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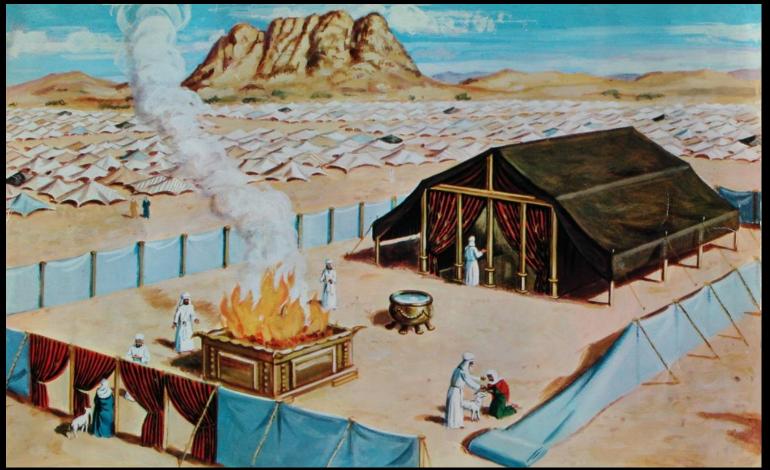
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And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

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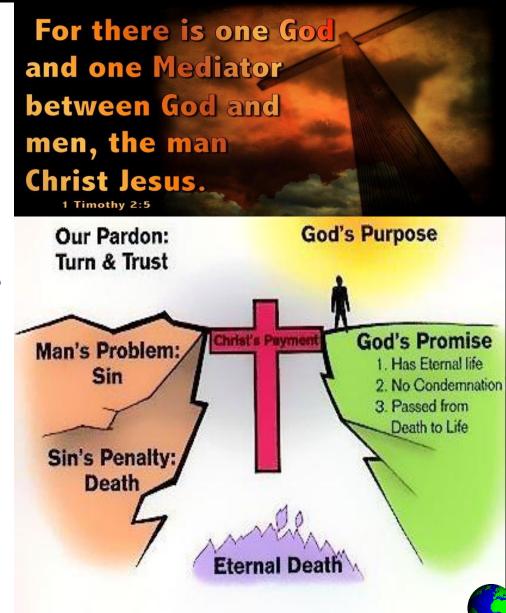


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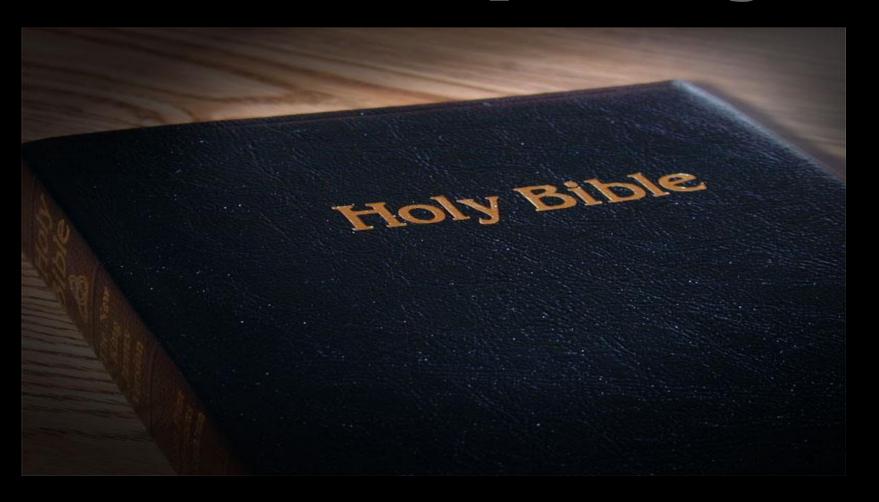
The benefits of Christ's death for humanity

Christians know that it is important to believe in Christ's death on the cross. But some find it difficult to explain how it benefits us. They know that salvation depends on it but perhaps struggle to explain how it is central to the Christian life. Christ taught that it must be crucial in how we live (Matthew 16:24). Paul said that it was the controlling principle of his life (Galatians 2:20). How can we make it central to our life?

- **1. ENJOYING JUSTIFICATION -** It is the hope of our eternal and complete victory, the door of hope over death 1 Corinthians 15:55
- **2. ENJOYING COMMUNION WITH CHRIST -** Christ's death is a strong reason to embrace, welcome Christ. Song of Solomon 5:2
- **3. ENJOYING CHRIST'S LOVE -** believe the sufferings of Christ in the right way, & see the power of His love (2 Corinthians 5:14).
- **4. ENJOYING ETERNAL LIFE -** The way to heaven is now made manifest through the sufferings of Christ. (Hebrews 8:8-9).
- **5. ENJOYING ASSURANCE -** If you truly believed that Christ died for sinners your unbelief would be at an end. 1 Timothy 1:15.
- **6. ENJOYING HOLINESS -** Christ's death is an excellent way for us to bring our soul to a God-given holy hatred of sin 1 Peter 4:1.
- Cross = Christ's resurrection, ascension, intersection & return.



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Christ Died For Our Sins

1 Corinthians 15:3



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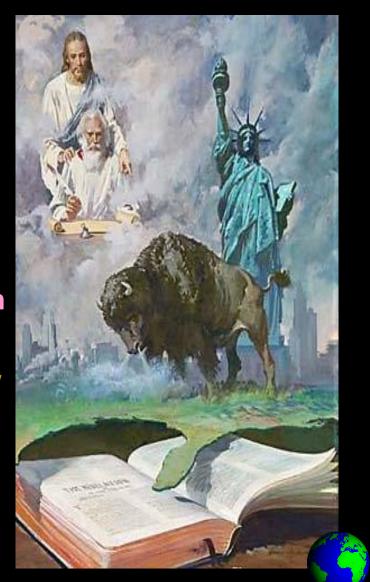


Introduction

The United States almost had a National Sunday Law, one was proposed in the US Senate on May 21, 1888, 50th CONGRESS. This is what was proposed . . .

The bill proposed by Senator Blair, and upon which the argument was made, is as follows: — A 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.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 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; nor shall it be lawful for any person or corporation to receive pay for labour or service performed or rendered in violation of this section.



Pen of Inspiration

We as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer, and then let us work in harmony
with our prayers. {5T 713.4}





Pen of Inspiration (cont'd)

It may appear that Satan is triumphant and that truth is overborne with falsehood and error; the people over whom God has spread His shield, and the country which has been an asylum for the conscience-oppressed servants of God and defenders of His truth, may be placed in jeopardy. But God would have us recall His dealings with His people in the past to save them from their enemies. He has always chosen extremities, when there seemed no possible chance for deliverance from Satan's workings, for the manifestation of His power. Man's necessity is God's opportunity. It may be that a respite may yet be granted for God's people to awake and let their light shine. If the presence of ten righteous persons would have saved the wicked cities of the plain, is it not possible that God will yet, in answer to the prayers of His people, hold in check the workings of those who are making void His law? Shall we not humble our hearts greatly before God, flee to the mercy seat, and plead with Him to reveal His mighty power? {5T 713.4}





Setting the Stage

Revelation 13:12 - And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Notice first off that the Mark is related to buying and selling. Without it, You can not make any business transactions. Now before we continue, there is an important thing we must understand in this battle between Christ and Satan. The whole drama that unfolds in the book of Revelation reveals that Satan wants to destroy, but God intervenes and provides a way of escape through his son Jesus Christ. But while destroying, Satan manages to deceive people by the millions with his lies and wonders (Revelation 13:13-14). What are the ways he deceives the people? He counterfeits God.

From the very beginning, Satan wanted to be worshiped as God (Isaiah 14:14). He has is own prophets, as God has his. His own apostles, church, believers, writings, etc. He counterfeits everything that God has, in order to "deceive" the people. It is a no marvel, then, that we read of his deceptions in the book of Revelation. Now with this in mind, lets read...

The Secular world will have no problem with a National Sunday Law!
In 1961 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Sunday Laws are constitutional for secular purposes!!!

(see McGowen vs. Maryland case 366 US 420)



Setting the Stage (cont'd)

Revelation 13:16-17 - 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: 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.

Exodus 20:8-11 - Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. (see also Nehemiah 13:16-18)

God has said that no business transactions are to take place within God's people on the seventh day. That means no buying and no selling. Has Satan counterfeited this as well? We know of only one other day that people claim has taken place of the seventh day Sabbath... and that day is the first day of the week, Sunday.





Setting the Stage (cont'd)

"After the warning against the worship of the beast and his image, the prophecy declares, 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Since those who keep God's commandments are thus placed in contrast with those that worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, it follows that the keeping of God's law, on the one hand, and its violation, on the other, will make the distinction between the worshipers of God and the worshipers of the beast." - The Great Controversy page 445.

This statement brings out an important point. The contrast is seen between those who keep God's commandments and those who violate it. The law then, to not "buy or sell," is one which is a counterfeit with one of "the commandments of God" that also prohibits buying and selling. That particular commandment, we have seen, is the fourth commandment. As we have noticed that Sunday is the counterfeit Sabbath, then since the fourth commandment is a Sabbath law, the Mark of the Beast must therefore be a... Sunday law.

A word from the Catholic Record:

"Sunday is founded, not of scripture, but on tradition, and is distinctly a Catholic institution. As there is no scripture for the transfer of the day of rest from the last to the first day of the week, Protestants ought to keep their Sabbath on Saturday and thus leave Catholics in full possession of Sunday."

— Catholic Record, September 17, 1893.



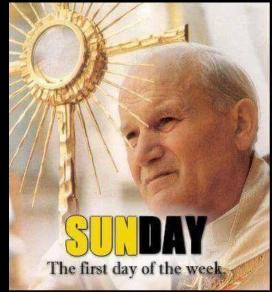


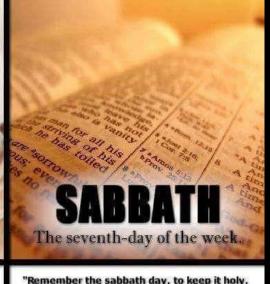
Sabbath Commandment identifies the Creator God

We see that, the Sabbath commandment calls God the only true God. The commandment reads very clearly that God is the one who created the "heavens earth and the sea." When we honour the Sabbath, we are in essence saying we worship the God that created all things. And there is only one God that did that. We give honour and praise and glory to him because he is the creator. This is exactly what Satan wants for himself! He says, "I will be like the most high" - Isaiah 14:14. He wants worship, and will do anything to get it, even counterfeit God's Sabbath and create his own holy day.

He is desperate for recognition as the true god.

The very phrase "buy and sell" gives plenty of evidence that this is a law that forbids any type of work to be performed unless it is obeyed, hence a Sunday law. But is the Sabbath even mentioned as related somehow to this whole scenario, which would in turn give it the very possibility of being counterfeited? Yes! lets turn to Revelation 14:





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"The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact." Catholic Record London Ontario, September 1,1923

"It is always somewhat laughable,
to see the Protestant churches,
in pulpit and legislation,
demand the observance of Sunday,
of which there is nothing in their Bible."
Peter R. Kraemer
Catholic Church Extension Magazine, USA (1975)

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day
is the sabbath of the Lord thy God:
in it thou shalt not do any work,
thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy
manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy
cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

(Exodus 20:8-11)

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other: or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."

(Matthew 6:24)

Creator God's final warning to humanity

Revelation 14:6-7 - And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

In keeping with what was just explained, notice also now that in the other side, God's side, those sealed by God are a people proclaiming a message (symbolized by the flying angel) saying "worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea..."
This same phrase is found in the Sabbath commandment:

"... for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth and the sea" -Exodus 20:11.

In 325 A.D., the Roman **Emperor Constantine decided** to unify Rome under a single religion ... Historians still marvel at the brilliance with which Constantine converted the sun-worshipping pagans to Christianity. By fusing pagan symbols, dates, and rituals into the growing Christian tradition, he created a kind of hybrid religion that was acceptable to both parties.

Dan Brown



Satan is deceiving millions today...

While the people of the world obey the beast and his law, God urges the world through his people that the Seventh day is the Sabbath, not Sunday, and that we are to worship the true God by obeying his commandment, all of them, especially the one which gives him that title of creator. It's a battle between who will be worshiped as the one true God.

That Satan wants us to violate God's law is made crystal clear through all of Revelation 13. Verse 15 shows how he wants the world to violate the 1st and 2nd commandments by forcing (speak and cause) people to worship the image. We know that when we break even one of God's law, we automatically break them all (James 2:10). Yet God's people are described as those who... "keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus" - Revelation 14:12. These will be the ones allowed to eat of the tree of life... because they "do his commandments" — Revelation 22:14.

Thus, by understanding that Satan counterfeits God in Revelation 13, it is evident that a national Sunday law is indeed prophesied therein.



All need to find out what God revealed

"God's word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution." – Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, page 581.

Lets look at what's happening in the world today...



NATURAL DISASTERS

Calamities will come -- calamities most awful, most unexpected; and these destructions will follow one after another. If there will be a heeding of the warnings that God has given, and if churches will repent, returning to their allegiance, then other cities may be spared for a time. But if men who have been deceived continue in the same way in which they have been walking, disregarding the law of God and presenting falsehoods before the people, God allows them to suffer calamity, that their senses may be awakened. {Maranatha, page 176.2}



TROUBLES AND MANY PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES

And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until **Sunday** observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity. Thus the accusation urged of old against the servant of God will be repeated and upon grounds equally well established: "And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim." 1 Kings 18:17, 18. As the wrath of the people shall be excited by false charges, they will pursue a course toward God's ambassadors very similar to that which apostate Israel pursued toward Elijah. {Great Controversy, page 590.1}



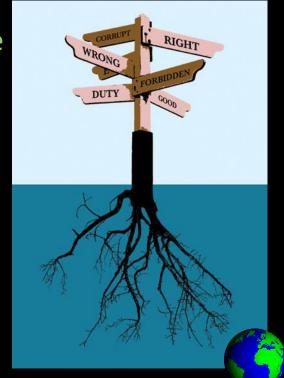


MORAL CORRUPTION

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as labouring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favour of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible; yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, His servants cannot unite with them. Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men. Great Controversy, page 587.1

Corruption is worse than prostitution. The latter might endanger the morals of an individual, the former invariably endangers the morals of the entire country.

— Karl Kraus —



BRIBERY

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. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. - Great Controversy, page 592.3





SPIRITUALISM

As spiritualism more closely imitates the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. Through the agency of spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power. {GC 588.2}

The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings 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. - Great Controversy, page 588.3





APPEAL TO REASON AND COMPROMISE

The time of trouble was upon us. I saw our people in great distress, weeping and praying, pleading the sure promises of God, while the wicked were all around us mocking us and threatening to destroy us. They ridiculed our feebleness, they mocked at the smallness of our numbers, and taunted us with words calculated to cut deep. They charged us with taking an independent position from all the rest of the world. They had cut off our resources so that we could not buy or sell, and they referred to our abject poverty and stricken condition. They could not see how we could live without the world. We were dependent on the world, and we must concede to the customs, practices, and laws of the world, or go out of it. If we were the only people in the world whom the Lord favoured, the appearances were awfully against us. \(\frac{3SM 427.5}{}

"Today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an

economy kills. . .
I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor!"

Pope Francis

"Together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation."

- Pope Francis



MESSAGES FROM THE DEAD

<u>Says the prophet Isaiah</u>: "When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? 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 8:19, 20. If men had been willing to receive the truth so plainly stated in the Scriptures concerning the nature of man and the state of the dead, they would see in the claims and manifestations of spiritualism the working of Satan with power and signs and lying wonders. But rather than yield the liberty so agreeable to the carnal heart, and renounce the sins which they love, multitudes close their eyes to the light and walk straight on, regardless of warnings, while Satan weaves his snares about them, and they become his prey. "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," therefore "God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 11. - Great Controversy, page 559.1





RETURN OF THE APOSTLES

He who is the father of lies, blinds and deceives the world by sending forth his angels to speak for the apostles, and to make it appear that they contradict what they wrote by the dictation of the Holy Ghost when on earth. These lying angels make the apostles to corrupt their own teachings and to declare them to be to declare them to be adulterated. By so doing, Satan delights to throw professed Christians and all the world into uncertainty about the Word of God. That holy Book cuts directly across his track and thwarts his plans; therefore he leads men to doubt the divine origin of the Bible. - Early Writings, page 264.1



EVIL ANGELS APPEAR AS ANGELS OF LIGHT

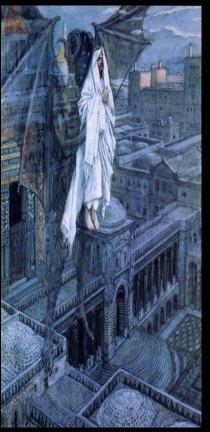
Many will be confronted by the spirits of devils personating beloved relatives or friends and declaring the most dangerous heresies. These visitants will appeal to our tenderest sympathies and will work miracles to sustain their pretensions. We must be prepared to withstand them with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything and that they who thus appear are the spirits of devils. {Maranatha 167.3}

Satanic agencies in human form will take part in this last great conflict to oppose the building up of the kingdom of God. And heavenly angels in human guise will be on the field of action. The two opposing parties will continue to exist till the closing up of the last great chapter in this world's history. {Maranatha 167.4}



SATAN IMPERSONATES CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. - Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "the great power of God." Acts 8:10. - Great Controversy, page 624.2





The Four Stages of the Sunday Law

- 1. Refrain From Working on Sunday 9T 232, 233; CT 550, 551
- 2. Honor Sunday, but can still worship on Sabbath GC 608
- 3. Cannot worship on Sabbath, only Sunday; fines and imprisonment imposed GC 607
- 4. Death penalty to those who worship Sabbath and disregard Sunday Rev. 13:15-17, GC 604, 621, 635



The power of the 4th angel

"I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." "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 18:1, 2, 4. – GC 603.1



And we see another angel, a special fourth angel, and he has so much power that the whole earth gets lighted up with his mighty message! This mighty angel represents the 'Loud Cry' message given by the great power of the Holy Spirit in what we call the 'latter rain'.

The repeating of the 2nd angel's message

This scripture points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel of Revelation 14 (verse 8), is to be repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844. A terrible condition of the religious world is here described. With every rejection of truth the minds of the people will become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood. In defiance of the warnings which God has given, they will continue to trample upon one of the precepts of the Decalogue, until they are led to persecute those who hold it sacred. - GC 603.2



God calls all to come out of Papal Rome



The prophet says: "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen.... 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. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." - (ST June 12, 1893, par. 13)

Because Papal Rome turned against God

2nd Angel's Message

■ "A second angel followed the first one, saying, 'She has fallen! Great Babylon has fallen! She made all peoples drink her wine---the strong wine of her immoral lust!'" (Revelation 14:8)





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. - (ST June 12, 1893, par. 13)

The Loud Cry or Midnight Cry



PROPHETIC CATALYST

- MIDNIGHT CRY OF MATTHEW 25:6 = LOUD CRY OF REVELATION 18
- ENTIRE CHURCH WAKES UP TO MESSAGE OF REVELATION 18
- LATTER RAIN POURED OUT ON WISE VIRGINS



USA will enforce the Sunday Law

Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been—the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before. - GC 605.3





STAGE ONE OF THE SUNDAY LAW

- CHECK OUT THE GREEN SABBATH PROJECT
- ONE DAY EVERY WEEK,
 DO NOTHING
- TAKE A WEEKLY DAY OF REST. MAKE IT A REAL SABBATH. FOR YOU. FOR EARTH.
- DON'T DRIVE. DON'T SHOP. DON'T BUILD.

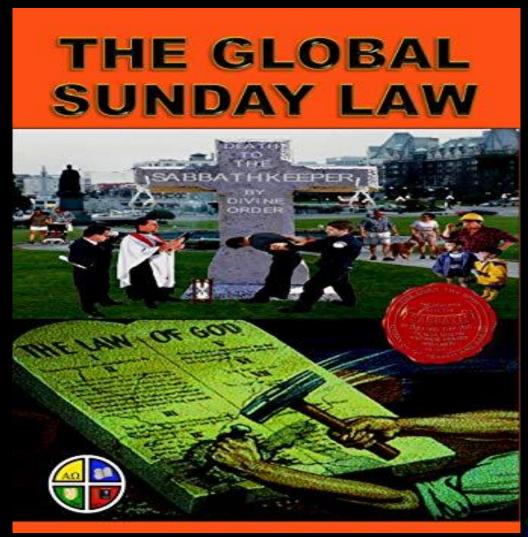


What to do when in this crisis

Dear Brother,

I will try to answer your question as to what you should do in the case of Sunday laws being enforced. - 9T 232.1

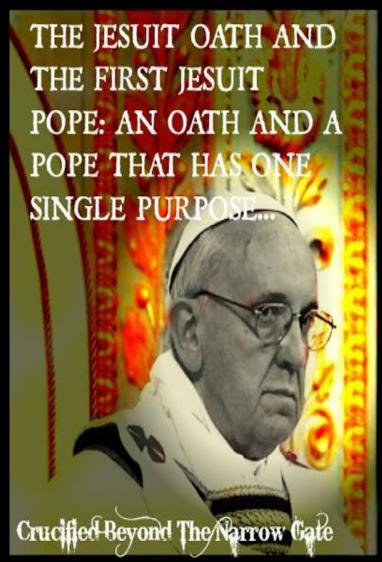
The light given me by the Lord at a time when we were expecting just such a crisis as you seem to be approaching, was that when the people were moved by a power from beneath to enforce Sunday observance, Seventh-day Adventists were to show their wisdom by refraining from their ordinary work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort. - 9T 232.2





Do not defy the Sunday Law

To defy the Sunday laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. Give them no occasion to call you lawbreakers. If they are left to rein up men who fear neither God nor man, the reining up will soon lose its novelty for them, and they will see that it is not consistent nor convenient for them to be strict in regard to the observance of Sunday. Keep right on with your missionary work, with your Bibles in your hands, and the enemy will see that he has worsted his own cause. One does not receive the mark of the beast because he shows that he realizes the wisdom of keeping the peace by refraining from work that gives offense, doing at the same time a work of the highest importance. - 9T 232.3



TO DESTROY **PROTESTANTS** THE WORLD OVER BY INITIATING THE **NEW WORLD** ORDER.

Engage in Missionary Activities

At another time when our brethren were threatened with persecution and were questioning in regard to what they should do, I gave the same advice that I had given in answer to the question concerning the use of Sunday for games. I said, "Employ Sunday in doing missionary work for God. Teachers, go with your students. Take them to the homes of the people, near and far, and teach them how to talk in a way to do good. Let the people know that you are interested in their souls' salvation." The blessing of God rested upon the students as they diligently searched the Scriptures in order to learn how to present the truths of the word in such a way that these truths would be received with **favour.** (CT 551.1)



STAGE TWO OF THE SUNDAY LAW

- LAW TO HONOR AND WORSHIP ON SUNDAY
- CAN STILL "OBSERVE" SABBATH
- SOCIAL PRESSURE INCREASES/LITTLE TIME OF TROUBLE
- MANY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS COMPROMISE

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. — GC 608.2

Gospel of Jesus & Babylon

Romans 1:16-17 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

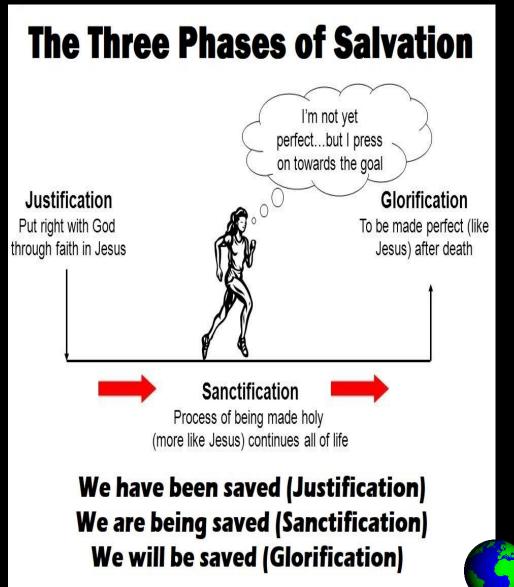
Is Revelation 18:1 - And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

False religion is unable to change the world, so state needs to enforce a law to change the people of the world.



Sanctification is Important

But the last church will, as we have seen, need a special preparation to meet the Lord at his coming. They will need to be wholly sanctified, not only because of the additional truths which will be brought to light, and be made in a special manner obligatory upon them, but also because they will have to pass through the time of trouble without a mediator between God and them... and when the unmixed wrath of God, which is the seven last plagues, Revelation 14:9-14; 15:1; 16, and which is to follow the proclamation of to third angel's message, will fall upon the shelter-less heads of the enemies of God's truth and people. When this time of trouble comes, there can be no Mediator between God and man... there can be no pardon and no change in the characters of men. Then will the following solemn and everlasting decree pass in the courts of Heaven: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still, and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold I come quickly." Revelation 22:11, 12. SLH 104.1



STAGE THREE OF THE SUNDAY LAW

- LAW PROHIBITS WORSHIP ON SABBATH
- CAN ONLY WORSHIP ON SUNDAY
- FINES AND
 IMPRISONMENT
 IMPOSED
- CANNOT BUY OR SELL;
 REV. 13:17; DAN. 11:43



As the controversy extends into new fields and the minds of the people are called to God's downtrodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it. The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they will endeavour to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and, in this work, papists and Protestants unité. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. - GC 607.1

Faithful cannot Buy or Sell anymore

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"—the same plea that was made by Luther under similar circumstances. 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. – GC 607.1



STAGE FOUR OF THE SUNDAY LAW

- DEATH DECREE
- REV. 13:15-17; DAN. 11:44, 45
- PROBATION CLOSES
- TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE BEGINS
- SATAN PERSONATES
 CHRIST



Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death. On the other hand, the law of God enjoining the Creator's rest day demands obedience and threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts. – GC 604.2

Who will receive the Mark of the Beast?

With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whoever shall trample upon God's law to obey a human enactment receives the mark of the beast; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God. The warning from **heaven is:** "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation." Revelation 14:9, 10. – GC 604.3

son must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).

When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each per-

Seal of God Mark of the Beast

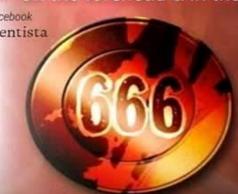
- True Worship
- Adoration to the Creator
- Commandment of God
- Protection signal
- Placed on the forehead

- False Worship
- Adoration to the Beast
- Commandment of man
- Sign of condemnation
- On the forehead & in the hand



Sabbath

Revelation 12:17 & 14:12



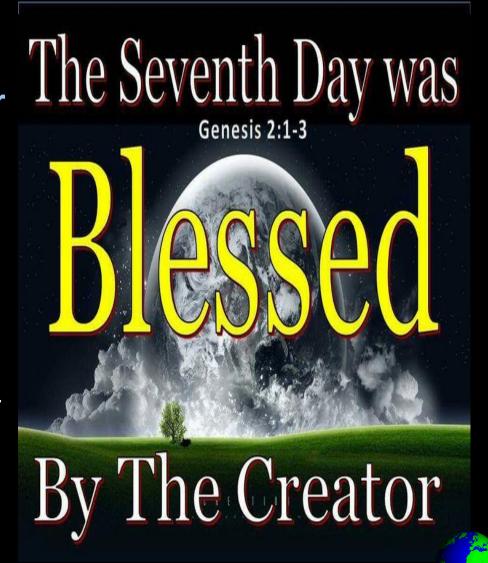
Sunday

Revelation 13:16

Sabbath existed in eternity and till eternity

The Sabbath was hallowed at the creation. As ordained for man, it had its origin when "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38:7. Peace brooded over the world; for earth was in harmony with heaven. "God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good;" and He rested in the joy of His completed work. Genesis 1:31. DA 281.1

Because He had rested upon the Sabbath, "God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it,"—set it apart to a holy use. He gave it to Adam as a day of rest. It was a memorial of the work of creation, and thus a sign of God's power and His love. The Scripture says, "He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered." "The things that are made," declare "the invisible things of Him since the creation of the world," "even His everlasting power and divinity." Genesis 2:3; Psalm 111:4; Romans 1:20, DA 281.2



SATAN PERSONATES CHRIST

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. - GC 624.2

 LAST GREAT ACT OF DRAMA

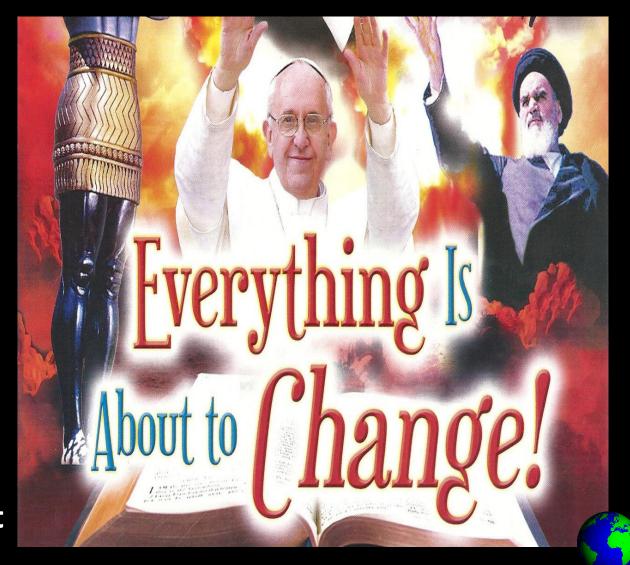
• PROVIDES IMPETUS FOR DEATH DECREE

• REV. 12:17; DAN. 11:44, 45



Satan declares change of Sabbath day from 7th day to 1st day: Sunday

In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "the great power of God." Acts 8:10. – GC 624.2



Satanic 3 fold Union in Action

Revelation 16:13 – 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.

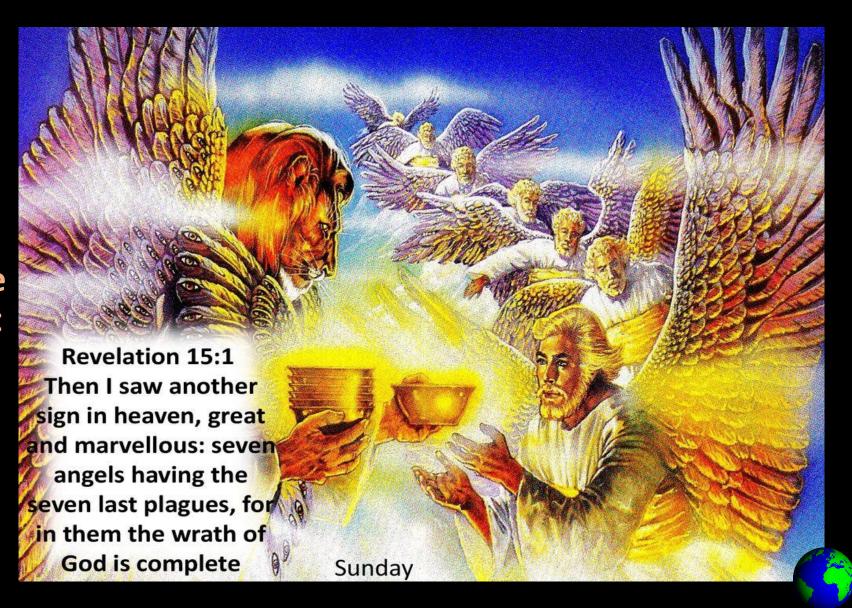
By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our

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



God's wrath 7 last plagues

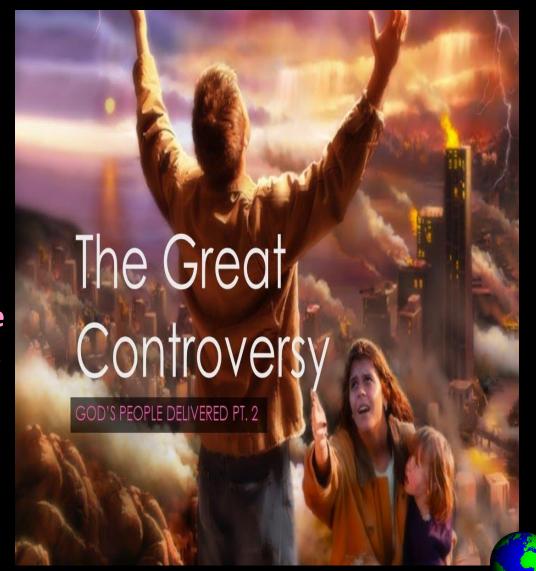
But the people of God will not be misled. The teachings of this false christ are not in accordance with the Scriptures. His blessing is pronounced upon the worshipers of the beast and his image, the very class upon whom the **Bible declares that** God's unmingled wrath shall be poured out. -GC 625.1



God's People Delivered

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof. – GC 635.1

With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness. – GC 635.3



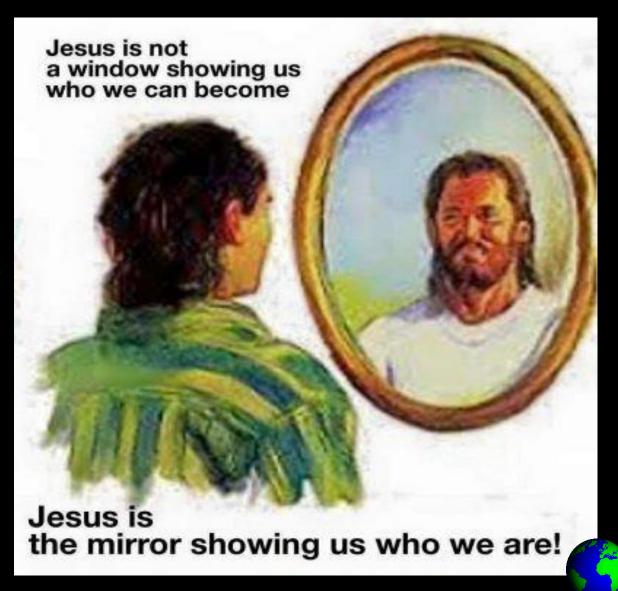
How to Prepare for the coming Crisis

The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger—a faith that will not faint though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. – GC 621.2



Jesus is our example to emulate

Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." John 14:30. Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble. - GC 623.1



Summary - Sunday law comes in 4 Phases

Sunday laws come in at least four phases:

First phase: there is the Sunday closing laws in which shops and industries are closed.

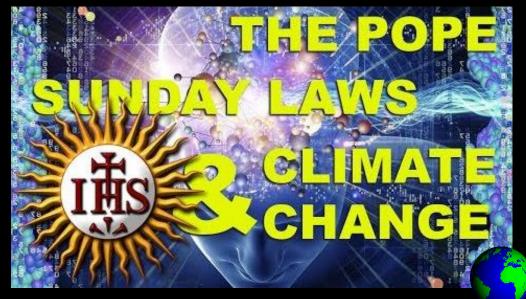
Second phase: is Sunday rest laws in which people are required to not work, except in essential services such as in hospitals, and in the lines of transportation. Also in this second phase is included laws that prevent people from doing many activities that are considered to be work such as mowing the lawn, or fixing the porch on the house, or other types of labour. Fines can be imposed.

Third phase: is Sunday worship laws requiring church attendance and worship on Sunday.

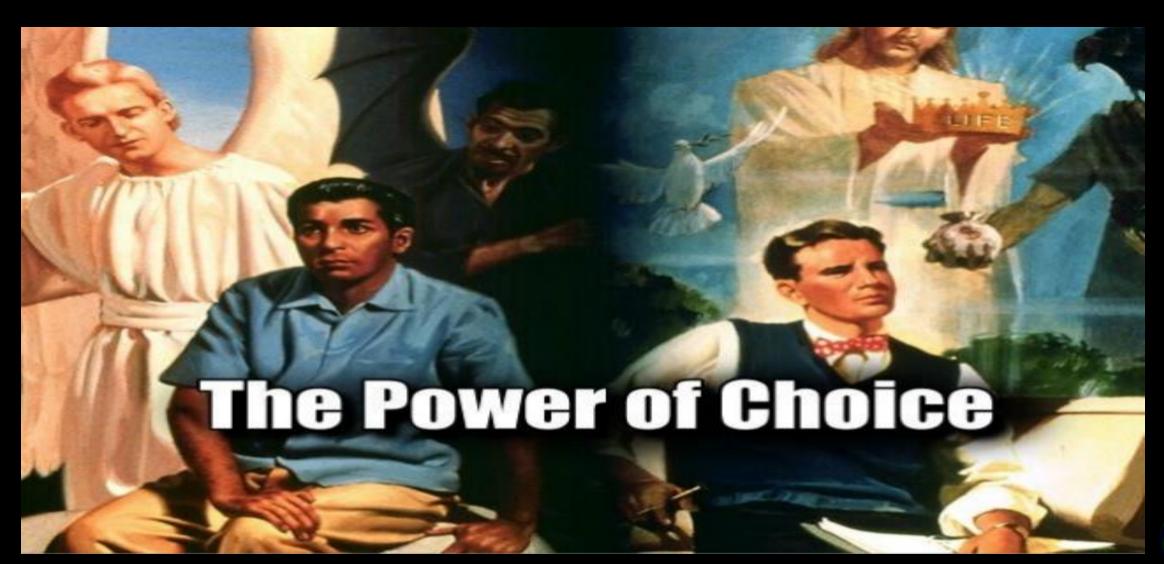
Also the Sabbath keepers cannot buy or sell.

Fourth phase: is the forbidding of worship and the requiring of work on God's seventh-day Sabbath. Can be imprisoned, persecuted, killed.

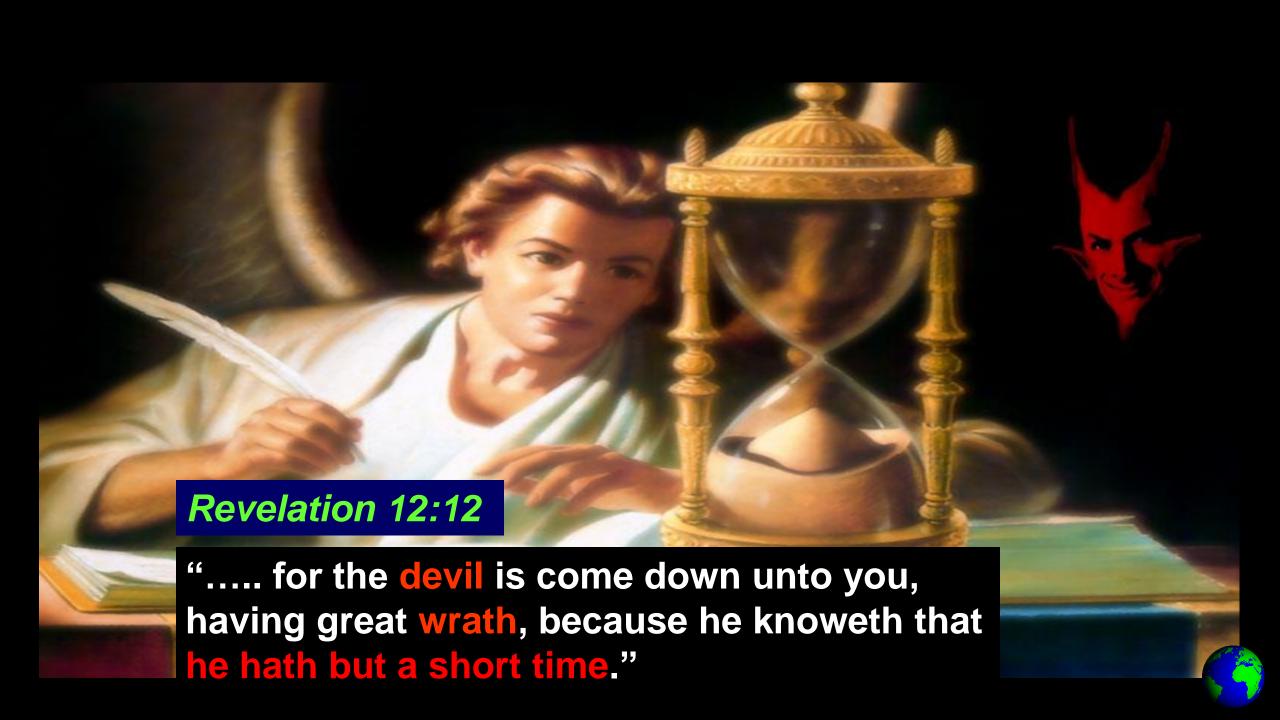




God has given all:







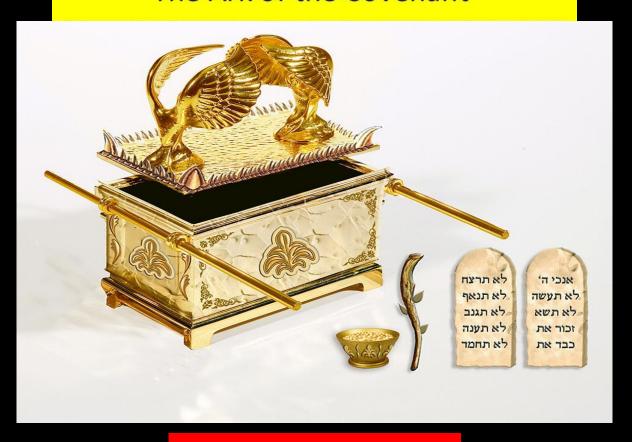
Enter The Ark of Hope

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





