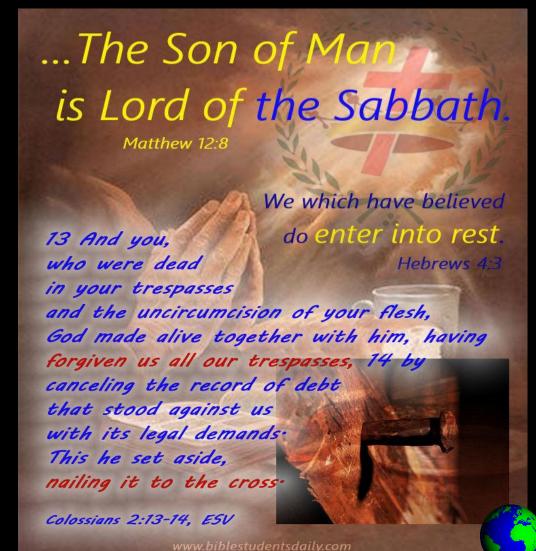
During the Christian dispensation the great enemy of man's happiness has made the Sabbath of the fourth commandment an object of special attack. Satan says, "I will work at cross purposes with God. I will empower my followers to set aside God's memorial, the seventhday Sabbath. Thus I will show the world that the day sanctified and blessed by God has been changed. That day shall not live in the minds of the people. I will obliterate the memory of it. I will place in its stead a day that does not bear the credentials of God, a day that cannot be a sign between God and His people. I will lead those who accept this day to place upon it the sanctity that God placed upon the seventh day."—Prophets and Kings, 183, 184 (c. 1914).



The Sabbath the Great Point at Issue

In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God's people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue, for in the Sabbath commandment the great Lawgiver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth.—Selected Messages 3:392 (1891).

"Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep," the Lord says, "for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you" (Exodus 31:13). Some will seek to place obstacles in the way of Sabbath observance, saying, "You do not know what day is the Sabbath," but they seem to understand when Sunday comes, and have manifested great zeal in making laws compelling its observance.—The Kress Collection, 148 (1900).



Crisis Coming Soon, Are You Ready?

Revelation 13:15-17 prophetically records the mark of the beast crisis.

Revelation 13:15 "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

"He" is the United States of America that represents the beast with two lamb like horns in Revelation 13:11.

The Mark of the Beast

Bible prophecy says that
Persecution will start
with economic
Sanctions: "No one
can by or sell" unless
they have "THE MARK"."





Crisis Coming Soon, Are You Ready? (cont'd)

He has authority to give "life" to the apostate Christian churches. With the merging of church and state, they have power to legislate "religious" laws for the "common good" and "liberty." These legislations with the political influence of the image of the beast "cause" or make people "worship" them.

How? It is through enforcement. Those who refuse to worship as they have legislated are characterized as a small minority of "trouble-makers", "extremist", "terrorist", and "hateful." They are not able to buy or sell and eventually receive the death penalty. These "religious" laws will be enforced in the midst of major economic, social, political, moral, environmental, and violent crises.



"and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" Rev 13:17



The Sunday-Law Movement in the 1880s

We have been looking many years for a Sunday law to be enacted in our land, and now that the movement is right upon us, we ask, What are our people going to do in the matter? ... We should especially seek God for grace and power to be given His people now. God lives, and we do not believe that the time has fully come when He would have our liberties restricted.

The prophet saw "four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree." Another angel, ascending from the east, cried to them, saying, "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." This points out the work we now have to do, which is to cry to God for the angels to hold the four winds until missionaries shall be sent to all parts of the world, and shall have proclaimed the warning against disobeying the law of Jehovah.—The Review and Herald Extra, December 11, 1888.

SUNDAY LAWS

n Force in the Province of Ontario

PROHIBIT

- 1. LABOR. With certain exceptions this includes:
- A THE WORK OF LABORERS, MECHANICS and MANUFACTURERS.
- (b) ALL FARM WORK, such as SEEDING, HARVESTING, FENCING, DITCHING.
- (c) WORN ON EARLWAYS, such as SUILDING and CONSTRUCTION, and also REPAIR WORK, except in emergencies, and TRAFFIC, excepting the forwarding of PASSENGER AND CERTAIN PRESCRIT TRAINS.
- OF ALL BUILDING, TEAMING, DRIVING FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, THE WORK OF BAKERS AND BARBERS, Eu.
- (a) THE WORK OF MUSICIANS AND PAID PERFORMERS OF ANY KIND Works of recessity and mercy supposed.
- BUSINESS. It is undereded to MAKE CONTRACTS or to BUY, SELL or DELIVER ANYTHING on Standay, including LIQUORS, CIGARS, NEWSPAPERS, Etc., Generally specified the only exceptions are DELIVERING PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE. MILK for Someone use, and SUPPLYING MEALS AND MEDICINES.
- ALL GAMES, RACES OR OTHER SPORTS FOR MONEY OR PRIZES, or which are soint, or at which a fee is charged, and the leastware of AMUSEMENT or ENTERTAINMENT.
- 4. ALL EXCURSIONS for him and with the object of pleasure, by TRAIN, STEAMER or OTHER CONVEYANCE.
- ADVERTISING in Canada, understal things to take place on Sunday, either in Canada or across the line.
- IMPORTING, SELLING or DISTRIBUTING FOREIGN NEWSTAPERS on Sunday.
- ALL GAMBLING, TIPPLING, USING PROFANE LAN-GUAGE, and all other acts which disturb the public quiet.
- 5. ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS, except in Churches.
- HUNTING, SHOOTING, FISHING: also BATHING in any public place or in eight of a place of public worship, or private residence.

THE PENALTY IS FROM \$1.00 TO \$500,00

THE GAME LAW

Of the Province makes Sunday a CLOSE SEASON for all GAME as BUNTING and SHOOTING UNLAWFUL on that day.

THE PENALTY IS FROM \$3.00 TO \$25.00.

The Sunday-Law Movement Now

Currently, many Christian churches in America have unified to build a formidable and powerful political infrastructure to influence elections and laws within the U.S. government. For example, The Gathering, a popular conference movement for the purpose of unifying Christians throughout America from various denominations, churches, and ministries says, "The church must again become the conscience of the government. Through its national solemn assembly it should clearly and respectfully call political leadership to God's principles for government... It also means we must begin speaking with one voice so that the nation might see a unified church and not one that is fractured and scattered by differences in how we practice our faith." There are many other Christian conferences and strategy sessions like these sweeping America to gain more political power.



The Sunday-Law Movement Now (cont'd)

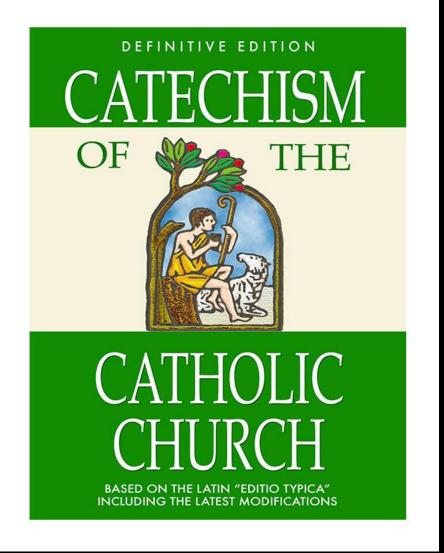
When the popular and influential churches and ministries in America put away their differences and unite on doctrines that they have in common to influence the U.S. government to enforce their religious decrees and support their institutions, "then Protestant "The Mark of the Papacy's Authority" America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result." - Great Controversy, p. 445

Don't forget that the major unifying religious doctrine that brings both the beast and its image together is the Sunday counterfeit sabbath that was established by Papal Rome. This is the "mark" of Papal Rome's authority.



Catechism Of The Catholic Church

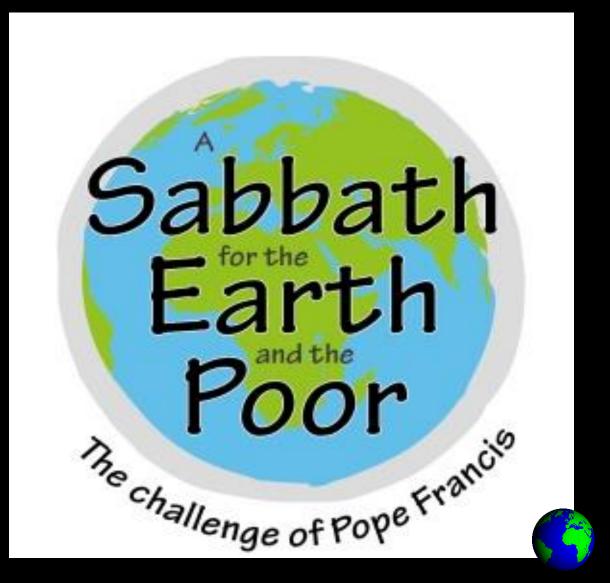
According to the "Catechism Of The Catholic Church", concerning "Article 3 - The Third Commandment" referring the sabbath commandment: "2187 Sanctifying Sundays and holy days requires a common effort. Every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord's Day... In spite of economic constraints, public authorities should ensure citizens a time intended for rest and divine worship. Employers have a similar obligation toward their employee. 2188 In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church's holy days as legal holidays. They have to give everyone a public example of prayer, respect, and joy and defend their traditions as a precious contribution to the spiritual life of society."- Catechism Of The Catholic Church





It will be a Common Effort

"Sanctifying Sundays and holy days requires a common effort" is a call for governments to legislate Sunday "sabbath" laws for "religious liberty and the common good of all." "Public authorities should ensure a time off intended for rest and divine worship." These public authorities include the legislators or judges who make and interpret the law and law enforcement who enforce the law. For Sundays to be recognized as "legal holidays" also requires the government to legislate a religious doctrine. Papal Rome believes that a Sunday holy day legislation will not only benefit Christians but all people including non-Christians. It will be a time to "defend their tradition" and contribute to the "spiritual life of society." The legalization and enforcement of Sunday "sabbaths" is the goal of Papal Rome.



Church and State will Come Together

Ellen White who also wrote much on this topic says, "The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favour, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected."- Great Controversy, p. 592

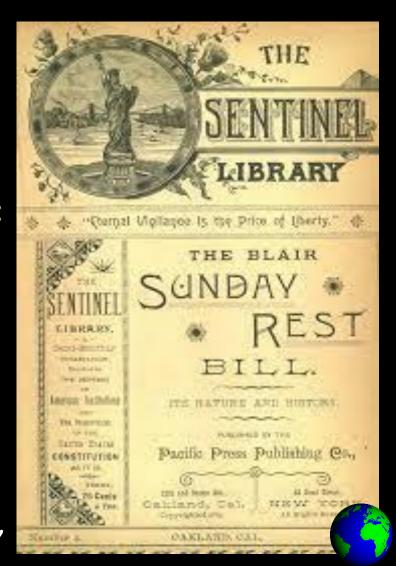
The legalization and the enforcement of Sunday "sabbaths" is the mark of the beast crisis in which both the beast, Papal Rome, and the image of the beast, apostate Christian churches, will push for in America and around the world.



Sunday Law in the Past

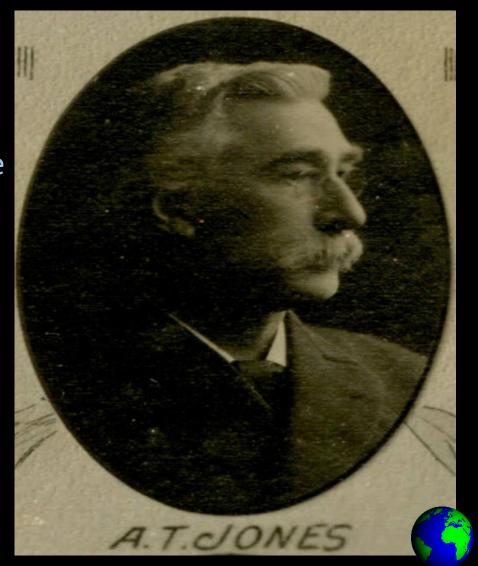
America is not new to Sunday laws. In the past they have been enacted and enforced in various states to restrict secular and business activities or sales to promote the Sunday as a religious day of worship and rest. These Sunday laws where mainly known as "blue laws" and were legislated and enforced at the state level. Those who violated the "blue laws" by working or selling on Sundays were punished with fines or imprisoned. In the 1880's many Seventh day Baptist and Seventh-day Adventist were punished as violators of the Sunday laws because they typically worked on Sundays.

In 1888 there was a push at the federal level to expand the blue laws nationally in every state. It was believed that Sunday laws should be legislated and enforced by the U.S. federal government and not individuals states. With the support of labour unions and churches U.S. Senator Henry Blair introduced Senate Bill No. 2983, "The National Sunday-Rest Bill" to congress, May 21, 1888. The purpose of the bill was clearly stated at the introduction of the bill, "Bill to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, as a day of rest, and to promote its observance as a day of religious worship."



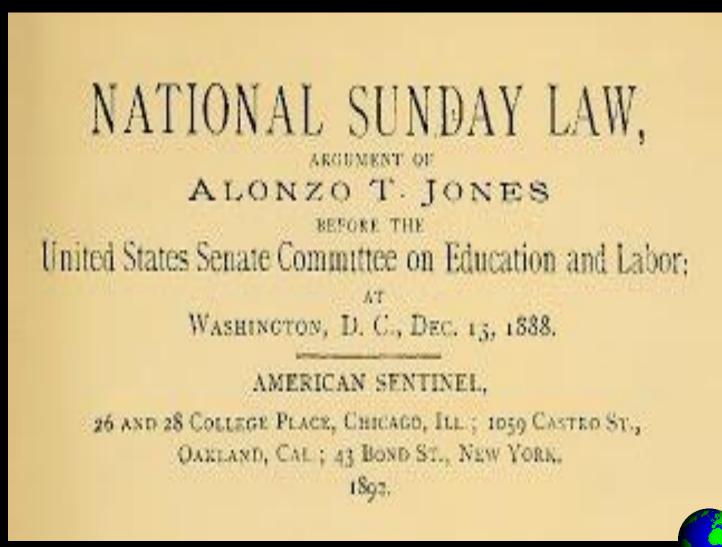
Sunday Law in the Past (cont'd)

The proposed National Sunday-Rest law that was vehemently pushed to become the law of the land with the support of many churches, labour unions, organizations, and voters stated, "that no person or corporation, or the agent, servant, or employee of any person or corporation, shall perform or authorize to be performed, any secular work, labour, or business, to the disturbance of others, works of necessity, mercy, and humanity excepted; nor shall any person engage in any play, game, or amusement, or recreation, to the disturbance of others, on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, or during any part thereof, in any territory, district, vessel, or place, subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States." This bill also prohibited U.S. mail deliveries, commerce between states, military drills and parades, payment for "any manner for service rendered" with a few exceptions due to accidents, natural disasters, or the preservation of perishable goods.



Sunday Law in the Past (cont'd)

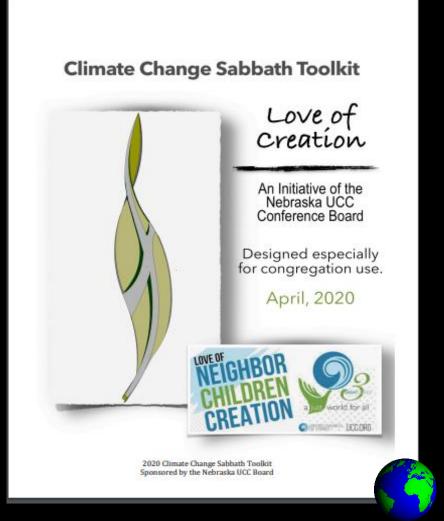
Alonzo T. Jones, who represented the Seventh-day Adventist church on December 13, 1888, was able to present his arguments of opposition to the National Sunday-Rest law before the United States Committee on Education and Labour and Senator Henry Blair. The Holy Spirit used Jones in a powerful way before the committee. In the end the National Sunday-Rest bill of 1888 did not past. Since then many of the individual states continued to enforce their version of a Sunday law, but overtime in the mid 1900's to our modern times, many of the state blue laws were repealed or have not been strictly enforced.



Sunday-Law Advocates Do Not Realize What They Are Doing

The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending.... They are working in blindness. They do not see that if a Protestant government sacrifices the principles that have made them a free, independent nation, and through legislation brings into the Constitution principles that will propagate papal falsehood and papal delusion, they are plunging into the Roman horrors of the Dark Ages.—The Review and Herald Extra, December 11, 1888.

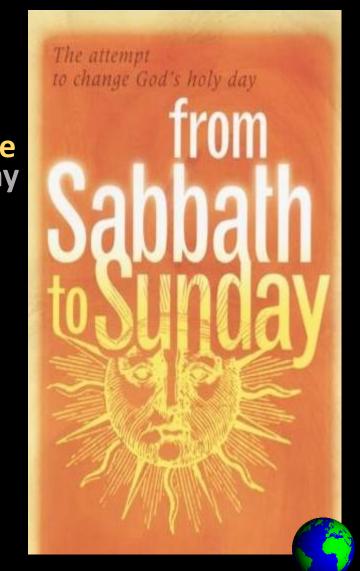
There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests..



Where are we today in this Crisis?

Those who are making an effort to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing Sunday observance little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us.—Testimonies for the Church 5:711, 753 (1889).

Today, we are very close to mark of the beast crisis as the Bible predicts. God's people must be aware that the push for Sunday observance at the federal level and the blue laws at the state level in the past has set a firm foundation of the enforcement of national and international Sunday laws in the near future. They imperceptibly help create in the consciousness of all people in our society that Sunday was common a day of rest regardless of religious belief. Even though many of the blue laws were repealed over the years several businesses and services continue to stay closed on Sundays or have limited hours. The majority of Americans today don't work on Sundays. Many also attend worship service on Sunday. Regardless of the overwhelming Biblical evidence that the seventh-day is the Sabbath of the Lord, Sunday rest and worship has been deeply entrenched in our society.



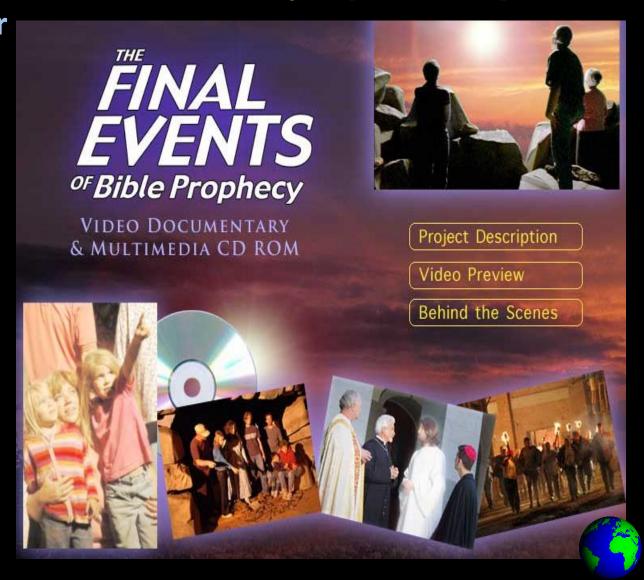
The state of the People of God today!

Sadly, many have a "wait and see" mentality. They believe that they can participate in worldly amusements, watch Hollywood movies, be fans of the NBA and NFL, play video games, be a subscribers to Netflix and Dish Network, listen to itching ear sermons on Sabbath and be ready for the mark of the beast crisis. They believe that they can continue to partake in the things of the world and when they see the National Sunday Law then they will take serious the call to "Come out of Babylon." But the reality is that if they have known and rejected the first and second angel's message, when the time for the proclamation of the third angel's message comes, they will be left in "total darkness." (see Early Writings pp 258-261) They will feel no conviction from the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit will be withdrawn from them and will be poured out upon those who have faithfully received the message in order to give the Loud Cry as the final warning to the world who did not know these truths. Those who knew and rejected the message will join the popular easy side and become persecutors of the faithful.



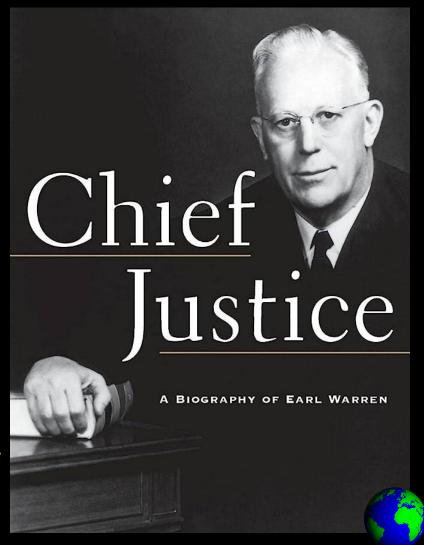
The state of the People of God today! (cont'd)

The decision to put off the preparation for last days events till the National Sunday Law is very delusional and confused thinking. Many believe that the Sunday law legislation will be a long drawn out process that will give them time to get ready for the mark of the beast crisis. Here is the reality that all of God's remnant need to think about. Remember, the final movements of the end of the world will be very rapid. The Sunday laws that will soon sweep over this nation and world do not have to be called the "National Sunday Law." They will be attached to solutions to "climate change" or "religious liberty." They can be wrapped in weekly holiday legislation or national prayer observance to promote unity in the midst of a great crisis.



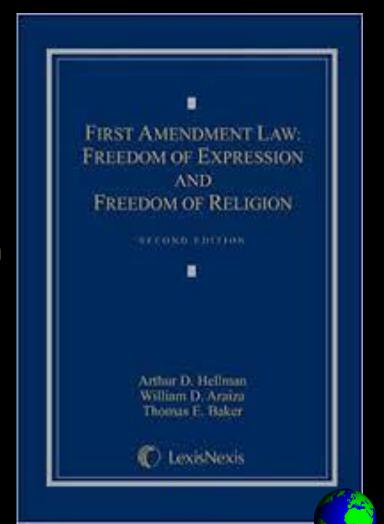
Lets hear from an Ex-Chief Justice

The legislation of Sunday laws in this country does not have to be a long and drawn out process. Matter of fact, a Sunday bill may not go through the U.S. Congress at all. It is very possible that Sunday laws may be enacted by the stroke of a pen through presidential executive orders. For many years Satan has been working stealthily as a snake to set up his false Sunday sabbath. Did you know that the Supreme Court has already set a legal precedence that Sunday-rest laws are not a violation of the establishment of religion clause of the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution? This was established in four land mark Sunday-law U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 1961 lead by Chief Justice Earl Warren who has a history of being a high ranking and active Freemason. Warren declared that "the State seeks to set one day apart from all others as a day of rest, repose, recreation and tranquillity--a day which all members of the family and community have the opportunity to spend and enjoy together, a day on which there exists relative quiet and disassociation from the everyday intensity of commercial activities, a day on which people may visit friends and relative who are not available during working days."



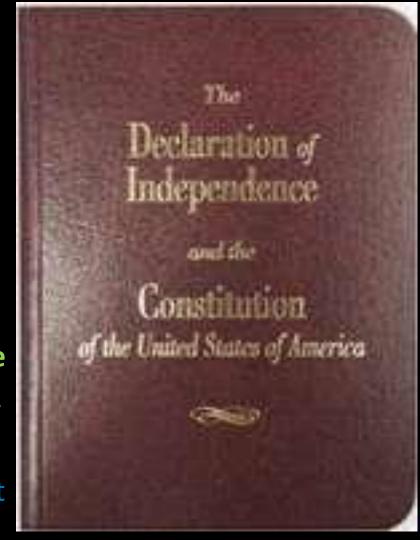
According to www.congress.gov

"The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation (popularly known as the Constitution Annotated) contains legal analysis and interpretation of the United States Constitution, based primarily on Supreme Court case law." The annotation to the first amendment concerning the U.S. Supreme Courts' decision on "Sunday Closing Laws" states that "The Supreme Court rejected an Establishment Clause challenge to Sunday Closing Laws in McGowan v. Maryland. The Court acknowledged that historically the laws had a religious motivation and were designed to effectuate concepts of Christian theology. However, 'in light of the evolution of our Sunday Closing Laws through the centuries, and of their more or less recent emphasis upon secular considerations, it is not difficult to discern that as presently written and administered, most of them, at least, are of a secular rather than of a religious character, and that presently they bear no relationship to establishment of religion....' 'The fact that this [prescribed day of rest] is Sunday, a day of particular significance for the dominant Christian sects, does not bar the State from achieving its secular goals." - First Amendment, Freedom of Religion Expression, p.1111



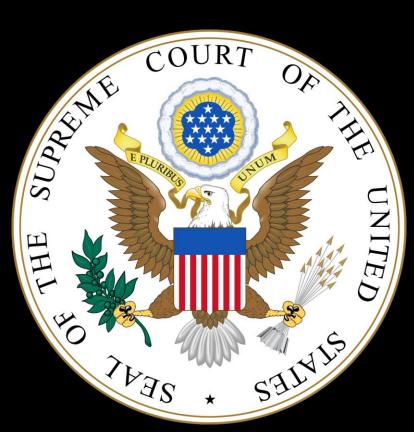
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The Supreme Court landmark decisions views Sundays as a natural common day of rest for the benefit of society as a whole that protects workers, families and guarantees the free exercise of religion. They assert that leaving it up to individuals to choose their own day of rest will be confusing and not benefit society as a whole. The annotation of the first amendment of the Sunday Closing laws concludes that "the choice of Sunday as the day of rest, while originally religious, now reflected simple legislative inertia or recognition that Sunday was a traditional day for the choice. Valid secular reasons existed for not simply requiring one day of rest and leaving to each individual to choose the day, reasons of ease of enforcement and of assuring a common day in the community for rest and leisure. More recently, a state statute mandating that employers honor the Sabbath day of the employee's choice was held invalid as having the primary effect of promoting religion by weighing the employee's Sabbath choice over all other interests." - First Amendment, Freedom of Religion Expression, p.1111



The Role of the Supreme Court

Remember, the sole purpose of the Supreme Court is to be the "supreme" legal interpreters of the U.S. Constitution. Their court decisions sets the legal precedence or standard throughout the United States that every court in the land must uphold. The Supreme Court welds a lot of legal power. Once the Supreme Court makes a determination if something is constitutional or not, the U.S. Congress nor the president of the United States can overturn it. The only ones who have the power to overturn decisions made by the Supreme Court is the Supreme Court itself. It is extremely rare for the Supreme Court to overturn decisions. In 1973 the landmark decision in the case of Roe v. Wade sadly made abortion legal throughout the United States. After that decision no state can ban the evil practice of abortion. The only ones that can overturn Roe v. Wade is the Supreme Court. Once legal precedence is set by the Supreme Court, justices are very reluctant to overturn decisions even if they disagree. On June 26, 2015, U.S. Supreme Court decided that all state bans on same sex marriage was unconstitutional in the case Obergefell v. Hodges. This court decision legalized same-sex marriage in all fifty states.



The Role of the Supreme Court (cont'd)

The reality is that Sunday-rest laws have already been deemed constitutional by the **U.S. Supreme Court. Sunday laws are** technically legal in all fifty states. The only thing it needs is someone like the U.S. president through an executive order to activate and enforce it. This scenario is not far fetched. We are living in a time that this can happen at any moment very soon. President Donald Trump's administration has already blurred the line of separation between church and state through various actions and executives orders. Many who make professions of the three angels' message but are not fully converted will be caught unaware waiting for the Sunday law to past. The mark of the beast crisis will come upon them as an overwhelming flood.



The Crisis in almost Upon Us!

We are on the edge of a stupendous crisis that will reverberate around the world.

Bible prophecy is fulfilling at a rapid pace.

The mark of the beast crisis is right upon us.

Have you been watching and praying that you enter not into temptation?

All of God's remnant WILL go through intense temptation trial, torture, and persecution as we enter into the next phase of Bible prophecy during the mark of beast crisis.

Have you taken full inventory of your spiritual life with Christ?

Have you made a FULL surrender to Him in action not just words?

Is your faith anaemic or is it strong?



The Sunday Law Is Invoked

As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith.

But their steadfast answer is: "Show us from the word of God our error." ... Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light will be brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.





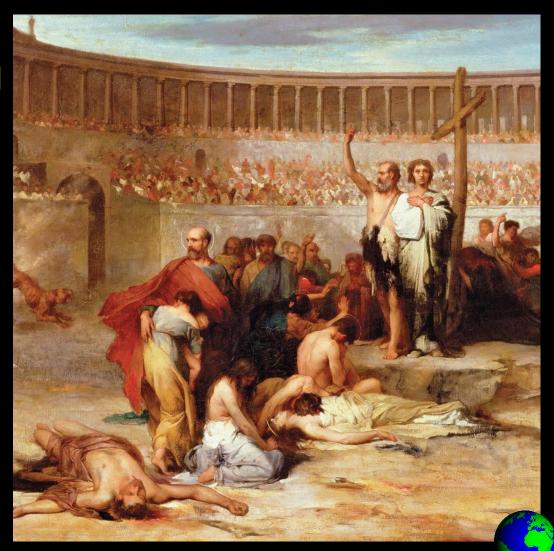
The Sunday Law Is Invoked (cont'd)

Conscientious obedience to the word of God will be treated as rebellion. Blinded by Satan, the parent will exercise harshness and severity toward the believing child; the master or mistress will oppress the commandment-keeping servant. Affection will be alienated; children will be disinherited and driven from home. The words of Paul will be literally fulfilled: "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12. As the defenders of truth refuse to honor the Sunday-sabbath, some of them will be thrust into prison, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves....



The Sunday Law Is Invoked (cont'd)

In this time of persecution the faith of the Lord's servants will be tried. They have faithfully given the warning, looking to God and to His word alone. God's Spirit, moving upon their hearts, has constrained them to speak.... Yet when the storm of opposition and reproach bursts upon them, some, overwhelmed with consternation, will be ready to exclaim: "Had we foreseen the consequences of our words, we would have held our peace." They are hedged in with difficulties. Satan assails them with fierce temptations. The work which they have undertaken seems far beyond their ability to accomplish. They are threatened with destruction. The enthusiasm which animated them is gone; yet they cannot turn back. Then, feeling their utter helplessness, they flee to the Mighty One for strength. - The Great Controversy, 607-609.



Protestantism Unites With the Papacy

As we approach the last crisis, it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. Yet under one head—the papal power—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. - Testimonies for the Church 7:182.

What is it that gives its kingdom to this power? Protestantism, a power which, while professing to have the temper and spirit of a lamb and to be allied to Heaven, speaks with the voice of a dragon. It is moved by a power from beneath. - SDA Bible Commentary 7:983.





Protestantism Unites With the Papacy (cont'd)

"These have one mind." There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces. "And shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.

In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God's people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue; for in the Sabbath commandment the great Lawgiver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. - SDA Bible Commentary 7:983.





Protestantism Unites With the Papacy (cont'd)

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Two Great Classes of Christians

I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. Revelation 13:3.

In homage to the Papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion, is still far from being destroyed. - The Great Controversy, 579.

In the last conflict the Sabbath will be the special point of controversy throughout all Christendom. Secular rulers and religious leaders will unite to enforce the observance of the Sunday; and as milder measures fail, the most oppressive laws will be enacted. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the land ought not to be tolerated.... Romanism in the Old World, and apostate Protestantism in the New, will pursue a similar course toward those who honor the divine precepts. - Spirit of Prophecy 4:444, 445.





Two Great Classes of Christians (cont'd)

The so-called Christian world is to be the theatre of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the Papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved. [Revelation 18:3-7 quoted.] - SDA Bible Commentary 7:949.

The warning of the third angel [of Revelation 14] ... is represented in the prophecy as being proclaimed with a loud voice, by an angel flying in the midst of heaven; and it will command the attention of the world.



Two Great Classes of Christians (cont'd)

In the issue of the contest all Christendom will be divided into two great classes—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark. Although church and state will unite their power to compel "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16), to receive "the mark of the beast," yet the people of God will not receive it. The prophet of Patmos beholds "them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God" and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Revelation 15:2, 3. -The Great Controversy, 450.



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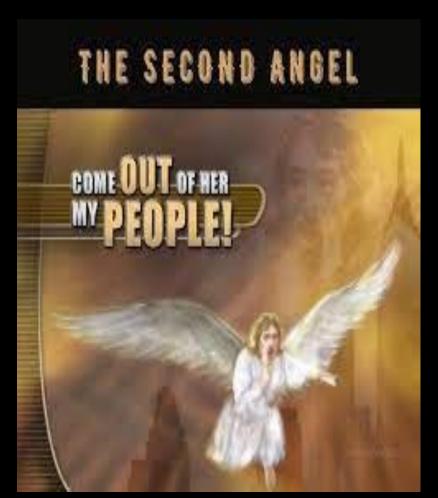
(Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).

Confusion of Many Voices

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Revelation 18:4.

In the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches. The second angel's message is, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." And in the loud cry of the third angel's message a voice is heard from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." - The Review and Herald, December 6, 1892.

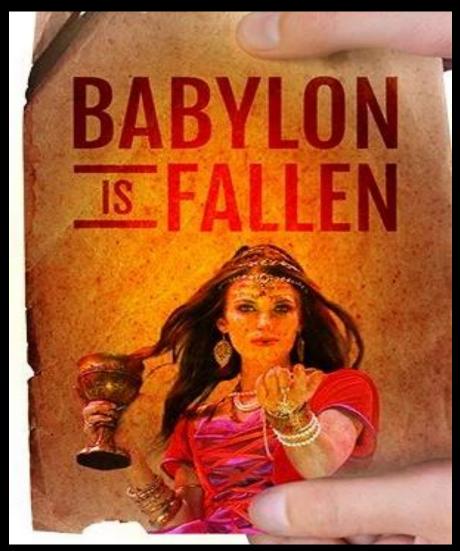
As God called the children of Israel out of Egypt, that they might keep His Sabbath, so He calls His people out of Babylon, that they may not worship the beast or his image....





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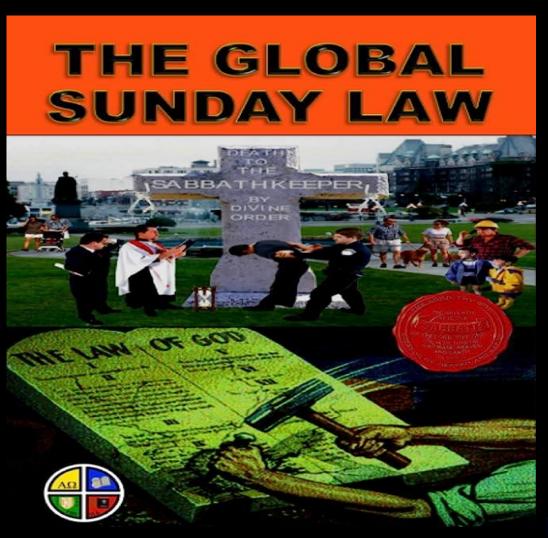
After the truth has been proclaimed as a witness to all nations, every conceivable power of evil will be set in operation, and minds will be confused by many voices crying, "Lo, here is Christ, Lo, He is there. This is the truth, I have the message from God, He has sent me with great light." Then there will be a removing of the landmarks, and an attempt to tear down the pillars of our faith. A more decided effort will be made to exalt the false sabbath, and to cast contempt upon God Himself by supplanting the day He has blessed and sanctified. This false sabbath is to be enforced by an oppressive law.... But while Satan works with his lying wonders, the time will be fulfilled foretold in the Revelation, and the mighty angel that shall lighten the earth with his glory, will proclaim the fall of Babylon, and call upon God's people to forsake her. - The Review and Herald, December 13, 1892.





Confusion of Many Voices (cont'd)

When do her sins reach unto heaven? When the law of God is finally made void by legislation. Then the extremity of God's people is His opportunity to show who is the governor of heaven and earth. As a Satanic power is stirring up the elements from beneath, God will send light and power to His people, that the message of truth may be proclaimed to all the world. - The Signs of the Times, June 12, 1893.





The Three-fold Union of Religion

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:13, 14.

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation [the United States] will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvellous working of Satan and that the end is near. - Testimonies for the Church 5:451.



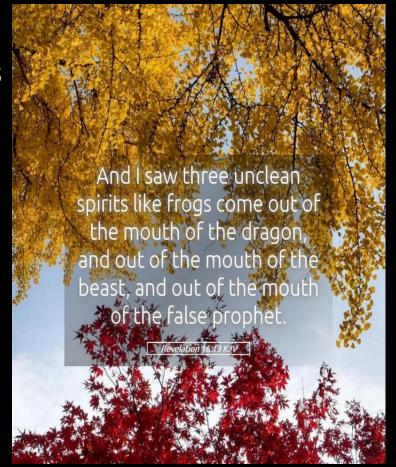


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Papists, Protestants, and worldling will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium. - The Great Controversy, 588, 589.

When our nation [the United States] shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism. - Testimonies for the Church 5:712.

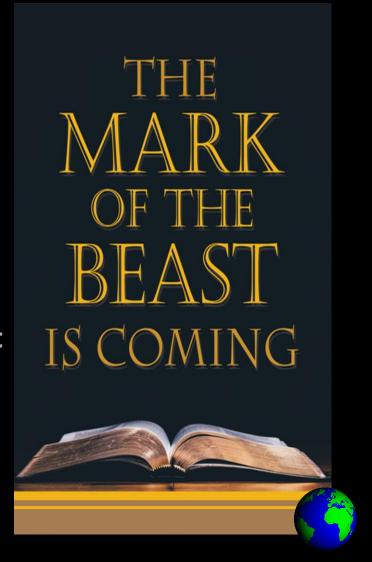




Satan and the Three-fold Union

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast. Revelation 13:4.

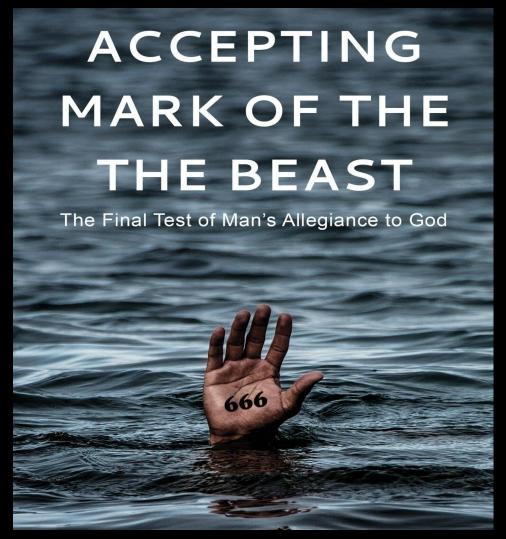
"He had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Though professing to be followers of the Lamb of God, men become imbued with the spirit of the dragon. They profess to be meek and humble but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by their actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be. This lamb-like power unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. And Satan unites with Protestants and Papists, acting in consort with them as the god of this world, dictating to men as if they were the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled as he pleases. If men will not agree to trample under foot the commandments of God, the spirit of the dragon is revealed. They are imprisoned, brought before councils, and fined. "He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." "He had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."



Satan and the Three-fold Union (cont'd)

Thus Satan usurps the prerogatives of Jehovah.
The man of sin sits in the seat of God, proclaiming himself to be God, and acting above God.

There is a marked contrast between those who bear the seal of God and those who worship the beast and his image. The Lord's faithful servants will receive the bitterest persecution from false teachers, who will not hear the word of God, and who prepare stumbling blocks to put in the way of those who would hear. But God's people are not to fear. Satan cannot go beyond his limit. The Lord will be the defense of His people. He regards the injury done to His servants for the truth's sake as done to Himself. When the last decision has been made, when all have taken sides, either for Christ and the commandments or for the great apostate, God will arise in His power, and the mouths of those who have blasphemed against Him will be forever stopped. Every opposing power will receive its punishment. - Maranatha, Page 191





The Corruption of Truth

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. Matthew 24:23.

Before the last developments of the work of apostasy there will be a confusion of faith. There will not be clear and definite ideas concerning the mystery of God. One truth after another will be corrupted. - The Signs of the Times, May 28, 1894.

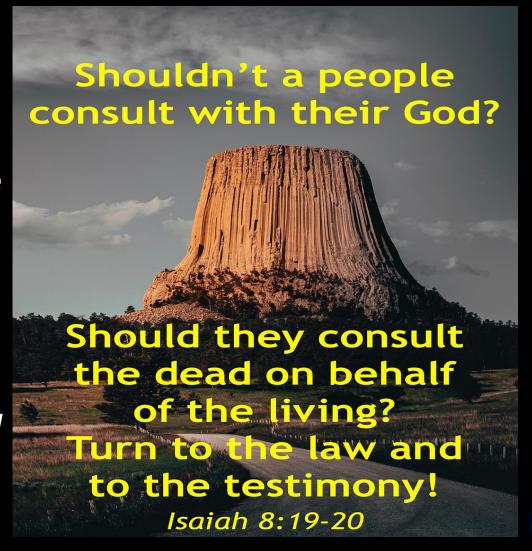
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The Corruption of Truth (Cont'd)

In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. - Evangelism, 224.

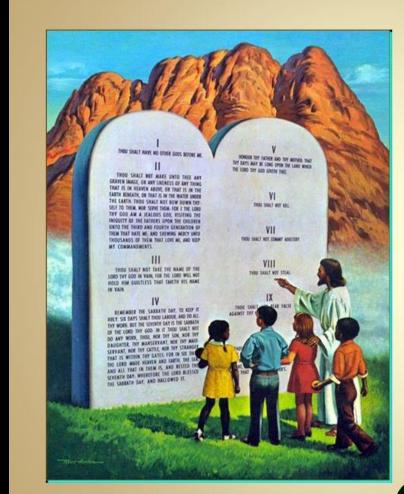
There will be false dreams and false visions, which have some truth, but lead away from the original faith. The Lord has given men a rule by which to detect them: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). - Selected Messages 2:98.





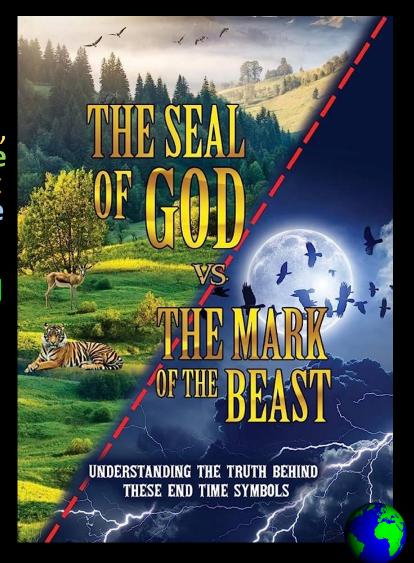
The Corruption of Truth (Cont'd)

As we near the end of time, falsehood will be so mingled with truth, that only those who have the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be able to distinguish truth from error. We need to make every effort to keep the way of the Lord. We must in no case turn from His guidance to put our trust in man. The Lord's angels are appointed to keep strict watch over those who put their faith in the Lord, and these angels are to be our special help in every time of need. Every day we are to come to the Lord with full assurance of faith, and to look to Him for wisdom.... Those who are guided by the Word of the Lord will discern with certainty between falsehood and truth, between sin and righteousness. - SDA Bible Commentary 7:907.

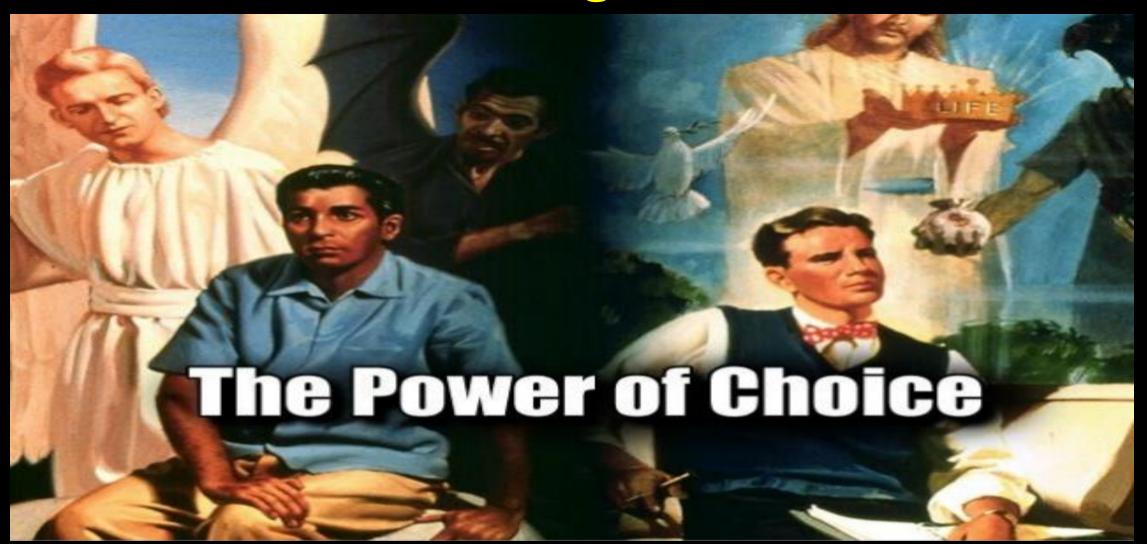


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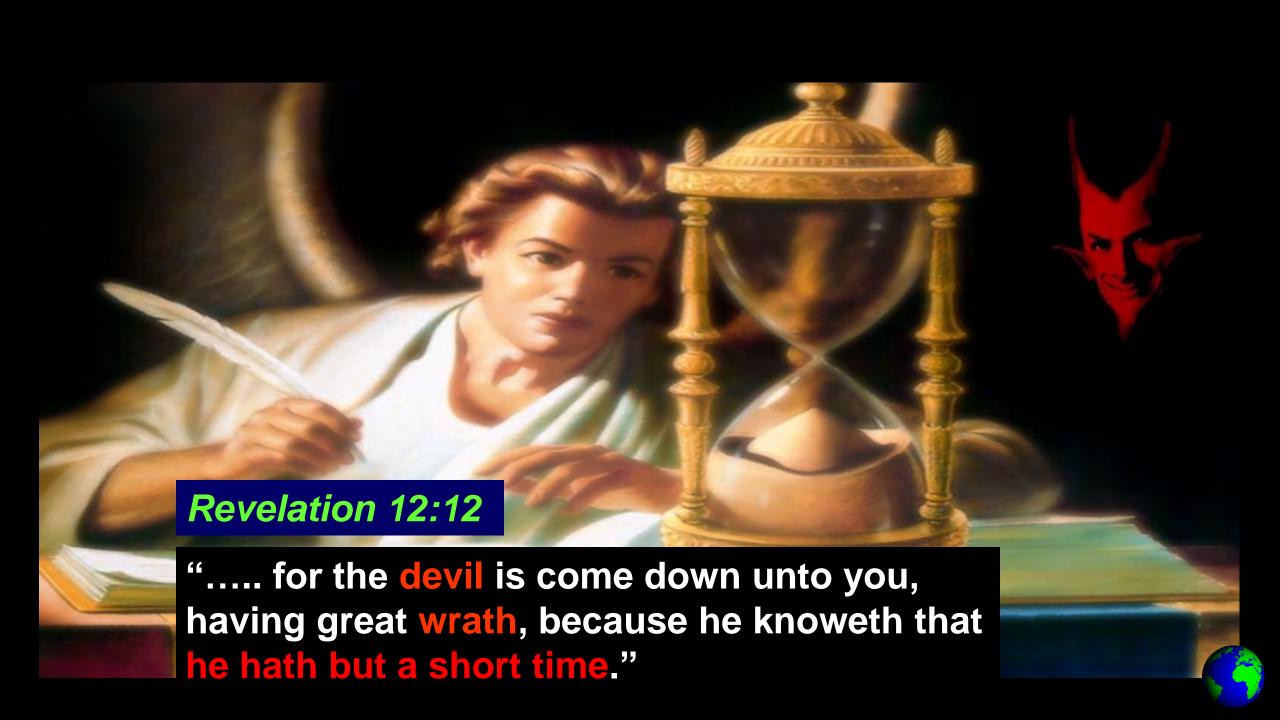
In Testimonies For the Church, Volume 5, pages 215 – 16, Ellen White makes an urgent appeal, "It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character.... What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast... Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God--candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour."



God has given all:







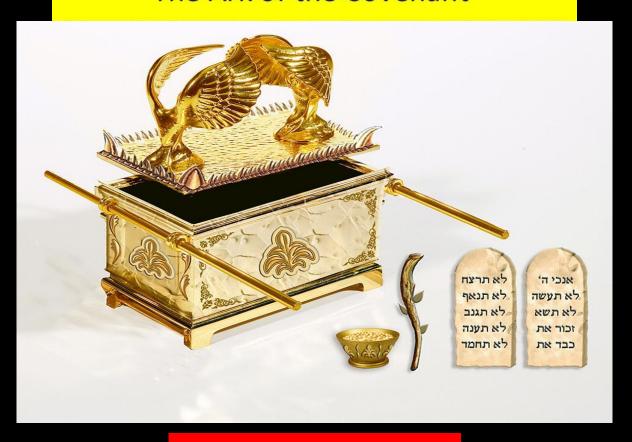
Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





