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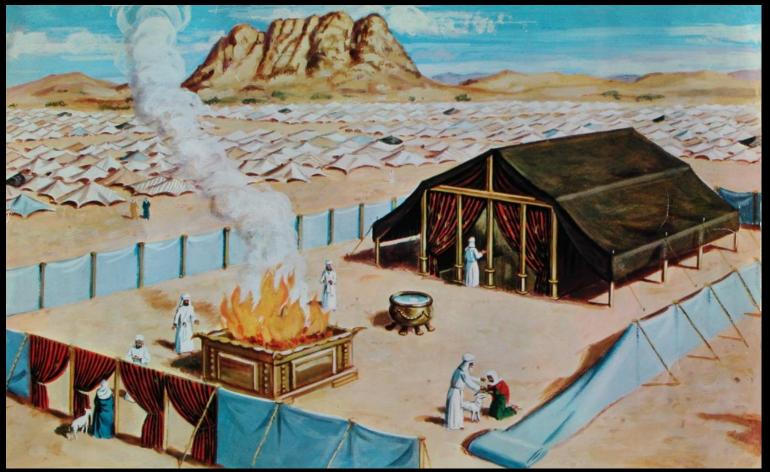
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Who will you Choose?



Get into the Ark Sanctuary





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) Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the world. Unsurprisingly, heart disease is incredibly complicated and various things contribute to it.

5. Curcumin may lower your risk of heart disease:

Curcumin helps reverse steps in the heart disease process. The main benefit of curcumin is in improving the function of the endothelium, the lining of your blood vessels. Endothelial dysfunction is a major driver of heart disease. This is when your endothelium is unable to regulate blood pressure, blood clotting, and various other factors. Several studies suggest that curcumin can lead to improvements in heart health. One study found that it's as effective as exercise in post-menopausal women.

• In addition, curcumin can help reduce inflammation and oxidation which can play a role in heart disease.

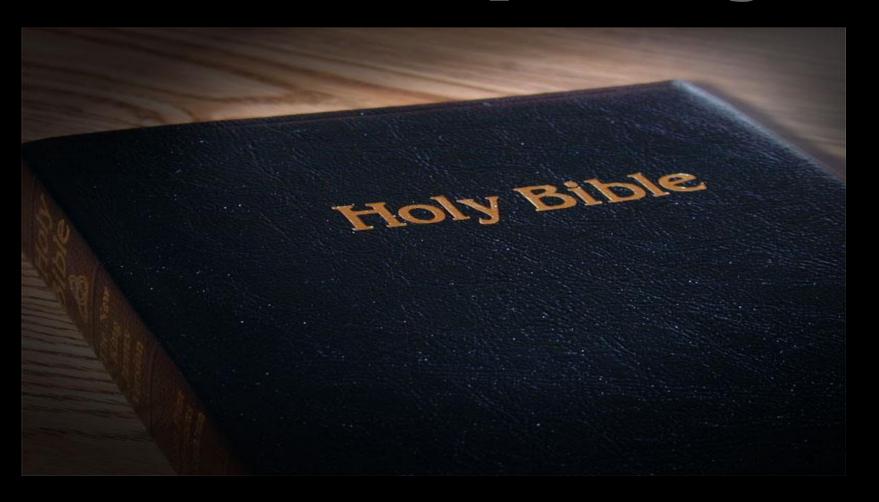
A study of 121 people undergoing coronary artery bypass surgery, researchers assigned them either a placebo or 4 grams of curcumin per day a few days before and after the surgery. The curcumin group had a 65% decreased risk of experiencing a heart attack in the hospital.



Curcumin's role in Heart Protection

- Lowers oxidative stress markers in the blood.
- Turns off certain genes which cause scarring and enlargement of the heart.
- Lowers bad cholesterol and high blood pressure levels.
- Increases blood circulation and prevents blood clotting to prevent heart attack.
- Controls inflammation that can lead to heart disease.
- Prevents hardening of the arteries by inhibiting fat oxidation and lowering cholesters

Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?





Yes we Can!

YET MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, WHEN CONTENDING WITH THE DEVIL HE DISPUTED ABOUT THE BODY OF Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

-Jude 1:9 KJV



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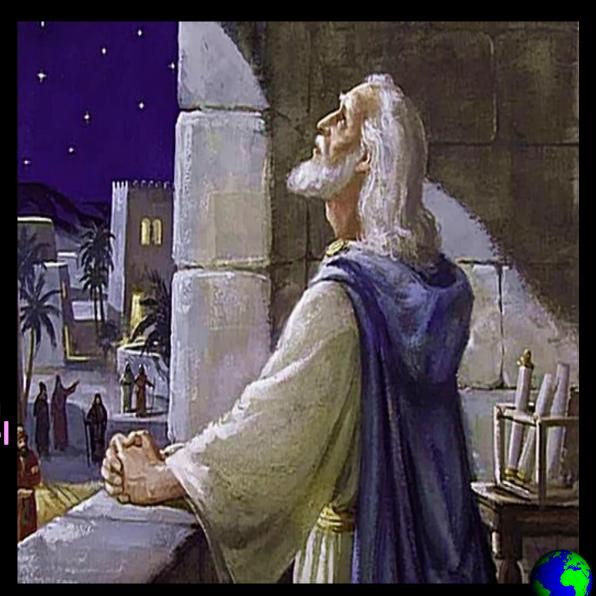


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Introduction

Daniel, the man greatly beloved of God, was several times given a view of the history of the world; but the last vision covered the whole period in detail, and Gabriel did not leave the prophet until he had revealed to him the consummation of all things. Daniel is a latter-day prophet, and while giving a history of the time intervening between his history of the time intervening between his own day and the present time, it was upon the closing events that special emphasis was laid. Four times in his prophecies the expression, "time of the end," is repeated; "the latter days" is used twice, and "the end of the indignation" and "for many days" each appear once, and the closing words of Gabriel were, "Thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." Thus nine times in the course of the book, attention is called to the fact that the prophecy pointed directly to the closing history of this earth. - SDP 250.1

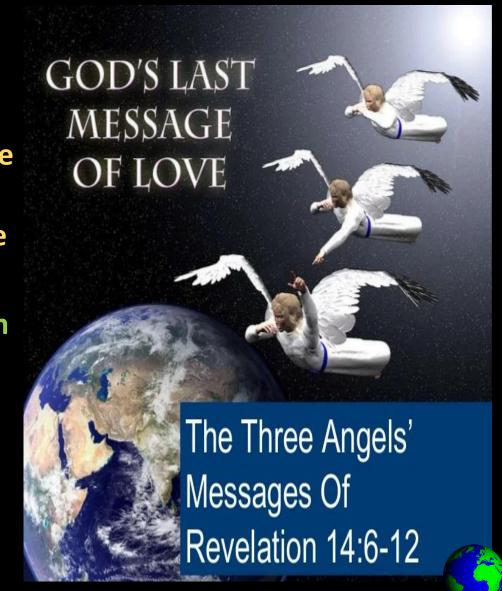


When the last vision began, the prophet was beside the River Tigris. It was the third year of the sole reign of Cyrus, the Persian king. Beginning with the times in which he lived, Gabriel carried the prophet through the history of Persia; he spread out before his vision the conquests of Alexander, and the division of his empire; he saw the workings of Greek literature and art, and watched this influence spread into Italy, there moulding the fourth kingdom, and finally blending with the truth in such a manner as to form the papacy. Daniel saw antichrist upheld by arms on the throne of Rome; he was carried through the Dark Ages; he watched, and lo, the darkness scattered before the truth as proclaimed by the Reformers. Like a sudden clearing after a storm, the clouds rolled back, and the Sun of Righteousness shone forth; but again the darkness gathered, and France, that nation of Europe which was a battlefield where Protestantism contended with the papacy, almost ceased to exist, so bitter was the struggle between the principles of truth and error. - SDP 250.2



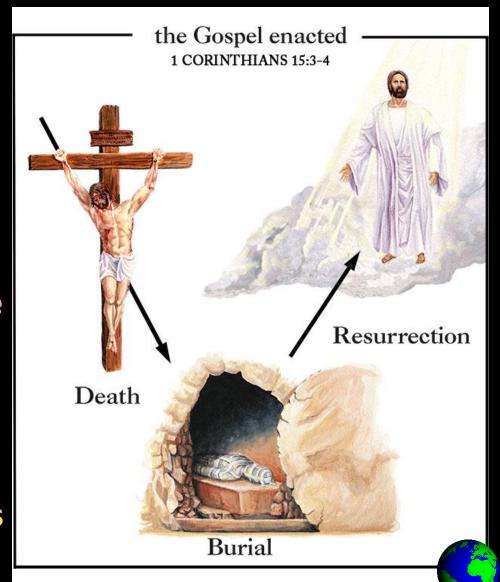
The very existence of God was denied, and for a time eternal ruin hung like a pall over that country. God's wrath was stayed, but as a person stricken by some loathsome disease may live, yet ever bear in his body the effects of the illness, so France coming out of the struggle is still scarred with the awfulness of her sin. The prophetic guide carried the prophet on, and revealed the contest between modern nations; he saw the final struggle between the king of the north (Papacy) and the king of south (Atheism), and pointed to the last days.

The prophet had watched with intense interest the people upon whom had shone the light of heaven. From Babylon to the end of time a golden stream connected heaven and earth, as if the heavens were open and the dove of peace were descending. At times the stream narrowed to a mere hair-line of light, but it was never wholly extinguished; then the prophet saw it broaden until it lightened the whole world with the 3 Angels Messages (Revelation 14:6-12) resulting in the Loud Cry by the outpouring of the later rain (Revelation 18).

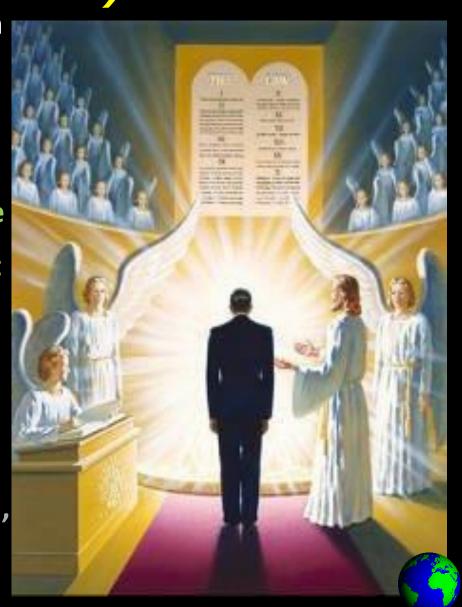


That light followed the Jews for hundreds of years, but in the days preceding the Saviour's birth there were but a few souls that bound earth and heaven together. With the advent of Christ a flood of light filled the earth, but again the darkness almost covered the face of the sun. The streams of light were numerous as the Christians scattered throughout the earth, but gradually as the prophet followed these in vision, they grew dim and dimmer. In the days of Luther and the Reformers the stream widened, and again the light flashed like streaks of lightning, piercing the darkness. But days of clear shining were comparatively few. - SDP

The close of the prophetic period of 2300 days brought men to important changes in the heavenly sanctuary. Through all time Christ had pleaded for his people, and whether they were many or few, his love was always the same. Finally the great High Priest entered within the holy of holies. - SDP 252.2



To Daniel the scene of the investigative judgment had been revealed. He had seen the Son approach the Ancient of Days; the books of heaven were opened and the records examined. Over and over again the nail-pierced hands had been raised before the great Judge, as the name of some repentant soul was read, and the Intercessor had cried, "Pardon, Father! My blood! My blood," and the scarred character, the marred record, was covered by the life of the Son of man. Daniel had seen this. He knew that God's people must pass in review before the Judge of worlds, but at the end of the last vision there is another scene presented. While men are watching the movements of nations; while they cry, Peace and safety, and yet prepare for war, the angel of God is seen by Daniel to pass through the earth, and place a seal upon the foreheads of those to whom these heavenly rays extend. So long as the angel finds any of these faithful ones, Christ still intercedes, but at last the messenger wings his way toward heaven.
Throughout the vast kingdom of Jehovah echoes the sound, "It is done," and Christ from the inner sanctuary rises and proclaims, "It is done." He lays aside his priestly garments, and prepares to set in order his kingdom. - SDP 252.2



His mediatorial work is over; the door from whence has streamed those rays of light and mercy is closed forever. Those who have been sealed must now stand wholly by faith, clinging to God alone during a "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."

Daniel had watched men pass through trials. He had seen Israel tried, and men in all ages who were true to God tested on the point of faith, but in all previous instances the test had been lightened by a mediator. Now there is no intercessor, and man stands alone. Mercy is no longer sheltering him. It is another night in Gethsemane, another day of Calvary.

Again the words are uttered, not by one lone man, but by multitudes, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The sweat drops of blood roll from other foreheads; the crown of thorns can be pressed unheeded into many a brow; Calvary's nails can be driven without added pain. The burden of heart-searching is great among the faithful few, as they remember that one unconfessed sin means death.



Daniel 12:1 - At That Time

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

And at that time - This is referring to the time frame of the previous verse as there is no break in the prophecy, even though we have proceeded into another chapter. Daniel 11:45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

So some time after the papacy plants its influence between the people and the final message of hope in the 3 angels messages of Revelation 14:6-12 that is going out under the power of the Latter Rain (Revelation 18), to prevent them from hearing the gospel of the last message of love and being saved.

This is our imminent future.



THEN, WHAT IS IT?

It is the enforcement of Sunday observance as a Sabbath (Daniel 7:25), instead of the Seventh day, the day ordained in the Scriptures by our Creator (Genesis 2:3)

The End of human history

Shall Michael stand up, the great prince - For an explanation of who Michael is see Daniel 10:12. At this time Christ stands up, but what is so significant about this?

Every chapter of Daniel so far has begun by mentioning the ruler of a pagan nation.

Daniel 12 likewise begins with a ruler, but unlike every other chapter the ruler is a divine prince who rises to deliver God's people from the hands of their enemies.

If we look at Acts 7:55-58 when Stephen was being stoned, he looked up into heaven and saw Christ standing. As we have already seen in Daniel 9, this event marked the close of probation for the Jewish nation as God's chosen people. So when Christ is standing we are dealing with a close of probation all humanity. In Daniel 12:1 we are dealing with world events at the end of time, thus it would be the close of probation upon the world.



Who is Michael, this great Prince, who delivers God's faithful people?

Seventh-day Adventists are about the only Christians who see "Michael" as Jesus.

Consider the following evidence:

- 1. The Hebrew word Michael means "Who is like God?" The only One who is like God is Christ (John 1:1).
- 2. The "prince of the host" or "Prince of princes" (Daniel 8:11, 25) is also "Messiah the Prince" (Daniel 9:25). He is the same as "Michael your prince" (Daniel 10:21) or "Michael... the great prince" (Daniel 12:1).
- 3. The word archangel appears only twice in Scripture, once in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, where Christ comes with the voice of the archangel, and once in Jude 9, where Michael is called an archangel.

What is implied in the phrase "those found written in the book"? What book? See also Exodus 32:32; Daniel 7:10; Luke 10:20; Revelation 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 22:19.





Michael, this great Prince...

As we glimpsed in our study of Daniel chapter 10, Michael is the same powerful heavenly being who appears to Daniel at the Tigris River. There He emerges as the heavenly representative of God's people. He also appears elsewhere in Daniel as the Son of Man (Daniel 7), the Prince of the host (Daniel 8), and Messiah the Prince (Daniel 9). Thus Michael — whose name means "who is like God?" — must be none other than Jesus Himself.

It is important to note the timing of Michael's intervention. According to Daniel 12:1, it occurs "at that time" (Daniel 12:1). This expression refers to the time just mentioned in Daniel 11:40-45. This is the period of time that extends from the fall of the papacy in 1798 until the resurrection at the end of time (Daniel 12:2).



Michael, this great Prince (cont'd)...

Two important aspects of Michael's work can be inferred from the verb "stand" utilized in Daniel 12:1 to describe His action.

First, the verb "stand" evokes the rise of kings to conquer and rule. The verb also primarily connotes a military sense. It shows that Michael acts as a military leader who protects His people and leads them in a special way during the last stages of the great controversy.

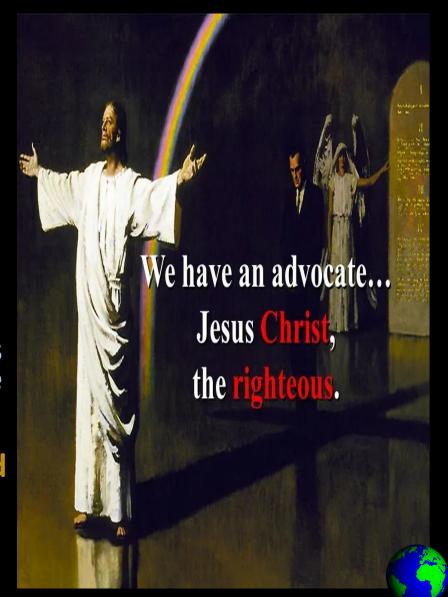
Second, the verb "stand" also points to a judgment setting. Michael "stands" to act as an advocate in the heavenly tribunal. As the Son of Man, He comes before the Ancient of Days to represent God's people during the investigative judgment (Daniel 7:9-14). Thus Michael's rising or standing evokes the military and judicial aspects of His work. In other words, He is invested with the power to defeat God's enemies and with the authority to represent God's people in the heavenly tribunal.



Michael, this great Prince (cont'd)...

Men have only one Advocate, one Intercessor, who is able to pardon transgression. Shall not our hearts swell with gratitude to Him who gave Jesus to be the propitiation for our sins? Think deeply upon the love the Father has manifested in our behalf, the love that He has expressed for us. We cannot measure this love. Measurement there is none. We can only point to Calvary, to the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. It is an infinite sacrifice. Can we comprehend and measure infinity?...

Christ is the representative of God to man and the representative of man to God. He came to this world as man's substitute and surety, and He is fully able to save all who repent and return to their allegiance. Because of His righteousness, He is able to place man on vantage ground. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. He gave His precious, innocent life to save guilty human beings from eternal ruin, that through faith in Him they might stand guiltless before the throne of God. - The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, p. 914.



The time of Michael's intervention

The time of Michael's intervention is also described as a time of trouble without parallel. This corresponds to the time when God's Spirit will be withdrawn from rebellious humankind. Then the seven last plagues, as expressions of God's wrath upon the nations, will be poured upon the end-time Babylon (Revelation 16:1-21 and Revelation 18:20-24) and the powers of darkness will be unleashed upon the world. Ellen G. White writes of this time that "Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old". — The Great Controversy, p. 614.

In the time of trouble, Satan stirs up the wicked, and they encircle the people of God to destroy them. But he does not know that "pardon" has been written opposite their names in the books of heaven. He does not know that the command has been given, "Take away the filthy garments" from them, clothe them with "change of raiment."—Lift Him Up, p. 347.





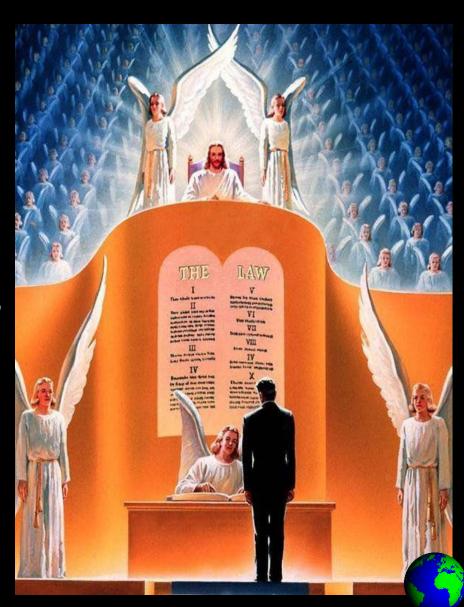
The judgement will end: Infact soon

Even the most cursory survey of these texts implies judgment, even for those who serve the Lord. Those "found" written in the book of life are saved, those "found" not written in there are lost. If this isn't some sort of final judgment, final reckoning, final separation between the righteous and unrighteous—what is?

"The Lord desires us to appreciate the great plan of redemption, to realize our high privilege as the children of God, and to walk before Him in obedience, with grateful thanksgiving. He desires us to serve Him in newness of life, with gladness every day. He longs to see gratitude welling up in our hearts because our names are written in the Lamb's book of life, because we may cast all our care upon Him who cares for us."—Ellen G. White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 299.

Why do you believe that your name, right now, is written in the book of life?

On what basis do you make this claim?



Who will face Heaven's Judgement?

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

- 2 Corinthians 5:10

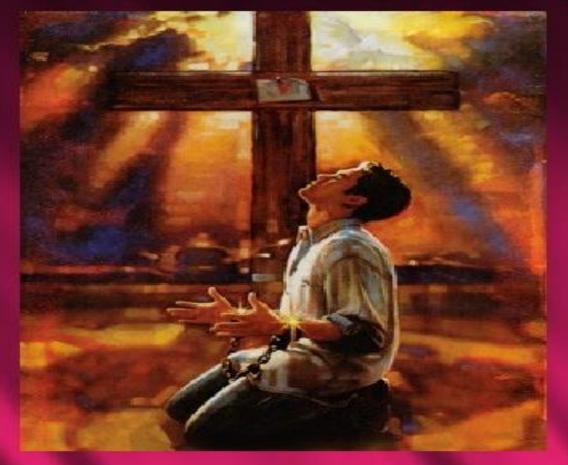


The Word of God speaks of Judgement

Read the following verses. What are they about? Who is judged? What happens in these judgments? What do these texts reveal about the

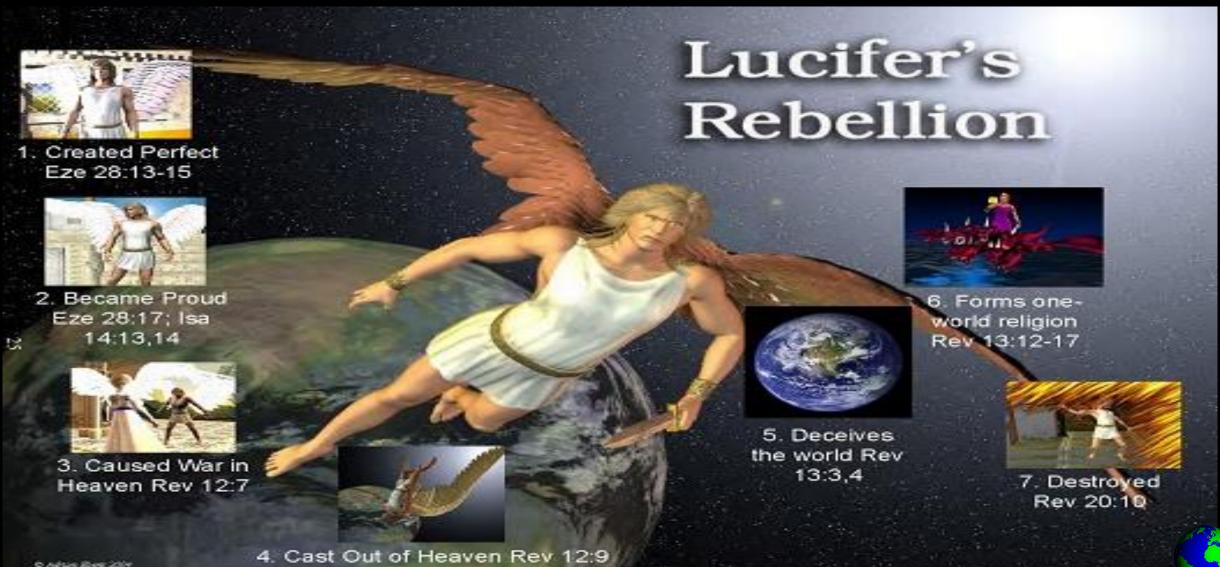
nature and reality of divine judgment?

Eccles. 12:13, 14
1 Cor. 3:13
2 Cor. 5:10
Heb. 10:30
Matt. 16:27
Rev. 20:12
Rev. 22:12
Matt. 12:36, 37
1 Pet. 4:17
Rev. 14:6, 7.





The root cause for the Judgement



Transgression of the Law before the Creation of Man



SATAN'S THREE CHARGES





Disputes the Supremacy of the Son of God. Questions the principle of Agape love. Luke 4:3; John 5:18; Phil 2:5-11; John 5:23; 1 John 2:21-23



Disputes the need to be governed by law. Our own wisdom is a sufficient guide

John 8:44 Romans 8:7 2 Thess 2:8





Claims that God's character is inconsistent. Claims He can't be a God of justice and mercy due to His law. Romans 3:1-4, 23-26 Ps 85:10; Ps 86:15 Rev 12:10 Zech 3:1-4

When will the Judgement begin?

The vision in Daniel 7 shows the moment when the Investigative Judgment begins at Heaven.

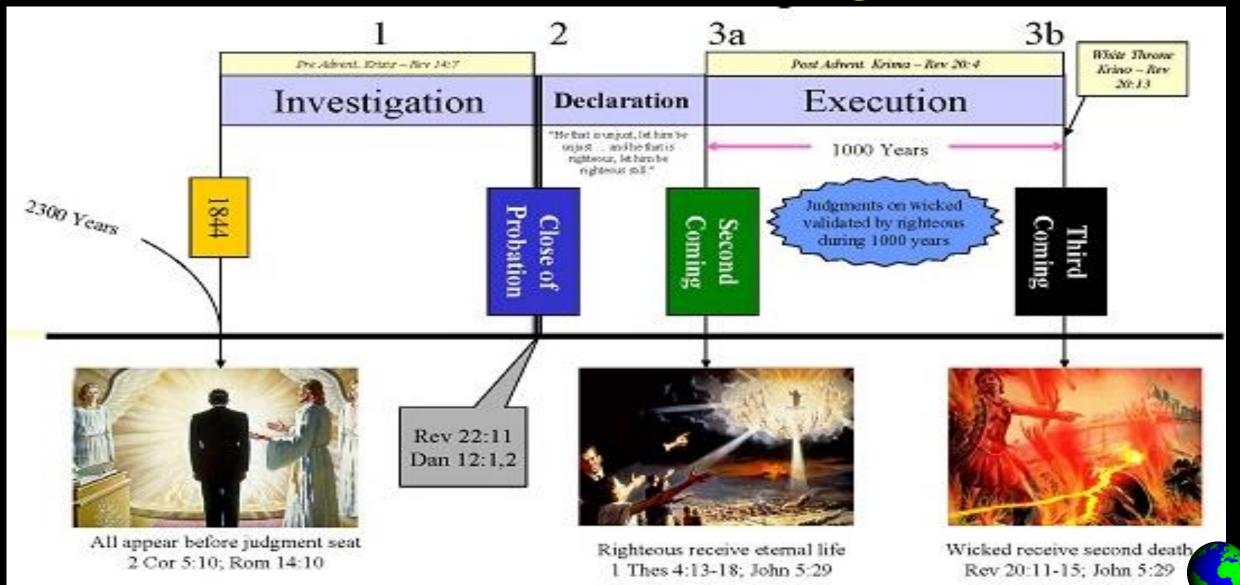


- Daniel 7:1-7. Four beasts come up. They represent four world empires, from Babylon to Rome.
- Daniel 7:8, 21, 25. A little horn represents the continuation of the Roman Empire. It makes war against the saints for "a time and times and half a time".
- Daniel 7:9-10. The Investigative Judgment begins.
- 4. Daniel 7:11-12. Last events on Earth.
- Daniel 7:13-14. Jesus receives the Kingdom from the Father.
- Daniel 7:22, 26. The saints receive the Kingdom.

The Judgment begins before the Second Coming (3) when some events are still happening on Earth (4)
When the judgment ends, Jesus receives the Kingdom (5) and He comes to Earth to give that Kingdom to the saints (6; see Rev. 20:4)



The Three Phases of Judgement



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1. Phase # 1:

Pre-Second Advent Judgement.

- 1 Peter 4:17-18

2. Phase # 2:

Judgement During the 1,000

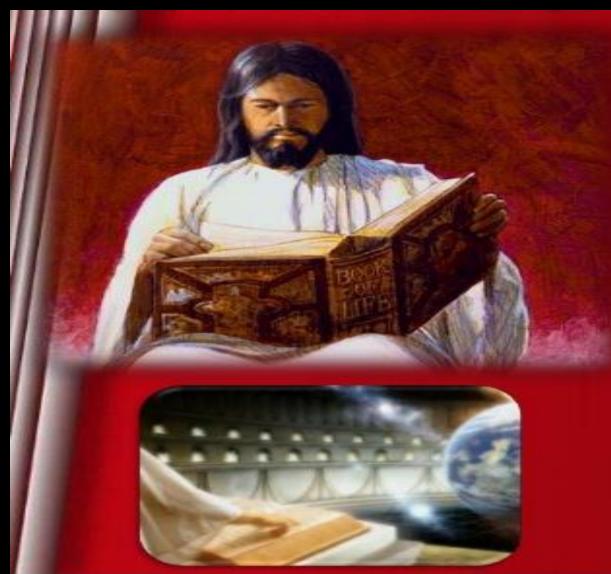
Years. – Revelation 20:4, 11-13

3. Phase # 3:

Judgement at the Close of the 1,000 Years. – Revelation 20:9-10, 14



How will the judgement take place?



All the decisions in the Judgment are based on the content of the books that "were opened". Those books are, among others:

- The book of life which contains the name of those who accepted Christ (Ex. 32:31-33; Psalm 69:28; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5)
- The book of deeds which contains the record of everything we do (Rev. 20:12)
- 3. The book of remembrance which contains special individual and collective actions that the saints did (Psalm 56:8; Mal. 3:16)

When Michael Stands up!

First Resurrection Christ Returns Saints Taken to Heaven (both the resurrected dead and the living) Living Wicked Slain (wicked dead remain in graves) Satan Bound (Confined to earth) First Resurrection Christ, Saints, City Descend Christ, Saints, City Descend Wicked Resurrected Wicked Resurrected Satan Loosed (organizes attack on holy city) Executive Phase of Judgment Satan, Sinners, Effects of Sin	LAST DAYS	1000 YEARS (Millenium)	ETERNITY
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Satan during the millennial 1000 years



First Resurrection

- 1. End of Seven Last Plagues
 - 2. Christ's Second Advent
 - Righteous Dead Raised
- 4. Wicked Perish / Satan Bound
- 5. Righteous Ascend to Heaven

Second Resurrection

- 1. Christ and Saints Descend to Earth
- 2. Holy City Descends
- 3. Wicked Dead Raised
- 4. Satan Loosed
- Wicked Destroyed



On Earth
Satan has time to think about what
he has done. Their probation past,
the wicked are dead.



Understanding Close of Probation

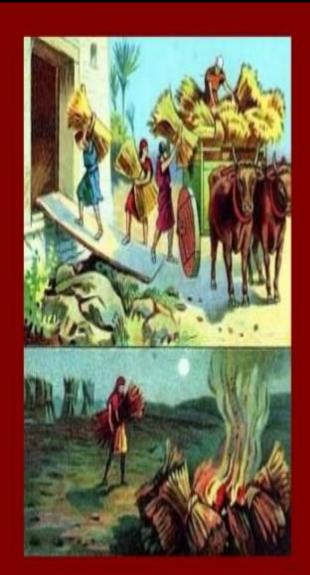
Matthew 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his

way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.



- Quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy.
- (Note the yellow)

"The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time." COL 71.3



Understanding Close of Probation (cont'd)

Could God ever close the probation of His church?

"Of those who boast of their light and yet fail to walk in it Christ says, "But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. And thou, Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."—RH Aug. 1, 1893. {LDE 48.2}

• "The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is not in her midst."—1NL 99 (1898). {LDE 48.3}

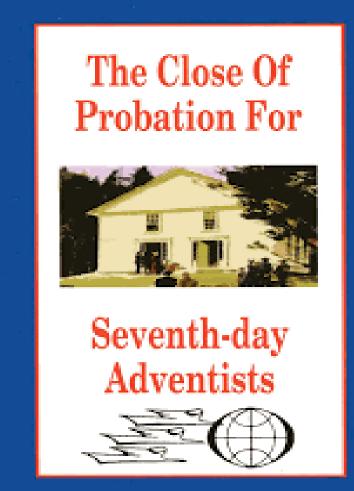
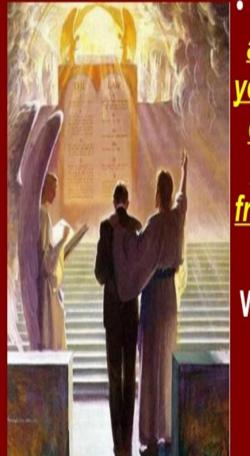


Image of the Beast needs to Be Formed



Repent! Repent! Repent!



• "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

When does the times of refreshing come?

AT THE NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW!

The National Sunday Law separates the two classes

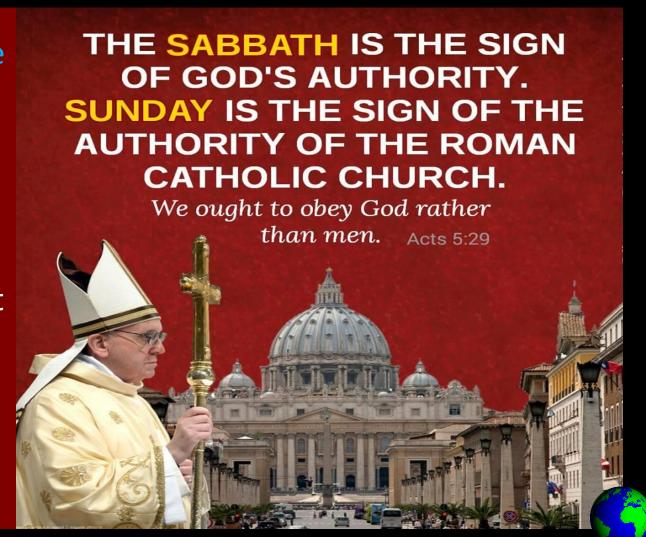
"When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labour on Sunday and worship God, while you know that there is not a word in the Bible showing Sunday to be other than a common working-day, you consent to receive the mark of the beast, and refuse the seal of God. If we receive this mark in our foreheads or in our hands, the judgments pronounced against the disobedient must fall upon us. But the seal of the living God is placed upon those who conscientiously keep the Sabbath of the Lord."— {RH, July 13, 1897 par. 6}



If WE fail the Sunday Law test, and are marked with the Mark of the Beast, OUR Probation Closes!

"The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided. . . . [Revelation 13:11-17 quoted.] . . .

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast. (Letter 11, 1890). {7BC 976. 2-3}



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There is no further light that can be given to humanity about the Sabbath that God has not already given through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. We shall individually be tested as people, so we need to prepare what is about to break upon the world.

When we are individually tested we are either sealed with the seal of God or marked with the Mark of the Beast.

We cant receive the mark of the beast and later change the mind to be loyal to God.

Once we are sealed or marked we are fixed or permanent for eternity.

At this point, probation or door of mercy is still opened to those who have not had any opportunity to learn what truth is.



What are the events connected with the close of probation that are clearly revealed?

GC 436 "Those who had accepted the light concerning the mediation of Christ and the perpetuity of the law of God found that these were the truths presented in Revelation 14. **The** messages of this chapter constitute a three fold warning which is to prepare the inhabitants of the earth for the Lord's second coming. The announcement, "The hour of his judgment is come," points to the closing work of Christ's ministration for the salvation of men. It heralds a truth which must be proclaimed until the Saviour's intercession shall cease and He shall return to the earth to take His people to Himself. The work of judgment which began in 1844 must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence it will extend to the close of human probation."

TRUTH
is not subject
to your opinion

According to the Bible

SUNDAY IS NOT THE SABBATH DAY

The Close of Probation at Judgement

GC 88 479.1 "I Beheld," says the prophet Daniel, "till thrones were placed, and One that was ancient of days did sit. His raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the Judgment was set, and the books were opened." [Daniel 7:9,10]

PAUL KEPT A SABBATH THAT COINCIDED WITH SATURDAY SCRIPTURE REFERENCE CLAIMED NUMBER

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	CLAIMED NUMBER O SABBATHS PAUL KER
ACTS 13:14 "ON THE SABBATH DAY THEY WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND SAT DOWN"	
ACTS 13:44 "AND THE NEXT SABBATH NEARLY THE WHOLE CITY ASSEMBLED TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD."	1
ACTS 16:13 "AND ON THE SABBATH DAY WE WENT OUTSIDE THE GATE TO A RIVERSIDE, WHERE WE WERE SUPPOSING THAT THERE WOULD BE A PLACE OF PRAYER; AND WE SAT DOWN AND BEGAN SPEAKING TO THE WOMEN WHO HAD ASSEMBLED."	1
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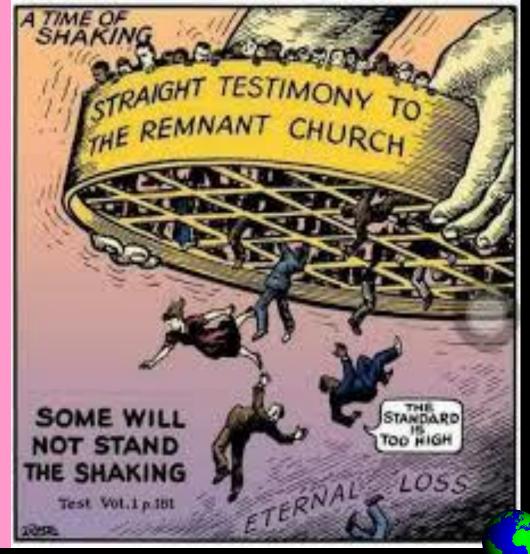
NUMBER OF SABBATHS

Jesus receives His kingdom at the end of his mediatorial work, which is the close of probation.

EW 55 I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Thén Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, "Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.



{EW 280.2} It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner, who has slighted salvation and hated reproof. In that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. Every case was decided, every jewel numbered. Jesus tarried a moment in the outer apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and the sins which had been confessed while He was in the most holy place were placed upon Satan, the originator of sin, who must suffer their punishment.



Then I saw Jesus lay off His priestly attire and clothe Himself with His most kingly robes. Upon His head were many crowns, a crown within a crown. Surrounded by the angelic host, He left heaven. The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth.

So when does Christ receive his kingdom and change his office to that of king and reign? When he takes off his priestly garments as high priest.

This occurs at the close of probation. Does the Bible tell us when Jesus receives his kingdom and dominion? Yes it does!



Rev 22:11 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.

When the mystery of God is finished probation closes.

There is something interesting to note in Revelation 10:7 about the phrase "when he shall begin to sound."



Need to understand the following...

"The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven.—5T 216 (1882). {LDE 221.3}

"Love is expressed in obedience, and perfect love casteth out all fear. Those who love God, have the seal of God in their foreheads, and work the works of God.—SD 51 (1894). {LDE 221.4}

"Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favoured ones who shall receive the seal of the living God.—TM 445 (c. 1886). {LDE 221.5}



Continuing in Daniel 12:1a...

<u>Standeth for the children of people</u> - <u>Stands in defence of His downtrodden people.</u>

Some who hold a strictly literal interpretation of Daniel's last prophecy insist the people mentioned in Daniel 12:1 are ethnic Israelites. Indeed, if the people attacked in Daniel 11:45 are ethnic Israelites, than the people delivered in Daniel 12:1 are ethnic Israelites. Interestingly, Ellen White always applies this passage to the church. Consider a few statements that she made after quoting it:

Let everyone inquire, "Is my name written there?" Do not think about your brethren and sisters for fear they are not ready, but think about yourself. You want to know where you are, and to know that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. - Ellen White, Sermons and Talks, vol. 1, p. 310

The masterly temptations of Satan will overpower many who now profess to believe the truth. Their unworthy course of action, their denial of Christ, will make it necessary for God to blot their names from the book of life. - Ellen White, The Review and Herald, March 26, 1889

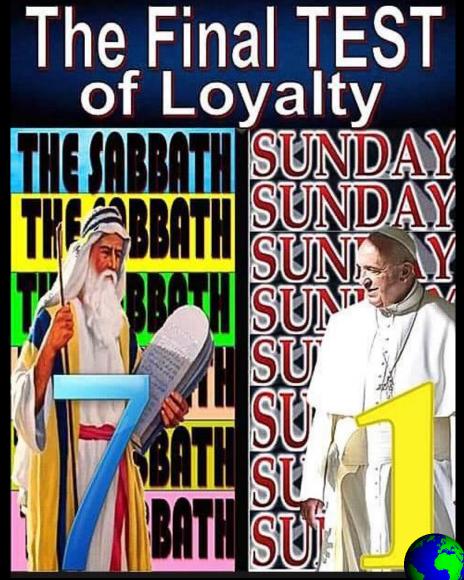
A Sign of Loyalty To the Creator

You see, the seventh day sabbath is a sign for all those who keep it, that they are worshipping the true God of creation.



Who are these children of people?

The people Ellen White mentions in these statements are Christians and include believers from every nation. To make them into ethnic Israelites is to deny the prophetic gift. To agree they are Christians in Daniel 12:1 and deny Christians are being attacked in Daniel 11:40–45 is to deny sound reason. The events in Daniel 12:1-3 happen simultaneously with and expand upon the final events mentioned in Daniel 11:44b-45. Daniel 12:1 describes Jesus's opposition to Satan's attempt to deceive and destroy the saints. Michael is introduced in Daniel 10 as the defender of God's people. In every Bible reference to Michael, He is seen "in direct conflict with Satan." The mentioning of Michael in Daniel 12:1 is further proof that it is Satan who plants "the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain" (Daniel 11:45a). After the saints give the loud cry mentioned in Daniel 11:44a, probation will close and Michael will stand to fight "for" His people against Satan and his followers.



Satan instigates a death decree

As we have seen, Satan will instigate a death decree against the saints shortly after probation closes. The northern king "shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many" (Daniel 11:44b). Michael then stands "for the children of thy people," to protect and defend them (Daniel 12:1a), and Satan will not be allowed to harm God's people. After quoting Daniel 12:1, Ellen White interestingly links Michael standing for His people while the death decree is in force:

When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people. This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshalled by the dragon host, make God their defense. The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death. - Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 213



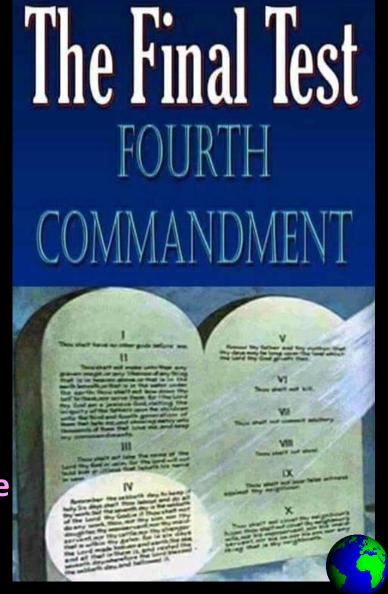
When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday)

These people have the Seal of God

Ellen White clearly references God's sealed people, the close of probation, and the death decree that I believe is indicated in Daniel 11:44. She also speaks of God's people as the "small remnant" whom "the dragon host" seek to kill. After Satan appears as Christ, he marshals these evil people and urges them to seek and destroy the saints.

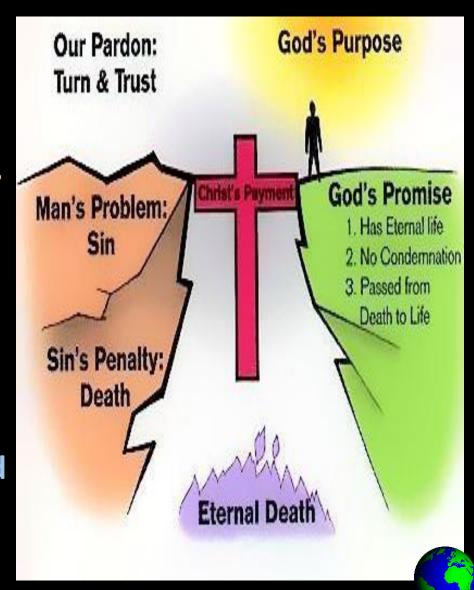
* Ellen White parallels Daniel 12:1 with the events in Daniel 11:44b-45.

When the northern king (Papal Rome) strategically plants "the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain" to deceive God's people (Dan. 11:45a), they will leave the small cities and "flee into the mountains" as Jesus admonished (Matthew 24:16). For six thousand years, Satan has been refining his methods to deceive the remnant in the last conflict. Before this last struggle for universal control, Satan will send his demons into the world to assemble the nations against God's people (see Revelation 16:14). With the death decree and Satan's appearance, "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation," will come to the saints (Daniel 12:1b)



Man cannot save himself!

It is impossible for man to save himself. He may deceive himself in regard to this matter, but he cannot save himself. Christ's righteousness alone can avail for his salvation, and this is the gift of God. This is the wedding garment in which you may appear as a welcome guest at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Let faith take hold of Christ without delay, and you will be a new creature in Jesus, a light to the world. Christ is called "the Lord our righteousness," and through faith each one should say, "The Lord my righteousness." When faith lays hold upon this gift of God, the praise of God will be upon our lips, and we shall be able to say to others, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). We shall then be able to tell the lost concerning the plan of salvation, that while the world was lying under the curse of sin, the Lord presented terms of mercy to the fallen and hopeless sinner, and revealed the value and meaning of His grace.— Selected Messages, book 1, p. 331.



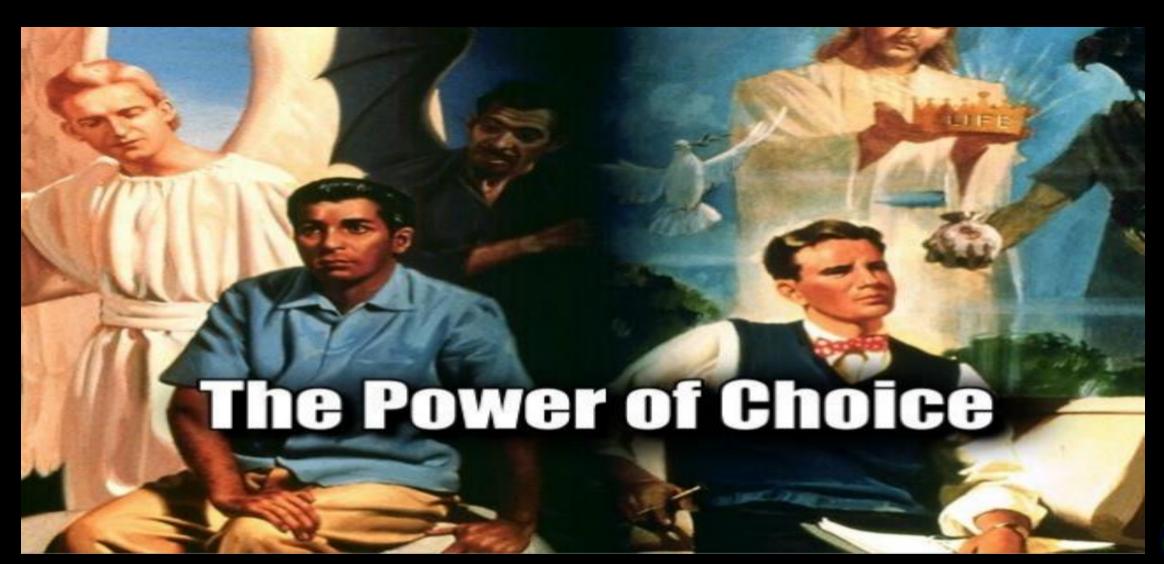
Conclusion

As we have seen in Daniel 3 & 6, Daniel and his companions remain faithful to God and display unparalleled wisdom amidst the trials and challenges of the exile.

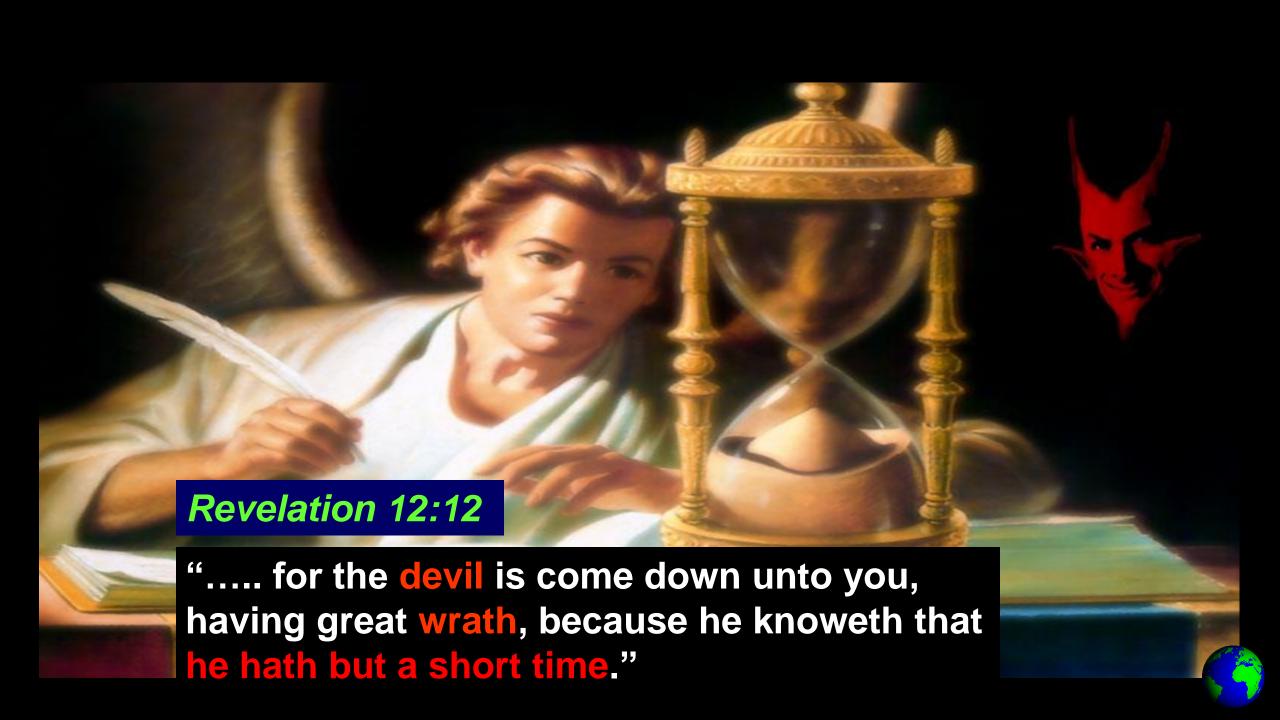
Likewise, when facing tribulation, God's end-time people will also remain faithful, especially during "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" (Daniel 12:1). Like Daniel and his friends in Babylon, they will display wisdom and understanding. They will not only experience wisdom as a personal virtue but will be committed, as a consequence of that wisdom, to lead others to righteousness.



God has given all:







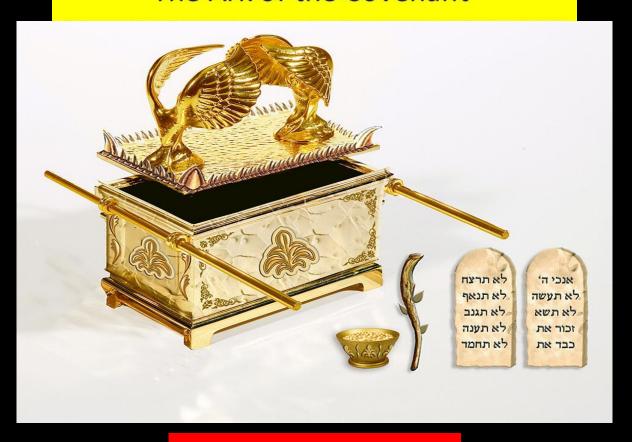
Enter The Ark of Hope

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





