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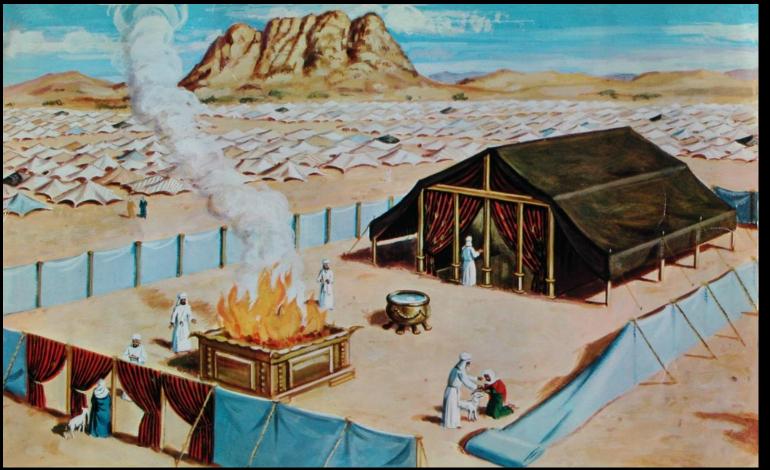
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And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Turmeric

Health Benefits of Turmeric (Seek Medical Advise)
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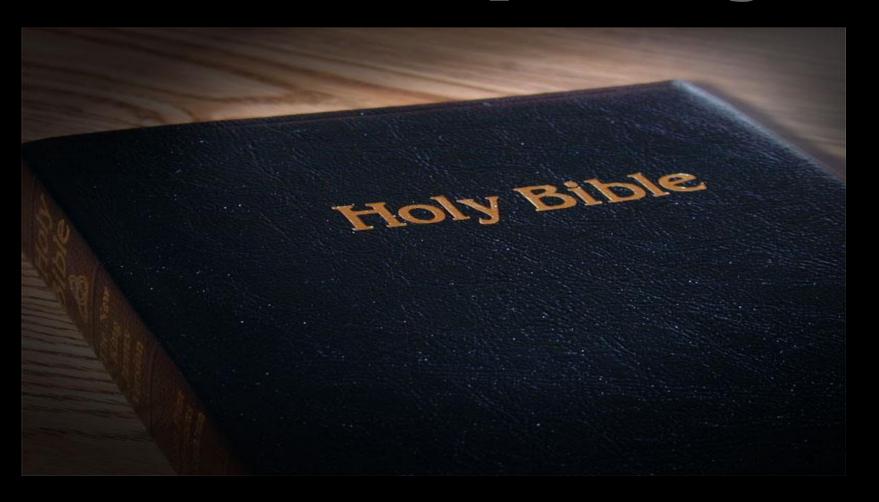
There are 10 evidence-based health benefits of turmeric and curcumin. Let us examine what the science says about turmeric and curcumin as well as their benefits.

• Turmeric is the spice that gives curry its yellow colour.

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1 Timothy 6:17





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Introduction

"The light that Daniel received direct from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai [Daniel 8] and the Hiddekel [Daniel 10-11], the great rivers of Shinar, are now in the process of fulfilment, and all the events foretold will soon have come to pass." - Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 112-113.

"Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with a spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment. Much of the history that has taken place in the fulfilment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that 'shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant; so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.' [Ellen White then quotes verses 31-36. Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them." - Ellen G. White, Letter 103, 1904. Last Day Event-Judgements of God

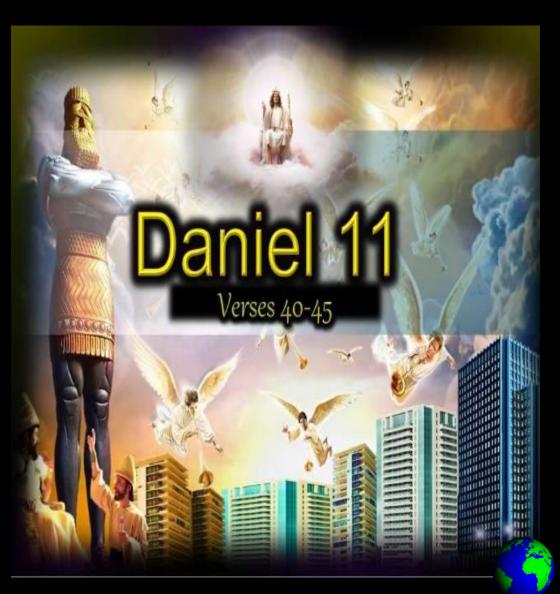
WIDESPREAD APPREHENSION ABOUT THE FUTURE.
TROUBLOUS TIMES SOON TO COME.
GOD HAS ALWAYS WARNED OF COMING JUDGMENTS.
GOD HAS TOLD US WHAT TO EXPECT IN OUR DAY.



Introduction (cont'd)

One point must be underlined in this quotation. What is being said is simply that future scenes will be similar to those described in these verses. And why would this be? Simply because the papacy, the power described in these verses which oppressed the saints of God for 1260 years will resurrect from its mortal wound to once again oppress them but on a much larger scale. This end-time persecution after the healing of the deadly wound is described in verses 40-45. Thus, as we shall see, verses 40-45 describe the repetition of much of the history that is depicted in verses 30-36.

A very important question at this juncture is this: In the end-time, are we to understand the king of the north, the king of the south, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia literally or are we to see in them symbols of worldwide religious and political systems?



Introduction (cont'd)

Obviously, we cannot take Edom, Ammon and Moab literally because they do not even exist as nations anymore. If we cannot take these nations literally, why should we take the others so? Is there a guiding principle to help us understand this prophecy and if so, what is it?

Louis Were suggests the following succinct principle:

"When passing over into the Christian era there is an automatic transition from literal to spiritual Babylon; from literal to spiritual Jerusalem; from the literal lands of Israel and Babylon to their spiritual antitypes." - Louis F. Were, The King of the North at Jerusalem, p. 75.

As we saw in our study of the seventy weeks, when Stephen was stoned, the door of probation closed for the Jewish theocracy and the Gentiles became God's new spiritual and worldwide Israel (see, Galatians 3:16, 26-29; Romans 2:28-29; 9:6-8). No longer were there to be any holy mountains (see John 4:20-24). Today, where two or three are gathered together in Christ's name, there He is in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20). That is to say, the holy land today is worldwide and includes those who are spiritually linked to Jesus Christ. Those who are not gathered to Christ, scatter (Luke 11:23).

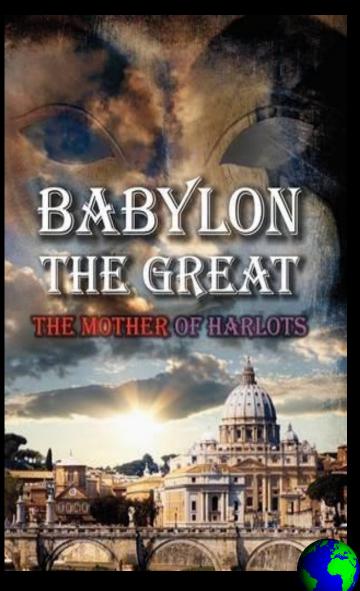


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In Hebrews 8:8 we are told that the new covenant (see Matthew 26:28) is made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Are we to understand that the new covenant is only for literal Israel and literal Judah? If the language of Hebrews 8:8 were taken literally, we would have to reach this conclusion. But not even the staunchest dispensationalist would go so far as to say that the new covenant applies only to literal Israel. The new covenant is made with a spiritual and worldwide Israel. This must mean that the enemies of Israel are also to be interpreted as spiritual and worldwide.

For other examples, see Zechariah 12:8 and Isaiah 4:3-4.

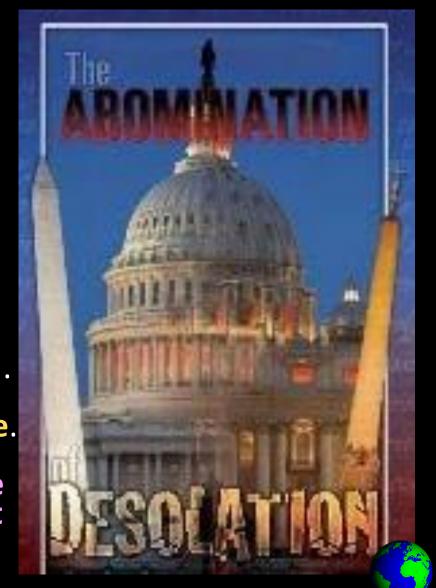
This principle has extremely important implications for the study of the prophecy of Daniel 11. It means that all the events in Daniel 11 before the year 34 are to be interpreted literally. Thus, the king of the north in verses 3-15 represents literal Syria, which was literally north of Israel, and the king of the south represents literal Egypt which was literally south of Israel. But in Daniel 11:40, Israel (the glorious land) is worldwide and spiritual and therefore the king of the north and the king of the south are to be understood as worldwide and spiritual. This principle also holds true with Edom, Moab, Ammon, Ethiopia and Libya.



The End Time Abomination of Desolation

When the papacy attempted to change the day of worship at the beginning of the 1260 year prophecy, it set up the abomination of desolation in history. The change in the law with the aid of the political power would thus be linked with the abomination of desolation. This abomination of desolation that was set up during the 1260 years also has a future dimension. Ellen White tells us that the national Sunday law and repeatedly calls Sunday the idol Sabbath which at the end will be the abomination of desolation. So the abomination of desolation has a past dimension and a future one as well.

"The Sunday idol is set up as was this image [in Daniel 3]. Human laws demand that it be worshiped as sacred and holy, thus putting it where God's holy Sabbath should be. The Protestant world has set up an idol sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be [reminds us of the abomination of desolations that is set up where it ought not be], and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy." - Manuscript Releases, volume 12, pp. 219, 220.



"The Sabbath question is one that will demand great care and wisdom in its presentation. Much of the grace and power of God will be needed to cast down the idol that has been erected in the shape of a false sabbath" - 9 Testimonies for the Church, p. 211

"Among professed Christians there are idolaters, men and women who are not sealed by God. Many have subverted the Christian faith into idolatry, giving to a man-made institution the glory and honor that God requires for His Sabbath day, and compelling others to worship this idol. Such ones will surely be visited with God's retributive judgments, which are to be poured out without mixture of mercy upon the unrepentant despisers of God's law." - Manuscript Releases, volume 19, p. 244

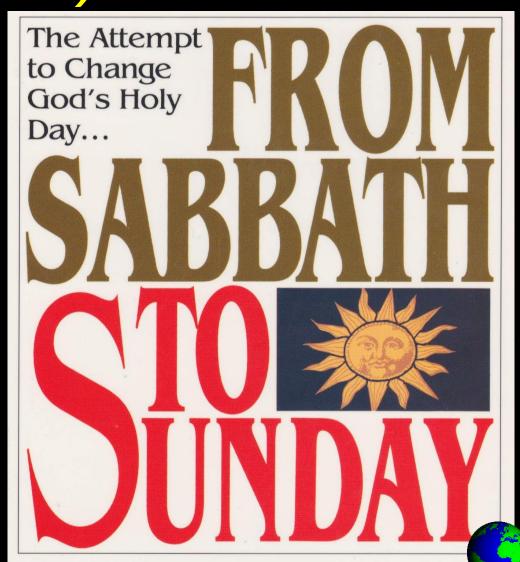
"Sunday keeping is not yet the mark of the beast, and will not be until the decree goes forth causing men to worship this idol sabbath." - The Faith | Live By, p. 286





"If we counsel them not to respect the idol sabbath exalted to take the place of the Sabbath of the Lord our God, then instruct them in this matter in a quiet way and encourage no defying of the law powers in words or actions unless called to do this for the honor of God to vindicate His downtrodden law. Let there be no unnecessary act of arousing the combative spirit or passions of opponents." - 3 Selected Messages, p. 395

"The Sabbath question is one that will demand great care and wisdom in its presentation. Much of the grace and power of God will be needed to cast down the idol that has been erected in the shape of a false sabbath. Lift up the standard, lift it up, higher and still higher. Point the people to the twentieth chapter of Exodus, in which the law of God is recorded." - Testimonies for the Church, volume 9, pp. 211, 212



The abomination of desolation comes when Sunday is officially set up as the day of worship as the Roman Standards were set up when Jerusalem was about to fall. Thus the abomination that began when the papacy changed the law will be consummated when on pain of death Sunday will be imposed by law.

"No law has ever been made to exalt the idol sabbath but that Satan has taken a leading part in its enactment and its enforcement. Every law for the elevation of Sunday has a direct reference to the fourth commandment. Every move that has been made to enforce its observance is for the purpose of exalting the man of sin above God and above all that is worshiped. Satan would have us exalt the idol sabbath, but we cannot do it, for it would be disloyalty to God." - Review and Herald, April 29, 1890



"Satan has taken the world captive. He has introduced an idol sabbath, apparently giving to it great importance. He has stolen the homage of the **Christian world away from the Sabbath** of the Lord for this idol sabbath. The world bows to a tradition, a manmade commandment. As Nebuchadnezzar set up his golden image on the plain of Dura, and so exalted himself, so Satan exalts himself in this false sabbath, for which he has stolen the livery of heaven." - Review and Herald, March 8, 1898

"Those who respect this human law will be favoured, but those who will not bow to the idol sabbath will have no favours shown them." - Maranatha, p. 195

SUN-day

"Straight from the horse's mouth"

Prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The Catholic Church says, No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church.

 Thomas Enright, CSSR, President, Redemptorist College (Roman Catholic), Kansas City, MO., February 18, 1884



Daniel 11:42 - Stretches hand on Countries

Daniel 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

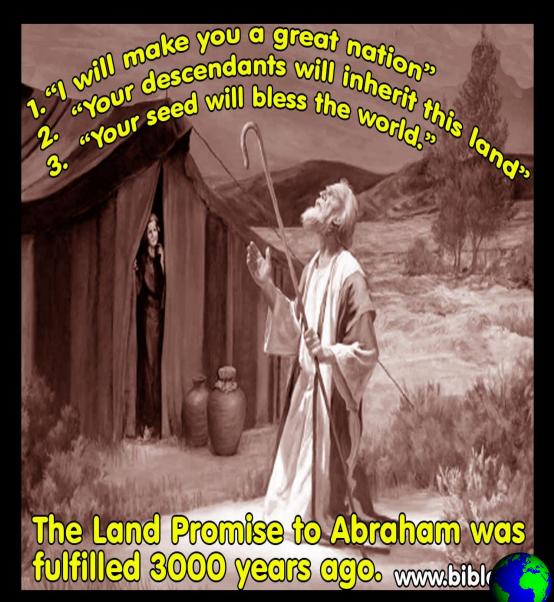
He = the Papacy (king of the north)

Shall stretch forth his hand upon the countries - **That is the countries of the world**.

The idiom 'stretch out the hand' is used in the Old Testament to describe an act of destruction (Exodus 3:20; 9:15; | Samuel 24:6, 9, 11).

The word 'countries' is 'erets. It is used also in verse 40 but there it refers to countries or lands that are north of Israel. This is seen clearly by the geographical progression of the conquests of the king of the north. Notice the following examples about the meaning of the word 'erets as it applies to the prophecy of Daniel 11:

Genesis 26:3, 4: God promised to give Abraham all the countries or lands of Palestine.



Understanding Countries in the Bible

Genesis 41:57: We are told that all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.

Isaiah 8:9: Describes all the countries that were overcome by the king of Assyria.

Jeremiah 23:3, 8: God promised to gather His people from all the countries or lands where He scattered them (see also Ezekiel 11:16, 17; 20:34).

Jeremiah 32:37: God promised to gather His people from all the countries where He had scattered them.

Ezekiel 5:5, 6: God set Israel in the midst of the countries around her. Here nations and countries are synonymous.

Ezekiel 34:13: Here countries are placed in contrast to the land of Israel. This shows that the countries of Daniel 11:42 are those beyond the borders of the glorious land (see also 36:24).

Daniel 9:7: Here the countries are described as being beyond the borders of Israel where Jerusalem is!





Understanding Countries in the Bible (cont'd)

Zechariah 10:9, 10: The far countries here are Egypt and Assyria. Notice that God's people are beyond the borders of the glorious land. In Daniel 11:40 we are told that the king of the north went into the north countries (Lebanon, Syria, Tyre and Sidon). In verse 41 he enters the glorious land and the inhabitants of Edom, **Moab and Ammon escape to** Jerusalem and in verses 42 and 43 he overcomes the countries south of the glorious land—Egypt, Ethiopia and Libya. The picture is one of a devastating and universal conquest. The invasion begins in the north at the river Euphrates and ends in the south at Egypt.



Papacy's hand: the Countries of the World

Pope Francis meets with religious, political and cultural leaders from around the world September 30, **2013** at the Vatican.

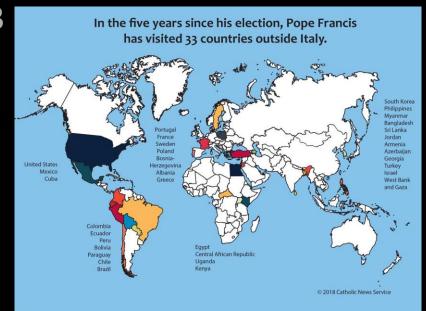


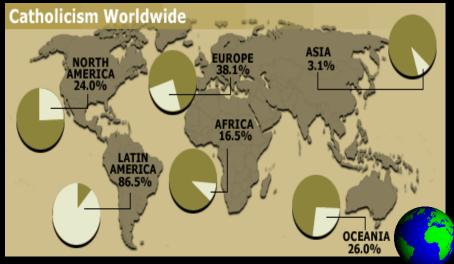
Papacy's hand: the Countries of the World (cont'd)

The Holy See currently has diplomatic relations with 183 sovereign states. The Holy See has long been recognised as a subject of international law and as an active participant in international relations. One observer has stated that its interaction with the world has, in the period since World War II, been at its highest level ever. It is distinct from the city-state of the Vatican City, over which the Holy See has "full ownership, exclusive dominion, and sovereign authority and jurisdiction".

The diplomatic activities of the Holy See are directed by the Secretariat of State (headed by the Cardinal Secretary of State), through the Section for Relations with States.

The term "Vatican Diplomatic Corps", by contrast with the diplomatic service of the Holy See, properly refers to all those diplomats accredited to the Holy See, not those who represent its interests to other nations and international bodies. - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_relations_of_the_Holy_See





Papacy's hand: the Countries of the World (cont'd)

The Lateran Treaty of 1929 and the founding of the Vatican City State was not followed by any great immediate increase in the number of states with which the Holy See had official relations. This came later, especially after the World War II.

In spite of the extinction of the Papal States in 1870, and the consequent loss of territorial sovereignty, and in spite of some uncertainty among jurists as to whether it could continue to act as an independent personality in international matters, the Holy See continued in fact to exercise the right to send and receive diplomatic representatives.

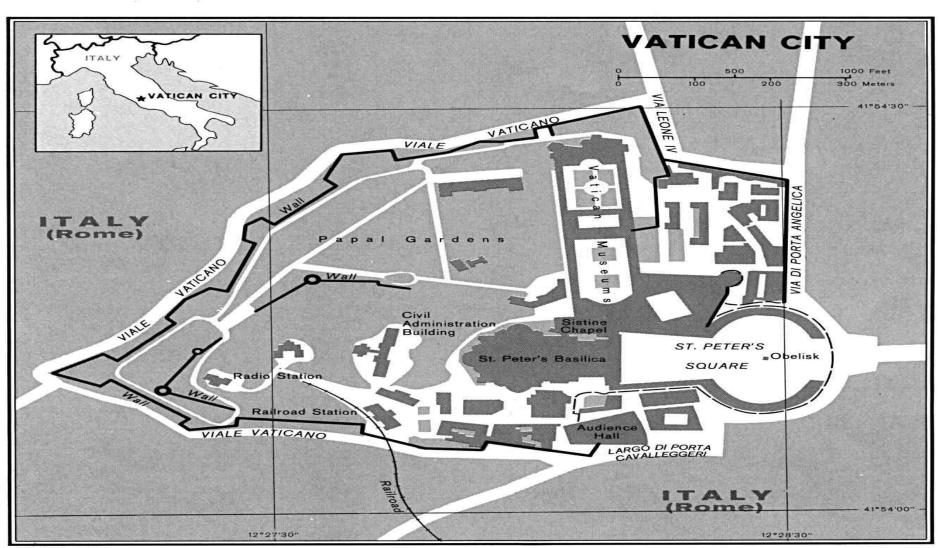
With the World War I and its aftermath the number of states with diplomatic relations with the Holy See increased.

The Holy See additionally maintains some apostolic delegates to local Catholic Church communities which are not accredited to the governments of the respective states and work only in an unofficial, non-diplomatic capacity. - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_relations_of_the_Holy See





Country of Papal Rome





Size: 0.17 sq. mi. (0.44 km²) Or 110 acres

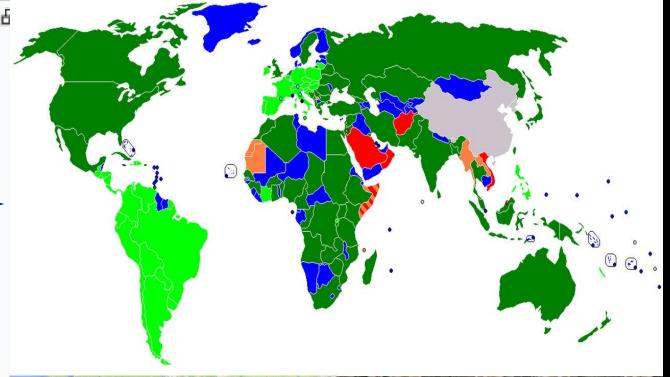
Population: 801 (May 2020)

Location: Rome



Papacy's hand in the Countries of the World (cont'd)

- Vatican City State
- Diplomatic relations, resident mission, nuncio is of ambassadorial rank and with additional privileges^[12]
- Diplomatic relations, non-resident accreditation with additional privileges
- Diplomatic relations, resident mission, nuncio has regular ambassadorial status
- Diplomatic relations, non-resident accreditation, regular ambassadorial status
- Formal contact with the government, but no diplomatic relations
- Representative to the Catholic communities only, no diplomatic relations
- No diplomatic relations





Papacy's hand in the Countries of the World (cont'd)

The mind of Rome is thus expressed in her official decrees. Once the **Protestant nations are committed to** the emerging European superstate and its Constitution, the Vatican's plan to once again "Christianize" the **European Union will be** implemented. "The Pope is calmly preparing to assume the mantle which he solemnly believes to be his **Divine Right - that of new Holy** Roman Emperor, reigning from the **Urals to the Atlantic."**



- Sunday Telegraph, July 21st 1991

Revelation 13:3 - Ecumenism

Pope to UN 25th September 2020: Rethink the future of our common home

The COVID-19 pandemic is a trial, but also "a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not", Pope Francis told world leaders on Friday 25th September 2020, in his virtual address to the UN General Assembly. The pope expressed strong support for multilateralism, that is, the partnership between multiple countries pursuing a common goal.



Rev. 13 - 2nd Beast helps 1st Beast

"It is a big idea: a new world order, where diverse nations are drawn together in common cause..... only the **United States has** both the moral standing and the means to back it up." - Los Angeles Times, February 18, 1991



Does not matter who you are or what religion you follow...













Today: Protestants without a Protest

Is the Protestant Reformation over?

The late Tony Palmer replied in the affirmative. Alluding to the 1999 Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (JDDJ) by the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church, he openly proclaimed to an enthusiastic gathering at Kenneth Copeland's Eagle Mountain International Church (Texas) that "Luther's protest is over". Asked Palmer, "If there is no more protest; how can there be a Protestant Church? Maybe now we're all Catholics again". 1999, for Palmer, marked the end of the Reformation. - www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxup_QnfSHg





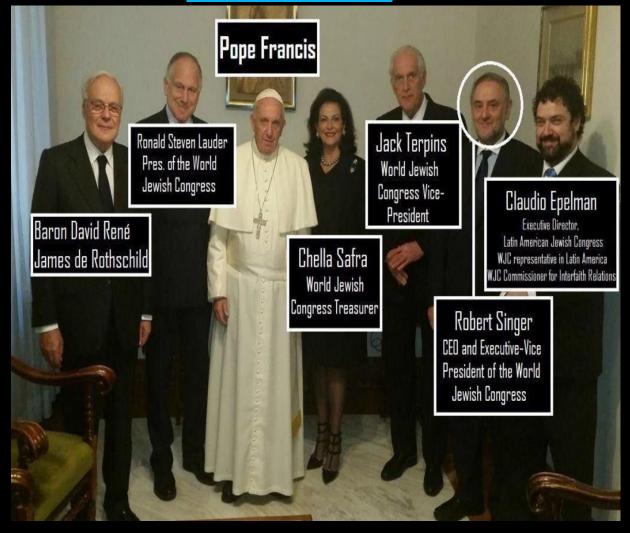


Pope Francis (R) & Munib Younan (L), the president of the Lutheran World Federation have signed a joint declaration at an ecumenical prayer service commemorating the greatest schism in western Christianity, stating that what unites the two traditions is greater than that which divides them.

Ecumenical Movements - Revelation 13:3

Jews

Evangelicals





Papal Laudato-si: One-world Ecumenical Church

Paragraph #254: "I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, seeking peace."





Continuing in Daniel 11:42...

The land of Egypt shall not escape - Egypt is the prophetic symbol of Atheism and also to symbolize the secular world. (See Exodus 5:2) It has already been noted by all political leaders that are either Atheist, secular, or simply non-Christian that they have agreed to lend their support to the Pope's NWO agenda. In so much so that when Sunday Laws are enforced, due to their agreements, they will not escape the laws enacted by the Papacy.

This is mentioned in Revelation 13:3, "And 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."

The reason this is a future event, of which even nonbelievers agree, is because this prophecy in Revelation 13:3 speaks of it occurring after the mortal wound of 1798AD is finally healed. When that day comes, Sunday Laws will follow shortly thereafter. Thus all the religions of the world will unite to accept it. Even secular countries, or non-Christian countries will come under the Papal decree enforced through her alliance with the United States of America.

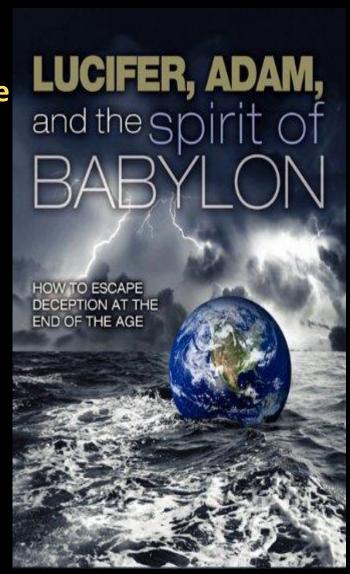


Understanding the word "escape"

The word 'escape' here is not the same word as that used in verse 41. The word in verse 41 was malat which is the very word that translated 'delivered' in Daniel 12:1. In the King James Version we would never guess that those who escape in Daniel 11:41 are those who are later delivered in Daniel 12:1 because in Daniel 11:41 the word malat is translated 'escape' whereas in Daniel 12:1 it is translated 'delivered'. We therefore know for sure that there will be Edomites, Moabites and Ammonites who will be in Jerusalem and will be delivered from the hand of the king of the north. Here the word 'escape' is palat which is used synonymously with malat.

For example, this is the very word that is used in Genesis 32:8 where Jacob divided his company into two so that one of them would be able to escape the wrath of Esau. Notably, in Genesis 32:11 Jacob used the word malat to ask the Lord to deliver him from the wrath of his brother. Thus in Genesis 32 malat and palat are used synonymously.

The critical verses are Genesis 32, Daniel 12:1, Joel 2:32; Isaiah 37:32 and Revelation 14:14-20. In all of these verses there is war against God's faithful remnant in Jerusalem or Israel and God miraculously delivers them who escape from the power of the enemy. Not so with Egypt.



Other texts that use 'palat' are:

Joshua 8:22: Ai would not be able to escape from Israel's sword.

2 Kings 19:31: In Sennacherib's invasion of Israel a remnant escapes out of Jerusalem (see also Isaiah 37:35).

Ezra 9:8: God left a remnant to escape from Israel after the captivity. Notice how in verse 7 we have the same idea as in Daniel 11:33.

Jeremiah 44:14, 28: A remnant escapes to Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 50:28, 29: God's people escape but Babylon does not.

In this context we must also link Joel 2:32 where both malat and palat are used interchangeably. Joel 2:30 must also be linked with Revelation 14:14-20 where all of God's people have taken refuge in Jerusalem. Joel 2:32 reads: 'And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered [malat], for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance [palat: the same word that is translated 'escape' in Daniel 11:42] as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call' [the word 'call' is also used in Revelation 17:14 to refer to those who are with Jesus].



And all the world wondered after the beast (Revelation 13:3): Papacy

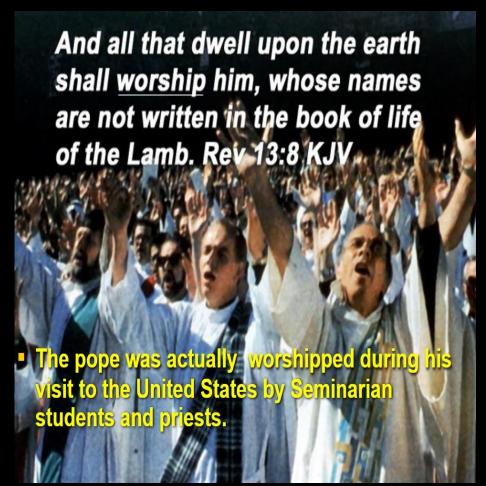
The testimony of the New Testament must also be taken into account. Both Luke 21:36 and 1 Thessalonians 5:3 describe those that shall not escape when probation closes.

Ellen White describes how country after country will fall into the hands of the papacy:

"As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example." - Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6, p. 18

"Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world. - Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6. p. 395.

"But in this 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. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power." - The Great Controversy, p. 579





And all the world wondered after the beast (Rev 13:3): Papacy (cont'd)

"History will be repeated. False religion will be exalted. The first day of the week, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, will be set up as was the image of Babylon. All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath. . . . The decree enforcing the worship of this day is to go forth to all the world." - Last Day Events, p. 134.

"Those who trample upon God's law make human laws which they will force the people to accept. Men will devise and counsel and plan what they will do. The whole world keeps Sunday, they say, and why should not this people, who are so few in number, do according to the laws of the land?" - Last Day Events, p. 136.

"Every nation will be involved. Of this time John the Revelator declares: [Revelation 18:3-7; 17:13, 14, quoted]. "These have one mind." There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces." - Last Day Events, p. 137.

Note the assumed power of the Priest

Seek where you will, through Heaven and earth, and you will find but one created being who can forgive the sinner... That extraordinary being is the priest, the Catholic Priest.

The Catholic Priest, pp. 78, 79.

Daniel 11:43 - Power over Economy

Daniel 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

He = the Papacy (king of the north)

Shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things - This is referring to economic power. And also eventually the Papacy will control all trade etc. in the world, through such laws as the prohibition to buy or sell without the mark of the beast. Revelation 13:16-17 Prophecy does say the beast will enforce a mark that prevents "buying and selling". Without the ability to "have power over" all trade, as the Pope is right now demanding, the Pope will be unable to enforce his mark.



Pope Benedict calls for a "global authority" on economy

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) - Pope Benedict called on Tuesday for a "world political authority" to manage the global economy and for more government regulation of national economies to pull the world out of the current crisis and avoid a repeat.

The pope made his call for a re-think of the way the world economy was run in a new encyclical which touched on a number of social issues but whose main connecting thread was how the current crisis has affected both rich and poor nations.

Parts of the encyclical, titled "Charity in Truth," seemed bound to upset free marketers because of its underlying rejection of unbridled capitalism and unregulated market forces, which he said had led to "thoroughly destructive" abuse of the system and "grave deviations and failures." - By Philip Pullella, Reuters, Vatican City July 7, 2009.





Vatican Calls for Oversight of the World's Finances

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican called on Monday for an overhaul of the world's financial systems, and again proposed establishment of a supranational authority to oversee the global economy, calling it necessary to bring more democratic and ethical principles to a marketplace run amok.

In a report issued by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the Vatican argued that "politics — which is responsible for the common good" must be given primacy over the economy and finance, and that existing institutions like the International Monetary Fund had not been responding adequately to global economic problems.

The document grows out of the Roman Catholic Church's concerns about economic instability and widening inequality of income and wealth around the world, issues that transcend the power of national governments to address on their own.

- By Elisabetta Povoledo, The New York Times, Oct. 24, 2011.



Pope Francis understands economics better than most politicians

Pope Francis is a pontiff who has constructively broken all the rules of popery – so far to widespread acclaim. He's faulted the Catholic church for its negative obsession with gays and birth control, and now he has expanded his mandate to economics with a ground-breaking screed denouncing "the new idolatry of money".

As the Pope wrote in his "apostolic exhortation":

The worship of the ancient golden calf has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose. The worldwide crisis affecting finance and the economy lays bare their imbalances and, above all, their lack of real concern for human beings.

The pope's screed on "the economy of exclusion and inequality" will disappoint those who considers themselves free-market capitalists, but they would do well to listen to the message. Francis gives form to the emotion and injustice of post-financial-crisis outrage in a way that has been rare since Occupy Wall Street disbanded. - Heidi Moore, Wed 27 Nov 2013, The Guardian.



Economics and the Pope Francis: 2014

The World Economic Forum opens every year in January in the Swiss resort of Davos. Britain, as usual, will be sending a strong delegation led by the Prime Minister. It is one of the principal opportunities during the year when government, business, journalists and thinkers can gather to discuss the state of the world's economy — and, hopefully, find ways of improving it for the benefit of the world's citizens.

The Holy See is not normally considered a Davos player. This year, things are different. Pope Francis generated a storm of comment with his recent apostolic letter "Evangelii Gaudium", in which he launched a challenge to business and governments to rethink the globalised economic systems under which we live, with particularly sharp criticism for what he called "the economy of exclusion and inequality". - https://blogs.fcdo.gov.uk/nigelbaker/2014/01/22/economics-and-the-pope/

I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it.

Pope Francis Message to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2014

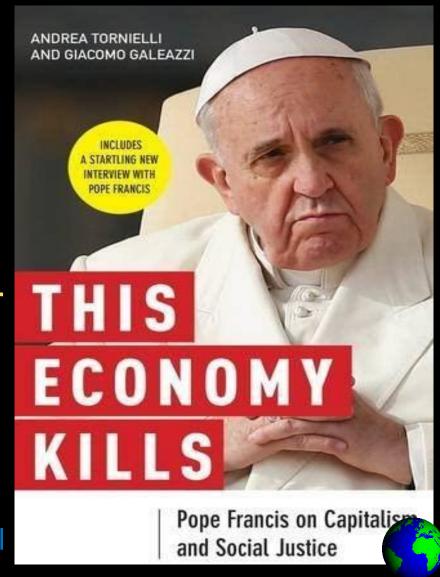




Pope Francis on Capitalism and Social Justice: 2015

Pope Francis – "Unbridled capitalism places profits over people. The accumulation of extreme wealth it funnels into the hands of few elites is built at the expense of the majority. It becomes difficult to create bonds of community and solidarity in an environment of greater the inequality between rich and poor. Those living in poverty become invisible or dismissed as the problem".

Many aspects of the papal visit highlight the absurdity of capitalism's exploitation. In Philadelphia, prison inmates and guards have hand-carved a chair for the pope's visit. In New York, immigrant day labourers are building the altar for Madison Square Garden. These are not accidental selections, but mark the deep divide between capitalist societies that its victims among immigrants and prisoners, and the hope they see in Pope Francis' mission. For Christians, this emphasizes the affinity between victims of today's capitalist economy and the followers of another poor carpenter and prisoner, Jesus of Nazareth. - http://america.aljazeera.com/opinions/2015/9/lets-welcome-pope-francis-by-rejecting-unbridled-capitalism.html

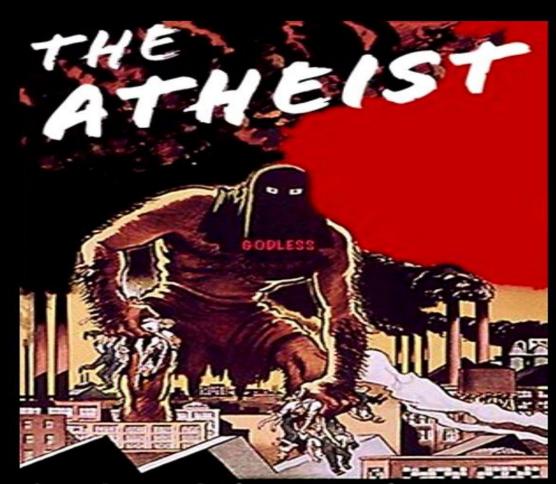


Continuing in Daniel 11:43...

Of Egypt - in prophecy this country is defined as atheism and also to symbolize the secular world. Egypt is also known for its rich oil and coal deposits as well as fertile regions of the Nile. This is also a future prophetic event that occurs once the Vatican has control of the global economy. (see John 14:29)

Whether "Egypt" refers to Russia, China or any other atheist nation is not critical to our understanding of Daniel 11. Many nations will ally with the northern or southern kings in the final conflict.

In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. - The Desire of Ages. pp. 121–122



Godless Atheists threaten Christian civilization

End-time Libyans and Ethiopians

<u>Libyans and the Ethiopians at his steps</u> - <u>future</u> <u>prophetic event.</u> (John 14:29 applies here) Yes, this is a future event, but we can get some clues as to its fruition. If we look at the symbolic means of Libya and Ethiopia we find that ancient Libyans lived on the edge of the desert and always desired the fertile Nile valley of Egypt. Therefore Libya symbolizes the third world countries Rome is in war with right now. The Ethiopians on the other hand were always looked upon as wealthy due to their goldmines, cattle, ivory and ebony. They also had much traffic from Africa had to pass through Ethiopia to get to Egypt. Therefore, Ethiopia symbolizes the Western World with their astronomical traffic & wealth. In other words, none will escape the reach of the Papacy once its wound's healed.

In the Bible Ethiopia, Libya and Egypt are sometimes coupled together (Ezekiel 30:1-6). In this case Libya and Ethiopia are helpers of the king of the north. In Ezekiel 38:5 both of these countries are allies of Gog who comes from the land of Magog and Gog comes from the north.



Papal Rome controls all Economy

Once spiritual Babylon overthrows the southern alliance, it will control the "treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt." The words "at his steps" indicate that "the Libyans and the Ethiopians" follow the course marked out for them (compare Psalm 37:23; Proverbs 20:24; Romans 4:12; John 2:6).

As these people were anciently allied with Egypt (see Jeremiah 46:1–10; Ezekiel 30:1–5), at the end, they have atheist characteristics and are allies of and follow "at the steps" of spiritual Egypt, the southern king, and they will also be overthrown.

Whether silver, gold, land, oil, or people, everything will then be under spiritual Babylon's dominion. This control of global wealth will give Babylon opportunity to take the next tyrannical step: "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark" (Revelation 13:17). Although this decree may be enforced earlier in the United States, it will become global when spiritual Babylon overthrows the atheist nations.



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.

Revelation 13:16,17 (KJV)



Papal Rome controls all Economy (cont'd)

So complete will be Babylon's control over global finances that she will make merchandise of the "souls of men" (Revelation 18:13). This power will command great riches (Revelation 17:4; 18:11-13, 16). It will be so much in control of the world economy that it will be able to forbid buying and selling (Revelation 13:15).

Whatever this financial system looks like, it will require Sunday worship, and those who refuse to obey will be excluded from buying and selling. The saints' assets will be seized and their property confiscated, removing all earthly support. Those who keep God's law will feel the wrath of the dragon.



Economy Control leads to No Buy, No Sell

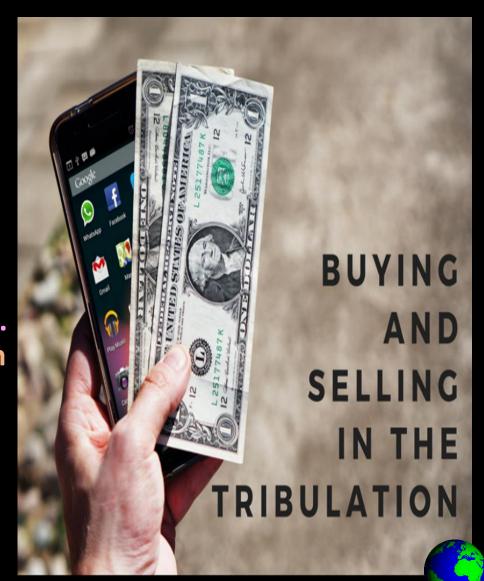
We observe three significant points in this text in Revelation 13:15-17:

- 1. This will be enforced worship, based not on love, but on fear.
- 2. All men will be classified, catalogued, and labelled.
- 3. Freedom will be denied to one group of these individuals.

The activity that is particularly restricted is buying and selling. This may include every variety of exchange, but the primary emphasis pertains to worship, which suggests restriction of the buying and selling of salvation.

Concerning this prophecy, Ellen White comments: "When we learn the power of His word, we shall not follow the

we learn the power of His word, we shall not follow the suggestions of Satan in order to obtain food or to save our lives. ... In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell." - The Desire of Ages, pp. 121,



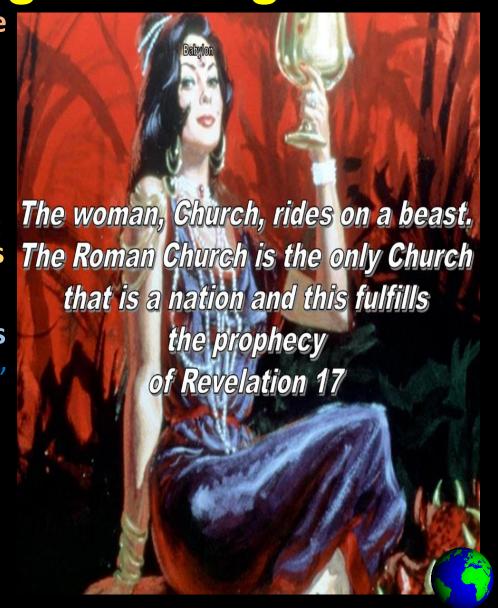
Religious Implications: Buying & Selling

The prophecies outlined above are familiar ones, but the religious implications of the phrase "buying and selling" have often been overlooked in our interpretation.

"Buying and selling" implies: (1) sellers, (2) buyers, (3) merchandise, and (4) the bargaining transaction. Let's take -a closer look at what is involved in each:

1. Merchants include: The master merchantman who, when he had found one pearl of great price, sold all that he had and bought it (Matthew 13:45, 46). "He opens His treasures and cries, 'Buy of me gold tried in the fire. . . . 'Open your doors,' says the great Merchantman, the possessor of spiritual riches, 'and trans act your business with me.' " - The SDA Bible Commentary, on Rev. 3:18- 20, pp. 965, 966.

The Master Merchantman employs men as His sales clerks. No sales man can succeed who is not thoroughly sold on his goods. Hence, we must buy for ourselves the gold, the white raiment, and the eye-salve that the heavenly Merchantman offers. Scripture also mentions merchants of earth who became rich supplying the demands of the false church (Revelation 18:11-15).



2. <u>Buyers</u>: Purchasers of the heavenly treasures are represented by the man who found the treasure in the field and sold all to obtain it (<u>Matthew 13:44</u>). They are also represented in the parable of the virgins as awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom (<u>Matthew 25:1-13</u>). The foolish virgins were seeking oil from earthly merchants when the bridegroom came.

As purchasers, the true and the false church may be compared and contrasted. The true church is presented as a chaste, loyal, and pure woman. The other is seen as the great whore and her daughters. The term "whore" implies divided loyalty adulteration of teaching and practice. These contrasting symbols as applied to religious groups distinguish those who seek only to adhere to the teaching of Christ from those others who buy false religious philosophy mixed with the teachings of God's Word.

Each of these women who represent the church considers herself chosen of God, the "Bride" of Christ. Each feels secure. Both receive the same offer from the heavenly merchantman, since each claims to have and to respect the Scriptures. Both have access to the treasures of this world, if they choose. By contrast the false church, and the individuals of which she is composed, buy earthly treasure from the merchants of earth, whereas-those composing the true church invest only in heavenly treasure.



3. Heavenly merchandise: is presented in the Scriptures by such figures as truth, bread, oil, gold, white clothing, and eye salve. Earthly merchandise is presented as gold, silver, jewels, ornaments, fabric for making clothing and "that which is not bread" (Isaiah 55:2), presumably an imitation or substitute for the living bread.

Souls are sold by merchants of earth to the church of divided loyalty, whereas men are bought but not offered for sale by the heavenly merchantman. Jesus "saw in lost humanity the pearl of price" (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 118).

- 4. The bargaining transaction: "Salvation is a free gift, and yet it is to be bough- and sold." Ibid., p. 116.
- To obtain it we must trade or sell all that we have.

This transaction is not a passive one but requires vigorous activity. The master merchant who offers his treasure to us says, "If any man . . . open the door, I will come in," and adds, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me" (Revelation 3: 20, 21).

I COUNSEL THEE TO BUY OF ME THAT THOU MAYEST BE RICH: THAT THOU MAYEST BE CLOTHED. and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; THAT THOU MAYEST SEE REVELATION 3:18 (KJV)

This is where faith enters the picture.
Not a dead faith that merely admits that God is great and that Christ died for our sins, but a living faith that governs the entire life and firmly believes that God's plan is best, trusts His counsel, and follows His advice.

In the parable the man who obtained the treasure sold all that he had to obtain it. The idea that we can earn a place in heaven by doing many, many nice things and yet indulge in some degree of rebellion is wrong. We cannot bargain with the Lord and haggle over the price for His treasure. In order to purchase he heavenly treasure we must put everything we have into the program those are the only terms on which it is offered.

When our hearts are fully in the program we will have made the purchase. We also will become effective salesmen.



Putting everything that we have, including ourselves, into the cause of Christ is like trading junk for precious treasure. The value difference is so great that the heavenly treasure is really a gift.

The power that attempts to put to death all who will not worship the image, thus hoping to establish a religious monopoly, will impose sanctions against those who do not accept its authority.

The divine prediction states, "No one was allowed to buy or sell unless he boré this beast's mark, either name or number" (Revelation 13:17). This suggests religious and spiritual restriction. Could it be that an atmosphere of religious toleration is implied at least at first, which would permit men to worship as they please and as their conscience dictates but forbids them to spread, or sell, their belief?

Might it also imply that men who have been catalogued as of one certain religious persuasion will be for bidden to investigate, accept, or buy other teachings or to alter their allegiance?





attained by grace alone, but must be maintained by works."

See: Eph 2:8-9



"Just pray a simple prayer, and then live your life anyway vou want."

See: 2 Cor 7:1



"Your suffering. discomfort, or poverty is only because of your lack of faith."

See: 2 Tim 3:12



"Eventually, all will be bought and redeemed by God and welcomed into heaven."

See: Matt 7:14



"Jesus is good for me, but it's okav if you find another wav.

See: John 14:6



"God is only one person, who acts in three different forms or *modes*.

See: 1 Cor 8:6



"God will never give you more than you can handle or do alone."

See: Phil 4:19



"Hell isn't to be taken literally; the lost will iust cease to exist."



"The Bible is only authoritative in the areas we want it to be."

See: 1 John 2:4



"Sometimes, God might speak to you personally, in ways that contradict the Bible."

See: Rom 10:17



"Obeying a strict level of rules and regulations is necessary for spiritual growth."

See: Gal 2:21



"Your salvation can be lost because of something you do, (or don't do)."

See: 1 John 2:1



"There is only one translation of the Bible that can lead to salvation."

See: 2 Tim 3: ChristianPhotosh

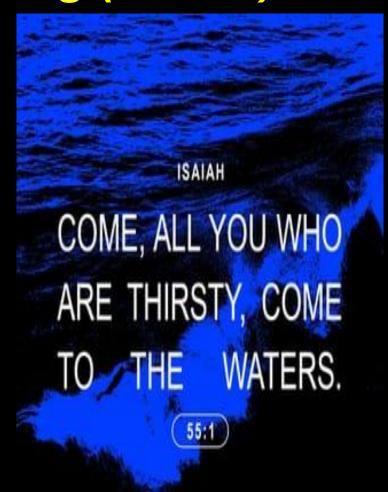


Be that as it may, "The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. . . . The members of the church will individually be tested and proved. They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth." --Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 463.

Certainly, in the light of that which is just before us, now is the time to lay up treasure in heaven. This treasure is that which the heavenly merchantman is freely offering to all who respond to His invitation.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1).

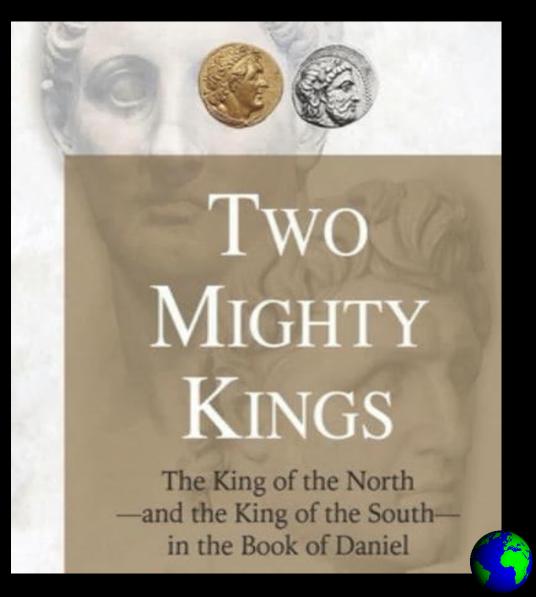
Along with this comes Christ's challenge, which will achieve even greater significance in the last moments of man's probation, "Where fore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" (verse 2).



Summary

A battle between the king of the north and the king of the south. The two stand symbolically for the religious power of end-time Babylon— Babylon invaded Israel from the north—and atheism and secularism as symbolized by Egypt, the king of the south (Daniel 11:40). Symbolic Egypt, an atheistic power, will be utterly defeated by Babylon, a réligious power (Daniel 11:42-43). In Revelation Babylon is an equivalent of the satanic trinity (Revelation 12-13). This victory of Babylon mimics God's victory over Pharaoh during the Exodus. However, Babylon is not a divine but an anti-Christian power, consisting of the papacy, fallen Protestantism, and spiritualism in various forms. Yet Babylon will now be unified.

• An attack on the beautiful land, persecution, and deception of God's people (Daniel 11:41). Yet some people will be rescued (see Isaiah 16:1-5).

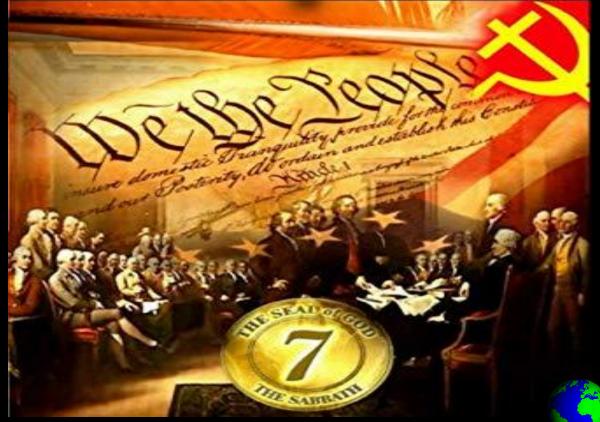


Summary (cont'd)

How the Roman church can clear herself from the charge of idolatry we cannot see.... And this is the religion which Protestants are beginning to look upon with so much favour, and which will eventually be united with Protestantism. This union will not, however, be effected by a change in Catholicism, for Rome never changes. She claims infallibility. It is Protestantism that will change. The adoption of liberal ideas on its part will bring it where it can clasp the hand of Catholicism.—The Review and Herald, June 1, 1886. {LDE 130.2}

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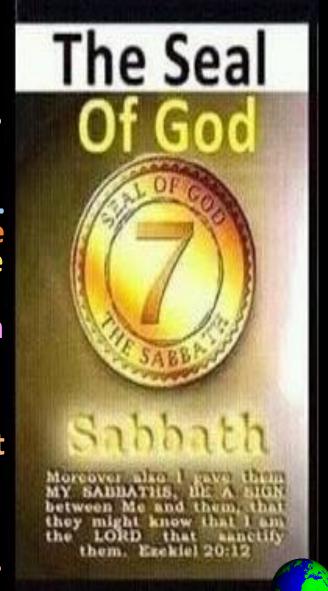
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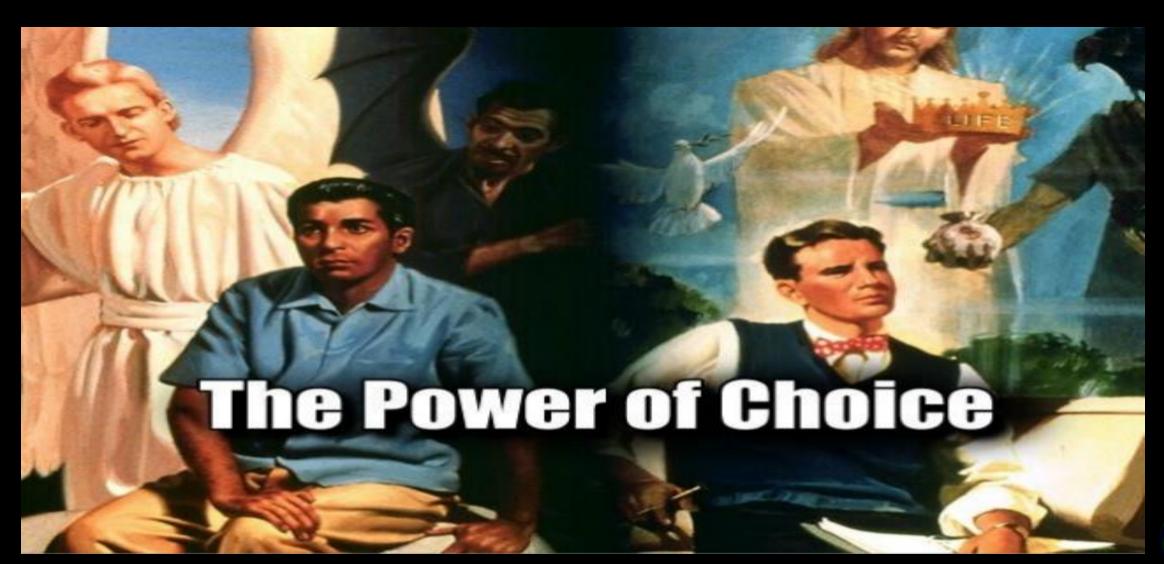
Conclusion

The people of God will recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment and will by precept and example teach obedience to it as a sacred duty so long as its authority is exercised within its legitimate sphere. But when its claims conflict with the claims of God we must choose to obey God rather than men. The Word of God must be recognized and obeyed as an authority above that of all human legislation. "Thus saith the Lord" is not to be set aside for a "Thus saith the church or the state." The crown of Christ is to be uplifted above all the diadems of earthly potentates.— LDE 142.1

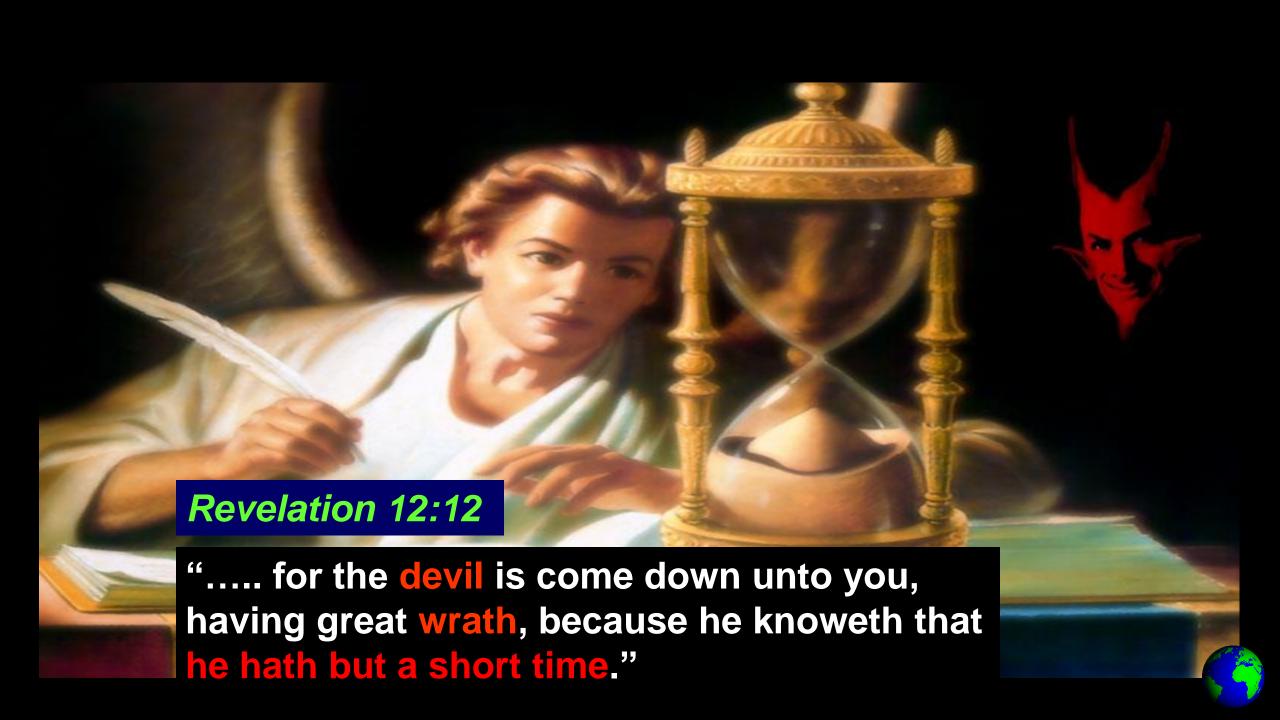
The adherents of truth are now called upon to choose between disregarding a plain requirement of God's Word or forfeiting their liberty. If we yield the Word of God and accept human customs and traditions, we may still be permitted to live among men, to buy and sell, and have our rights respected. But if we maintain our loyalty to God it must be at the sacrifice of our rights among men, for the enemies of God's law have leagued together to crush out independent judgment in matters of religious faith and control the consciences of men....



God has given all:







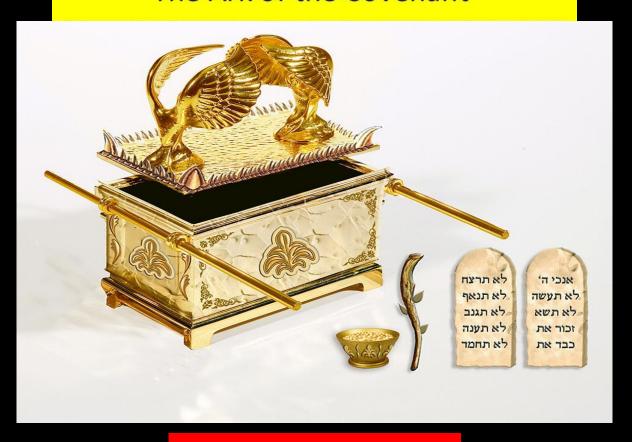
Enter The Ark of Hope

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





