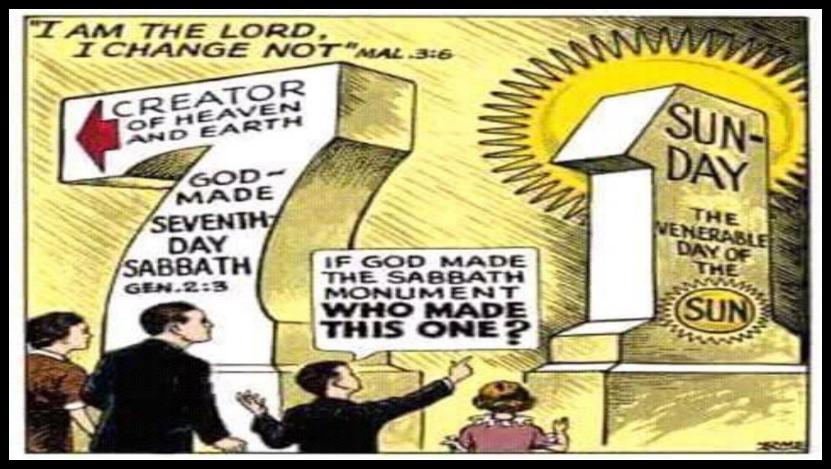
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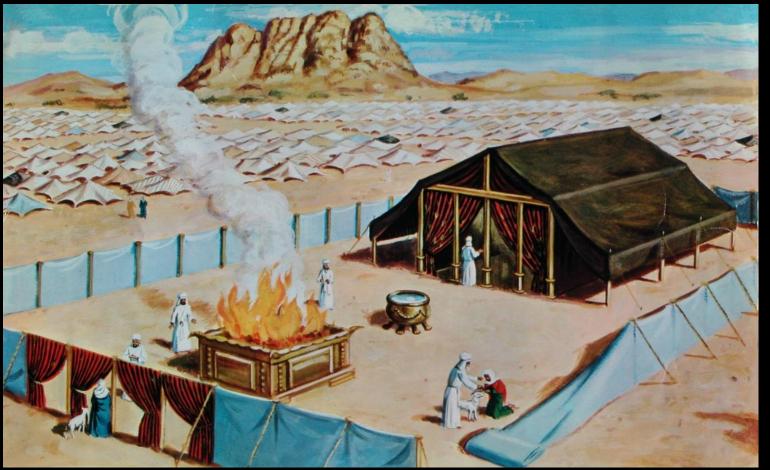
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And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet - Pinto beans

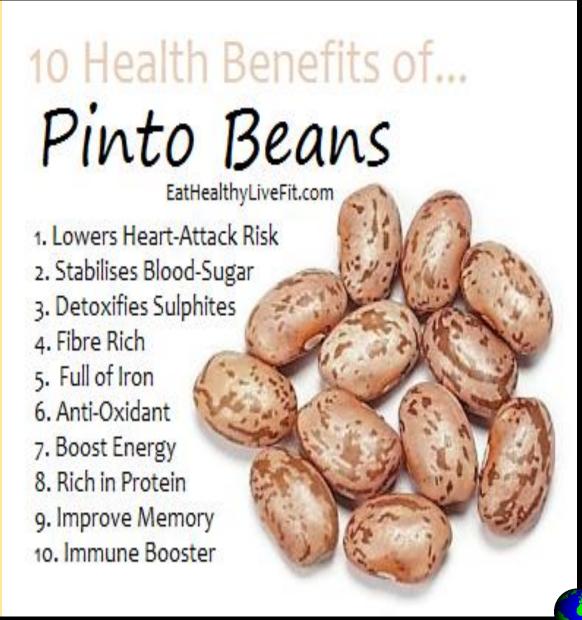
Health Benefits of Pinto beans (Seek Medical Advice)

Pinto beans are the most popular dried beans in the US. They're a common bean (Phaseolus vulgaris), which is frequently used in Mexican cuisine. They are reddish-brown specks when dried but become a solid light brown or pale pink when cooked. They have an earthy, almost nutty flavor and are simple to prepare. They're regularly eaten whole or mashed.

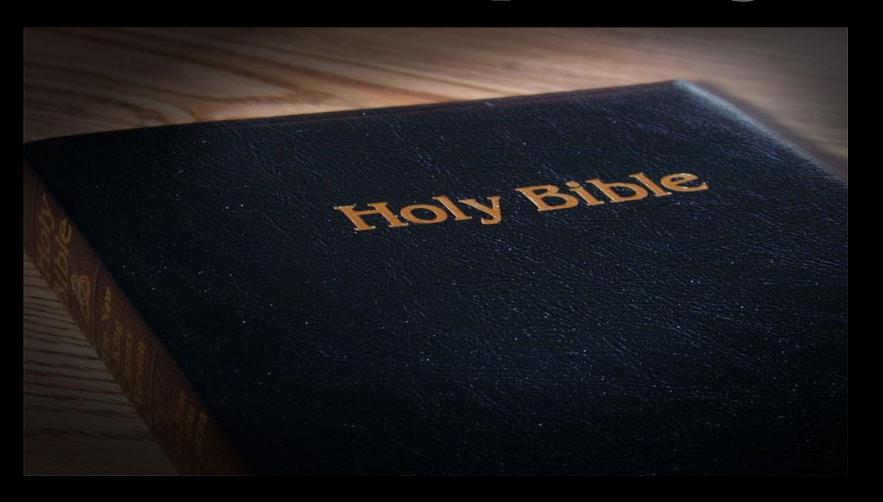
One cup (171 grams) of cooked pinto beans contains:

Calories: 245, Protein: 15.4g, Fat: 1.11g, Carbs: 44.8g, Fibre: 15.4g, Thiamine (vB1): 28%, Folate (vB9): 74%, Copper: 42%, Manganese: 34%, etc...

- 1. <u>May improve blood sugar regulation</u>: Their low glycemic index means they're digested slowly, moderating the blood sugar level
- 2. <u>May aid heart health</u>: Propionate is a short-chain fatty acid which helps lower blood cholesterol and blood pressure levels.
- 3. May boost weight loss: They're rich in protein and fibre, that can help you feel full for longer and keep your appetite at bay.
- 4. Isoflavones daidzein and genistein have been found to reduce post-menopausal cancers and osteoporosis.
- 5. They are gluten-free protein sources, preferred gluten-free food alternatives in gluten-allergy and celiac disease patients.
- Excess consumption may lead to increase flatulence, affect bones, and cause abdominal pain, and allergies.



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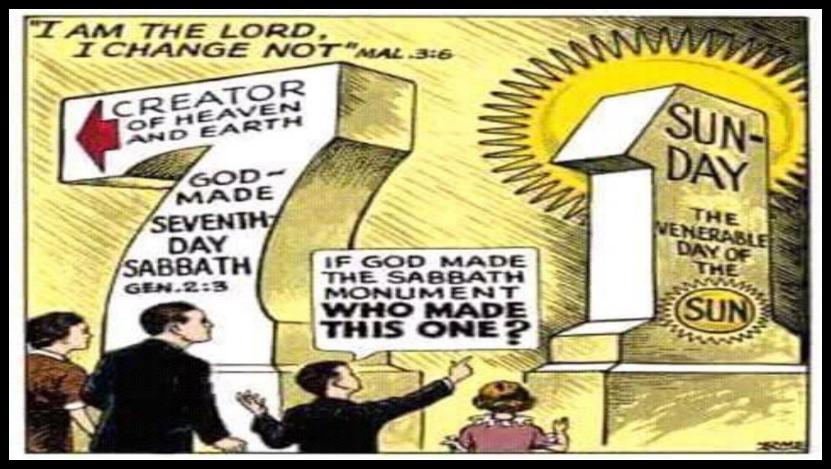


Yes, we Can!

10 Obey is better than sacrifice 1 Samuel 15:22



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Mr Jones: The American Sabbath Union in its "Monthly Documents," has tried to make it appear that, in my argument before the Senate Committee, I admitted the right of the Government to make Sunday laws for the public good. The effort was not only made by the Association in its own documents, but the document and statements were reprinted in *Our Day*. To counteract the influence of this effort, as well as to make the point yet clearer, if possible, and expose another method which the Sunday-law workers employ to secure support for their movement, I insert the following— NSLS27 184.1

Permanent Sabbath Documents of the American and Foreign Sabbath Union



AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SABBATH UNION

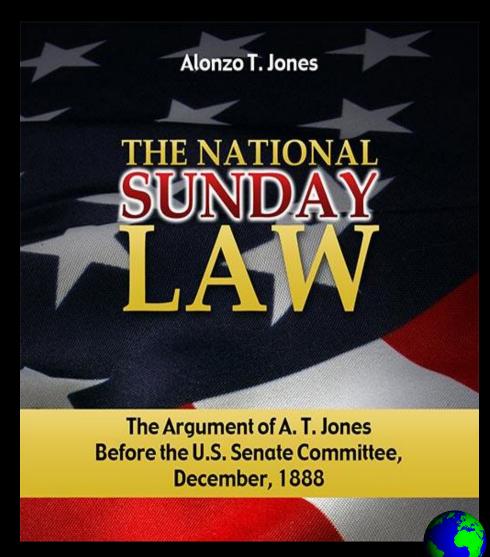


OPEN LETTER

To the Rev. J. H. Knowles, Secretary of the American Sabbath Union.

DEAR SIR: In the monthly documents of the American Sunday Association, edited by yourself, you have chosen to charge me with insincerity; and you have also done your best to make it appear that I "admit all that the friends of the Sunday-rest law generally claim—the right of the Government to make Sunday laws for the public good." NSLS27 184.2

You have garbled extracts from the report of my speech before the Senate Committee on the Sunday law, and then have italicized certain words and sentences in one passage to try to make it appear that I admit the right of the Government to make Sunday laws for the public good. NSLS27 184.3



You have quoted from my speech the following words in the following way:—NSLS27 184.4

"Whenever any civil government attempts to enforce anything in regard to any one of the first four commandments, it invades the prerogative of God, and is to be disobeyed.... The State, in its legislation, can never legislate properly in regard to any man's religious faith, or in relation to anything in the first four commandments of the decalogue; but if in the exercise of his religious convictions under the first four commandments he invades the rights of his neighbour, then the civil government says that is unlawful. Why? Because it is irreligious or because it is immoral?—Not at all; but because it is uncivil, and for that reason only. [Italics ours.—ED.]" NSLS27 185.1

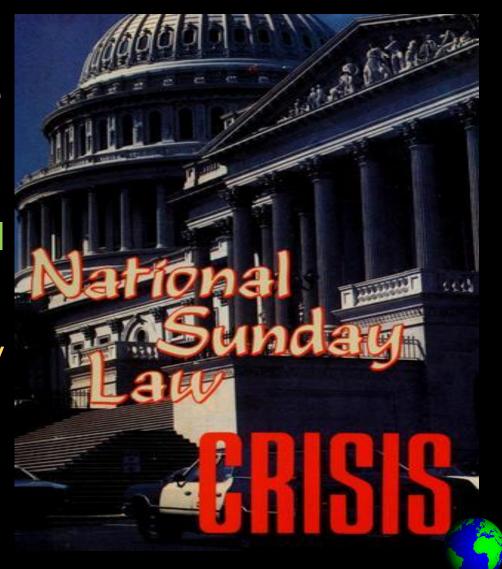


It is in the italicizing of these words that your effort is made to make me admit what I continually and consistently denied before the committee and do deny everywhere else. You have inserted in the above quotation three periods, indicating that a portion has been left out; and you know full well, sir, that in the portion which is there left out, is the following:— NSLS27 185.2

Senator Blair.—'You oppose all the Sunday laws of the Country, then?' NSLS27 185.3

"Mr. Jones.—'Yes, sir.' NSLS27 185.4

"Senator Blair.—'You are against all Sunday laws?' NSLS27 185.5

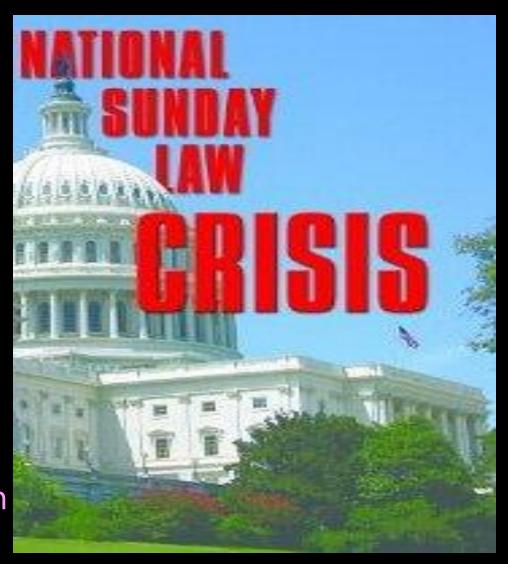


"Mr. Jones.—'Yes, sir; we are against every Sunday law that was ever made in this world, from the first enacted by Constantine to this one now proposed.' NSLS27 185.6

"Senator Blair.—'State and national alike?' NSLS27 185.7

"Mr. Jones.—'State and national, sir.'"
NSLS27 185.8

Not only were these words there, but in that portion which you have printed following the italicized words, you yourself have printed my plain denial of the right of any nine hundred and ninetynine people out of a thousand to compel the thousandth man to rest on the day on which the majority rest, in the following from:— NSLS27 185.9





"Senator Blair.—'The majority has a right to rule in what pertains to the regulation of society; and if Cesar regulates society, then the majority has a right in this country to say what shall be rendered to Cesar.' NSLS27 185.10

"Mr. Jones.—'If nine hundred and ninety-nine people out of every thousand in the United States kept the seventh day, that is, Saturday, and I deemed it my choice and right to keep Sunday, I would insist on it, and they would have no right to compel me to rest on Saturday.'
NSLS27 186.1

"Senator Blair.—'In other words, you take the grounds that for the good of society, irrespective of the religious aspect of the question, society may not require abstinence from labour on the Sabbath, if it disturbs others?' NSLS27 186.2

"Mr. Jones.—'No, sir.' NSLS27 186.3

Celebrating God's Creation! The Lord's Holy Sabbath Day! Saturday

"Open **Thou** mine eyes, that I may

behold wondrous things out of Thy law

"Senator Blair.—'You are logical all the way through that there shall be no Sabbath." NSLS27 186.4

"Mr. Jones.—That last expression of mine, saying "No, sir," is in accord, and was intended when spoken to be in accord, with Senator Blair's inquiring statement whether society may not require abstinence from labour on the Sabbath. My answer there means, and when it was spoken, it was intended to mean, that society may not do so. As to its disturbing others, I had just before proved that the common occupations of men who choose to work on Sunday or any other day do not disturb and cannot disturb the rest of the majority who choose to rest that day. NSLS27 186.5

Again: A little farther along you print another passage in which are the following words:— NSLS27 186.6

"Senator Blair.—You would abolish any Sabbath in human practice which shall be in the form of law, unless the individual here and there sees fit to observe

WHO CHANGED THE SABBATH TO SUNDAY?

There can be no doubt that Christ, His disciples, and the first-century Christians kept Saturday, the seventh-day Sabbath. Yet, today, most of the Christian professing world keeps Sunday, the FIRST day of the week, calling IT the Sabbath. Wно made this change, and ноw did it occur?

Is There Any Biblical Support for Sunday Observance?

to Sunday-not a text, not a word, not even a hint answer may amaze you! or suggestion. If there were, those chapters and verses would be loudly heralded by Sabbath opposers. Had Paul or any other apostle taught a The New Testament plainly shows we are to con stoned to death for the sin of Sabbath-breaking.
The Bible prophesied many centuries earlier that

To serious student of the Scriptures can deny violated the added man-made rules and traditions that God instituted the Sabbath at creation the placed upon the Sabbath (Mark 2:24). The total and designated the seventh day to be kept absence of any such controversy over a change in holy. "And on the seventh day God ended His work the day of worship is one of the best evidences which He had made; and He rested on the seventh showing the apostles and other New Testament day from all His work which He had made. And Christians did not change the day. On the contrary God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: we have a record of many Sabbaths that Paul and because that in it He had rested from all His work his traveling companions kept long after the resurwhich God created and made" (Genesis 2:2-3). It rection of Jesus Christ. Read of them in your own was later codified as the Fourth Commandment Bible in Acts 13:14, 27, 42-44; 15:21; 16:13; 17:2 and 18:4. Acts 13:42-44 is especially significant in The Word of God makes it expressly clear that that Paul and Barnabas, when speaking at a Jewish Sabbath observance is a special sign or "mark" synagogue, were invited to speak again the next between God and His people. There is also no Sabbath. This would have been Paul's golder uncertainty that Christ, His disciples, and the first- opportunity to tell the people to meet with him the century Christians kept the seventh-day Sabbath as next day rather than waiting a whole week for the commanded-the day we now call "Saturday" Sabbath. But, "on the next Sabbath almost the whole city [Jews and Gentiles alike] gathered to hear the word of the Lord."

Yet, today most of the Christian professing world keeps Sunday, the first day of the week, calling it There is absolutely no New Testament text stating the Sabbath. The question arises then, who changed that God, Jesus, or the apostles changed the Sabbath the Sabbath to Sunday, and how did it occur? The

Biblical Testimony

change from Sabbath to Sunday, the first day of the tinue keeping the commandments (Mathew week, an absolute firestorm of protest would have 5:17-18; 19:17; 28:20)-all ten of them. Where arisen from conservative Jewish Christians. The then, do men get the "authority" to change the Pharisees and scribes would have insisted that Paul Fourth Commandment by substituting Sunday for or any other person even suggesting such a thing be the original Sabbath Christ and the apostles kept?

This would have been a much larger issue than the time would come when men would think to change times and laws (Daniel 7:25). Many Bible The self-righteous Pharisees had already falsely prophecies are "dual" in nature—that is, they have accused Christ of breaking the Sabbath because He a type and antitype, an earlier and a later fulfill-

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"Mr. Jones.—'Certainly; that is a matter between man and his God.'" NSLS27 186.8

Now, I should like for you in a monthly document, or by some other means, to show how by any fair means, or by any sincere purpose, you can, even by the use of italics, make in that speech admit the right of the Government to make Sunday laws for the public good. You know, sir, that in that speech I distinctly stated that any human laws for the enforcement of the Sabbath, instead of being "for the good of society, are for the ruin of society." NSLS27 186.9

Again: You know, for you printed it in one of your documents, that Senator Blair said to me: "You are logical all the way through that there shall be no Sabbath." You know that in another place he said again to me: "You are entirely logical, because you say there should be no Sunday legislation by State or nation either." NSLS27 187.1

The Sabbath

Was Made for Man, Not Man for the Sabbath.

So we can ignore it if we don't like it, right?. Hmm...

Marriage was made for man too, not man for marriage.

The Bible was made for man, not man for the Bible.

So we can ignore those too! Right?

WRONG!



Now, sir, I repeat, you have charged me with insincerity. Anyone making such a charge as that ought to be sincere. Will you, therefore, explain upon what principle it is that you claim to be sincere in this thing, when in the face of these positive and explicit statements to the contrary and Senator Blair's confirmation of them to that effect, you can deliberately attempt to force into my words a meaning that was never there, that was never intended to be there, and that never can by any honest means be put there? NSLS27 187.2 More than this: It can hardly be thought that Senator Blair will very highly appreciate the compliment that you have paid to his logical discernment, when in the fact of his repeated statement that I was logical all the way through, you force into my words a meaning that could have no other effect than to make me illogical all the way through. NSLS27 187.3

The The SEVENTH DAY Sabbath SABBATH IS NOT "JEWISH was It was set apart and made made HOLY at for man, CREATION, just like and not MARRIAGE, and noone say MARRIAGE is man "JEWISH" for 'THINK ABOUT IT' the Sabbath Mark 2:27

I have no objection to your printing my words as they were spoken; but I do object to your forcing into them a meaning directly contrary to that which the words themselves convey, and which they were intended to convey; and I further object to your so garbling my statements as to make it possible for you to force into them a meaning that they never can honestly be made to bear. NSLS27 187.4

In that speech also I said that if an idol-worshiper in this country should attempt to offer a human sacrifice, the Government should protect the life of its subject from the exercise of that man's religion; that he has the fight to worship any idol that he chooses, but that he has not the right to commit murder in the worship of his idol, NSLS27 188.1



And the State forbids the murder without any reference at all to the question as to whether that man is religious or whether he worships or not, with no reference at all to the commandment which forbids idolworship, and with no thought whatever of forbidding his idolatry. NSLS27 188.1

I stated also that if anybody claiming apostolic example should practice community of property, and in carrying out that practice should take your property or mine without our consent, the State would forbid the theft without any reference at all to the man's religious opinions, and with no thought of forbidding the practice of community of property. NSLS27 188.1



You know that it was with direct reference to these words that I used the words which you have italicized. I there distinctly denied that the State can ever of right legislate in relation to anything in the first four commandments of the decalogue. But, if any man in the exercise of his rights under the first four commandments, and in this case under the fourth commandment, should invade the right of his neighbour, as I have expressed it, by endangering his life, his liberty, or his property, or attack his character, or invade his rights in any way, the government has the right to prohibit it, because of the incivility; but with never any question as to whether the man is religious or irreligious, and with never a purpose or a thought of forbidding the free exercise of any man's right to work on any day or all days, as he chooses. NSLS27 188.1

The First Four Commandments

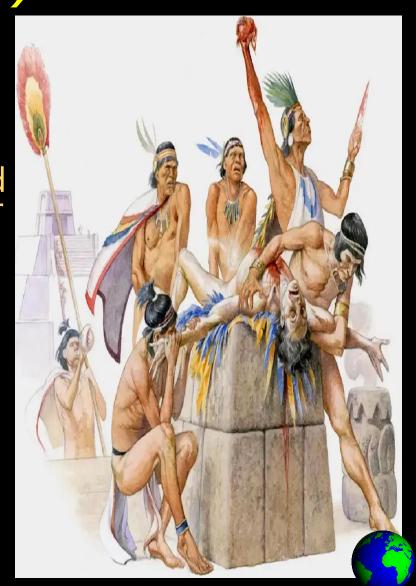
- Honor God With Your Life
 - "You shall have no other gods before Me."
- Honor God With Your Heart
 - "You shall not make for yourself an idol..."
- Honor God With Your Speech
 - "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain..."
- Honor God With Your Time
 - "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."



This is precisely what every State in this Union already does by statutes which punish disturbances of religious worship or religious meetings, or peaceable assemblies of any sort. But there is a vast difference between such statutes as these and the ones which you desire shall be enacted. These are strictly civil statutes, prohibiting incivility, and are far from anything like the enforcement of religious observances. The Sunday-law workers complain of the disturbance of their worship on Sunday. If they are sincere in this, why don't they enforce the laws already on the statute books prohibiting disturbance of worship? California, for instance, prohibits disturbance of worship, under penalty of five hundred dollars' fine and six months in jail. But instead of having such legitimate laws enforce, you propose to prohibit the disturbance of your worship on Sunday by compelling everybody to keep Sunday. NSLS27 189.1



Upon this same principle you would have the State forbid the offering of human sacrifices by an idol-worshiper, by compelling him to keep the second commandment. In short, the principle is that you would have the State prohibit incivility by compelling everybody to be religious. And you are so enraptured with this distorted view, that you have chosen in your sincerity and by *italics* to force me to sanction the wicked principle. But it will not work. I say always, If your worship is disturbed on Sunday or at any other time, let the State punish the person or persons who create the disturbance. Let the State punish them by such strictly legitimate statutes as the States already have on this subject. But let the State never attempt to prohibit disturbance of worship by trying to compel men to worship, nor attempt to prohibit incivility by enforcing religious observances. This is just what I had in view, and is precisely what I meant, in the words which you have italicized. NSLS27 189.1



All this is further shown in the argument which I made, in that, Immediately following the words which you have italicized I proved that Sunday work does not disturb the rest or the worship of those who keep Sunday. And the conclusion of that is, therefore, that there is no basis for Sunday laws on that ground. This I prove by the fact that the people who make this the ground of their demand for Sunday laws, do not recognize for an instant that work on Saturday disturbs the rest or the worship of the people who keep Saturday. I there showed that if your work on Saturday does not disturb my rest or my worship, my work on Sunday cannot disturb your rest or your worship. I made this argument not only on this principle, but from actual experience. I know, from an experience of fifteen years, that other people's work on Saturday does not years, that other people's work on Saturday does not disturb either my rest or my worship on that day. There are Seventh-day Adventists in every State and Territory of this nation, in Canada, nearly every country of Europe, the Sandwich Islands, Australia, South America, China, South Africa, and other places. NSLS27 190.1



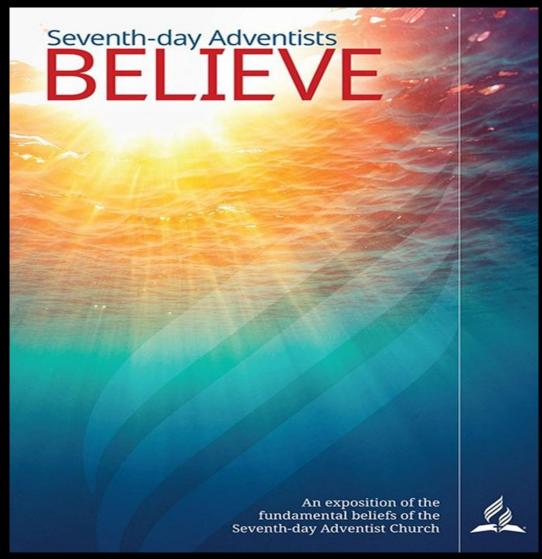
They all rest every Saturday; they all keep it as the Sabbath unto the Lord. But no person has ever yet head of a Seventh-day Adventist who ever complained that his rest on the Sabbath was disturbed by other men's work. Not only is this so, but the Seventh-day Adventists have organized churches in the great majority of the States and Territories of this Union. These churches are found in country places, in villages, in towns, and in cities. They meet for worship every Saturday; and although, as everybody knows, Saturday is the busiest day of the week, in the midst of such busy cities as Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, Minneapolis, and Kansas City, these churches of Seventh-day Adventists assemble regularly for worship; and no person has ever yet heard of any worship; and no person has ever yet heard of any Seventh-day Adventists' making a complaint that their worship was disturbed by the work, the business, or the traffic that is carried on by other people on that day. The fact is, our worship is *not* disturbed by these things. NSLS27 190.1





Now, sir, if all the labour, the business, and the traffic that is done on Saturday, the day which is acknowledged by all to be the busiest day of the week,—if all this, In such cities as I have named, does not disturb our rest or our worship, will you please explain how it is that your rest and your worship are disturbed on Sunday, when there is not one-thousandth part as much labour, or business, or traffic done on that day as is done on Saturday? NSLS27 191.1

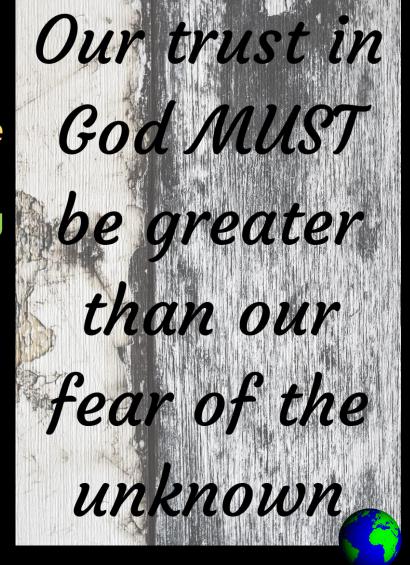
This, dear sir, is only an additional argument, but one which rests on the living experience of thousands of people every seventh day, conclusively showing that your whole theory and claim for Sunday laws break down utterly at every point. ALONZO T. JONES. NSLS27 191.2



Assurance as the Clouds Darken in 1884

Great things are before us, and we want to call the people from their indifference to get ready.... We are not now to cast away our confidence, but to have firm assurance, firmer than ever before. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and He will help us to the end. We will look to the monumental pillars, reminders of what the Lord hath done for us, to comfort and to save us from the hand of the destroyer... 3SM 383.1

We can but look onward to new perplexities in the coming conflict, but we may well look on what is past as well as what is to come, and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12). "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25). The trial will not exceed the strength which shall be given us to bear it. Then, let us take up our work just where we find it, without one word of repining, imagining nothing can come, but that strength will come proportionate to the trials.... 3SM 383.2 Our present peace must not be disturbed by anticipated trials, for God will never leave nor forsake one soul who trusts in Him. God is better unto us than our fears.... 3SM



Don't Borrow Trouble for a Future Crisis

Many will look away from present duties, present comfort and blessings, and be borrowing trouble in regard to the future crisis. This will be making a time of trouble beforehand, and we will receive no grace for any such anticipated troubles.... When the scene of sore conflict comes, we have learned the lesson of holy confidence, of blessed trust, and we place our hands in the hands of Christ, our feet on the Rock of Ages, and we are secure from storm, from tempest. We are to wait on our Lord. Jesus will be an ever-present help in every time of need.—Letter 11a, 1884. 3SM 383.4

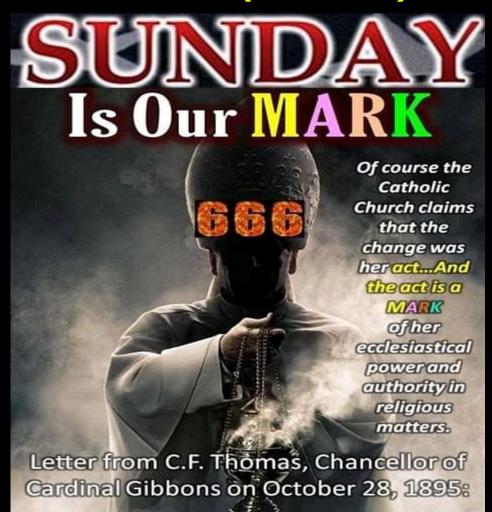
You inquire in regard to the course which should be pursued to secure the rights of our people to worship according to the dictates of our own conscience. This has been a burden on my soul for some time, whether it would be a denial of our faith, and an evidence that our trust was not fully in God. But I call to mind many things God has shown me in the past in regard to things of a similar character, as the draft [during the American Civil War] and other things. I can speak in the fear of God, it is right we should use every power we can to avert pressure that is being brought to bear upon our people... 3SM 384.1





Don't Borrow Trouble for a Future Crisis (cont'd)

[We are] not to provoke those who have accepted the spurious sabbath, an institution of the Papacy, in the place of God's holy Sabbath. They're not having the Bible arguments in their favor makes them all the angrier and more determined to supply the place of arguments that are wanting in the Word of God by the power of their might. The force of persecution follows the steps of the dragon. Therefore, great care should be exercised to give no provocation. And again, let us as a people, as far as possible, cleanse the camp of moral defilement and aggravating sins.... 3SM 384.2 All the policy in the world cannot save us from a terrible sifting, and all the efforts made with high authorities will not lift from us the scourging of God, just because sin is cherished. If as a people we do not keep ourselves in the faith and not only advocate with pen and voice the commandments of God, but keep them everyone, not violating a single precept knowingly, then weakness and ruin will come upon us.... 35M 384.3





Appeals of No Avail Without Working of the Holy Spirit!

All the struggles to carry our appeals to the highest authorities in our land, however earnest and strong and eloquent may be the pleas in our favor, will not bring about that which we desire, unless the Lord works by His Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who claim to believe the truth. We may struggle as a mighty man in swimming against the current of Niagara, but we shall fail unless the Lord pleads in our behalf. God will be honoured among His people. They must be pure, they must be divested of self, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.... 3SM 385.1

Christ's Teachings on the Holy Spirit

- The Work of the Holy Spirit
 - John 14:26: Teach all things, bring to remembrance all that Jesus taught (revelation).
 - John 15:26: Testify of Jesus (revelation).
 - John 16:8-9: Convict the world of sin, righteousness, judgment to come (through revelation).
 - John 16:13: Guide unto all truth (revelation)
 - John 16:13: Tell of things to come (revelation-1 Tim. 4:1).
 - John 16:14: Glorify Christ (revelation-Acts 2:36).
 - John 16:14: Declare what is Christ's (revelation)
 - Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:8: Endow with power.



Laws to Exalt the False Sabbath

We are to be ready and waiting for the orders of God. Nations will be stirred to their very centre. Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the decree of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast.... 3SM 385.2

LOOK WHO IS SITTING ON A THRONE BETWEEN TWO CHERIBIM AS IF HE IS GOD.



Appeals of No Avail Without Working of the Holy Spirit! (cont'd)

The great issue so near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed, and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.... 3SM 385.3

A new life is proceeding from satanic agencies to work with a power we have not hitherto realized. And shall not a new power from above take possession of God's people?—<u>Letter 55, 1886</u>. 3SM 385.4

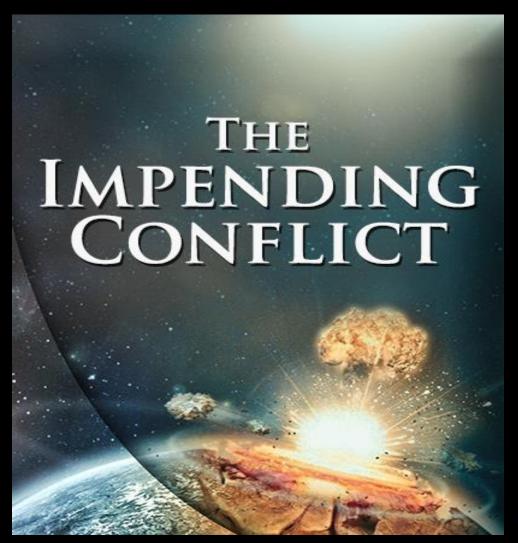
We must soon wrestle with the powers of the land, and we have every reason to fear that falsehood will gain the mastery. We shall call upon our churches in the name of the Lord to view this struggle in its true light. [See Testimonies for the Church 5:711-718.



Appeals of No Avail Without Working of the Holy Spirit! (cont'd)

"The Impending Conflict" (1889).— Compilers.] It is a contest between the Christianity of the Old and New Testaments, and the Christianity of human tradition and corrupt fables. 3SM 385.5

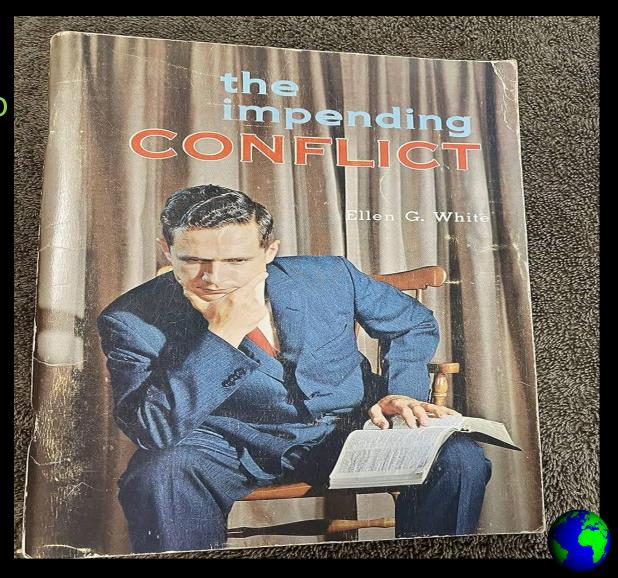
This contest is to decide whether the pure gospel shall have the field in our nation, or whether the popery of past ages shall receive the right hand of fellowship from Protestantism, and this power prevail to restrict religious liberty.... The message must go broadcast, that those who have been imperceptibly tampering with popery, not knowing what they were doing, may hear. They are fraternizing with popery by compromises and by concessions which surprise the adherents of the papacy.... 3SM 386.1





God's Children in Other Churches

God has children, many of them, in the Protestant churches, and a large number in the Catholic churches, who are truer to obey the light and to do [to] the very best of their knowledge than a large number among Sabbath keeping Adventists who do not walk in the light. The Lord will have the message of truth proclaimed, that Protestants may be warned and awakened to the true state of things and consider the worth of the privilege of religious freedom which they have long enjoyed. 3SM 386.2



Sunday Amendment in the United States

This land has been the home of the oppressed, the witness for liberty of conscience, and the great centre of scriptural light. God has sent messengers [A. T. Jones and others.] who have studied their Bibles to find what is truth, and studied the movements of those who are acting their part in the fulfilling prophecy in bringing about the religious amendment which is making void the law of God and thus giving ascendancy to the man of sin. And shall no voice be raised of direct warning to arouse the churches to their danger? Shall we let things drift, and let Satan have the victory without a protest? God forbid.... 3SM 386.3



Many Not in Our Ranks to Come to the Front

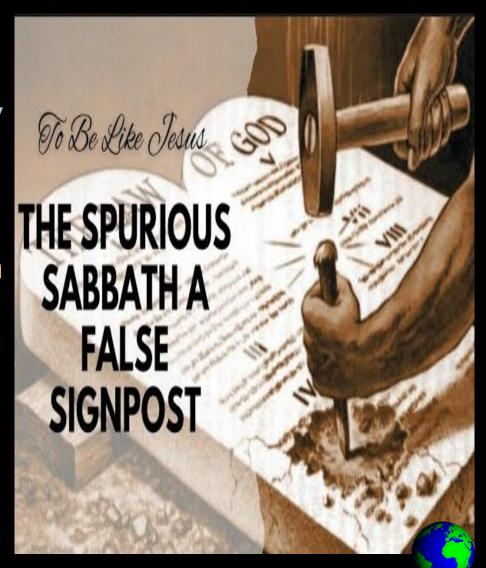
There are many souls to come out of the ranks of the world, out of the churches even the Catholic Church—whose zeal will far exceed that of those who have stood in rank and file to proclaim the truth heretofore. For this reason, the eleventhhour laborers will receive their penny. These will see the battle coming and will give the trumpet a certain sound. When the crisis is upon us, when the season of calamity shall come, they will come to the front, gird themselves with the whole armour of God, and exalt His law, adhere to the faith of Jesus, and maintain the cause of religious liberty which reformers defended with toil and for which they sacrificed their lives.... 3SM 386.4



A Spurious Sabbath the Issue

A spurious sabbath is presented to be legislated into power, compelling the observance of a sabbath which God has not enjoined upon man. The persecutions of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost annihilated, will be more than rivalled, when Protestantism and popery are combined.... 3SM 387.1

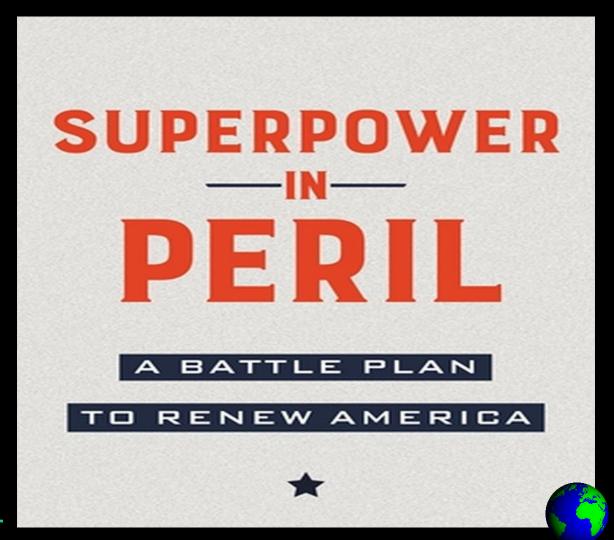
Our own land is to become a battlefield on which is to be carried on the struggle for religious liberty—to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Then can we not discern the work of the enemy in keeping men asleep who ought to be awake, whose influence shall not be neutral, but wholly and entirely on the Lord's side? Shall men cry, Peace and safety, now, when sudden destruction is coming upon the world, when God's wrath shall be poured out?—Manuscript 30, 1889. 3SM 387.2



America Can Become the Place of Greatest Peril

America, ... where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light.... 3SM 387.3

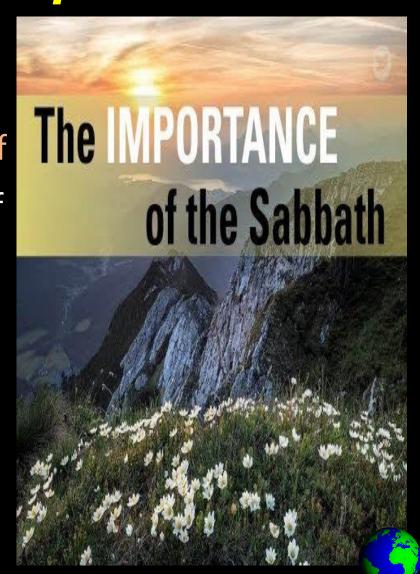
The more nearly we approach the closing scenes of this earth's history, the more pronounced will be the work of Satan. Every species of deception will take the lead to divert the mind from God through Satan's devices.—<u>Letter 23c, 1894</u>. 3SM 387.4



An Early View of Sabbath Importance

I saw that we sensed and realized but little of the importance of the Sabbath, to what we yet should realize and know of its importance and glory. I saw we knew not what it was yet to ride upon the high places of the earth and to be fed with the heritage of Jacob. But when the refreshing and latter rain shall come from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power, we shall know what it is to be fed with the heritage of Jacob and ride upon the high places of the earth. Then shall we see the Sabbath more in its importance and glory. 3SM 388.1

But we shall not see it in all its glory and importance until the covenant of peace is made with us at the voice of God, and the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem are thrown open and swing back on their glittering hinges, and the glad and joyful voice of the lovely Jesus is heard richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear bidding us enter.—<u>Letter 3</u>, 1851. 3SM 388.2



An Early View of Sabbath Importance (cont'd)

We must take a firm stand that we will not reverence the first day of the week as the Sabbath, for it is not the day that was blessed and sanctified by Jehovah, and in reverencing Sunday, we should place ourselves on the side of the great deceiver. The controversy of the Sabbath will open the subject to the people, and an opportunity will be given that the claims of the genuine Sabbath may be presented.... 3SM 388.3

The God-fearing, commandment-keeping people should be diligent, not only in prayer, but in action, and this will bring the truth before those who have never heard it.... 3SM 388.4

When the law of God has been made void, and apostasy becomes a national sin, the Lord will work on behalf of His people. Their extremity will be His opportunity. He will manifest His power on behalf of His church.... 3SM 388.5

15 Reasons Why You Should Keep the Sabbath Day

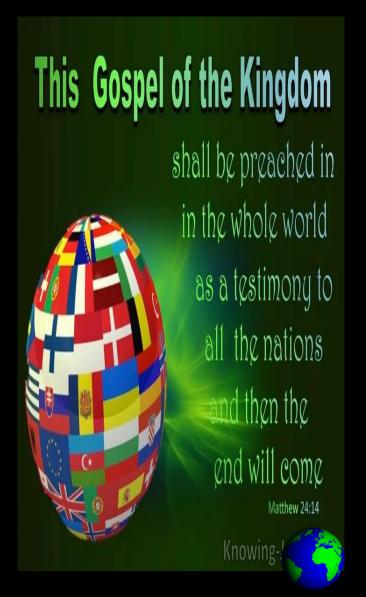
- 1. God commands us to keep the Sabbath
- 2. The Sabbath is God's sign to His people
 - 3. Jesus kept the Sabbath
- 4. The Apostles and first-century assembly of God kept the Sabbath
 - 5. We ought to obey God rather men
 - 6. The Sabbath gives you physical rest
 - 7. The Sabbath elevates our uniqueness as human beings
- 8. The Sabbath reminds us how He freed us from the penalty of sin
 - 9. The Sabbath strengthens relationships among people
 - 10. The Sabbath Command values the life of animals
 - 11. The Sabbath reminds us who our Creator is
 - 12. The Sabbath brings us closer to God
 - 13. The Sabbath helps us learn more about God
 - 14. The Sabbath brings great blessings
 - 15. The Sabbath pictures the coming rest for God's people

A Time to Witness

The Lord has enlightened us in regard to what is coming upon the earth that we may enlighten others, and we shall not be held guiltless if we are content to sit at ease, with folded hands, and quibble over matters of minor importance.... 3SM 388.6

The people must not be left to stumble their way along in darkness, not knowing what is before them, and unprepared for the great issues that are coming. There is a work to be done for this time in fitting a people to stand in the day of trouble, and all must act their part in this work. They must be clothed with the righteousness of Christ and be so fortified by the truth that the delusions of Satan shall not be accepted by them as genuine manifestations of the power of God.... 3SM 389.1

It is a solemn time for God's people, but if they stand close by the bleeding side of Jesus, he will be their defense. He will open ways that the message of light may come to the great men, to authors and lawmakers. They will have opportunities of which you do not now dream, and some of them will boldly advocate the claims of God's downtrodden law.... 3SM 389.2



Satan's Strategy in the Final Conflict

There is now need of earnest working men and women who will seek for the salvation of souls, for Satan as a powerful general has taken the field, and in this last remnant of time he is working through all conceivable methods to close the door against light that God would have come to His people. He is sweeping the whole world into his ranks, and the few who are faithful to God's requirements are the only ones who can ever withstand him, and even these he is trying to overcome.... 3SM 389.3



Satan's Strategy in the Final Conflict (cont'd)

Go to God for yourselves; pray for divine enlightenment, that you may know that you do know what is truth, that when the wonderful miracle-working power shall be displayed, and the enemy shall come as an angel of light, you may distinguish between the genuine work of God and the imitative work or the powers of darkness.... 3SM 389.4

A world is to be warned, and when the third angel's message goes forth with a loud cry, minds will be fully prepared to make decisions for or against the truth. The great change is to be made by Satan and his evil angels, united with evil men who will fix their destiny by making void the law of God in the face of convincing evidence from His Word that it is unchangeable and eternal. 3SM 389.5



Loud Cry of Third Angel's Message

The very time of which the prophet has written will come, and the mighty cry of the third angel will be heard in the earth, his glory will lighten the world, and the message will triumph, but those who do not walk in its light will not triumph with it... 3SM 390.1

The solemn time has come when ministers should be weeping between the porch and the altar, crying, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach" (Joel 2:17). It is a day when, instead of lifting up their souls in self-sufficiency, ministers and people should be confessing their sins before God and one another. 3SM 390.2



An Army of Believers Who Stand the Last Test

The law of God is made void, and even among those who advocate its binding claims are some who break its sacred precepts. The Bible will be opened from house to house, and men and women will find access to these homes, and minds will be opened to receive the Word of God; and, when the crisis comes, many will be prepared to make right decisions, even in the face of the formidable difficulties that will be brought about through the deceptive miracles of Satan. Although these will confess the truth and become workers with Christ at the eleventh hour, they will receive equal wages with those who have wrought through the whole day. There will be an army of steadfast believers who will stand as firm as a rock through the last test.... 3SM 390.3



An Army of Believers Who Stand the Last Test (cont'd)

Increased light will shine upon all the grand truths of prophecy, and they will be seen in freshness and brilliancy, because the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness will illuminate the whole... 3SM 390.4

When the angel was about to unfold to Daniel the intensely interesting prophecies to be recorded for us who are to witness their fulfilment, the angel said, "Be strong, yea, be strong" (Daniel 10:19). We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel, because it is for God's people in these last days, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound.—Manuscript 18, 1888. 3SM 390.5

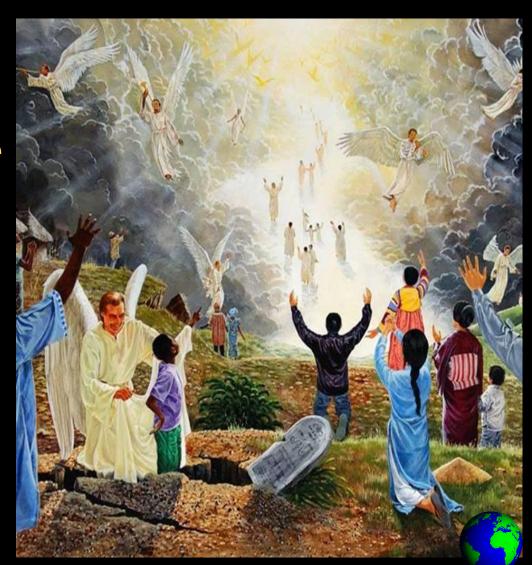


An Army of Believers Who Stand the Last Test (cont'd)

When Christ shall come the second time, the whole world will be represented by two classes, the just and the unjust, the righteous and the unrighteous. Preceding the great sign of the coming of the Son of man, there will be signs and wonders in the heavens.... 3SM 391.1

Already sprinklings from the vials of God's wrath have been let fall upon land and sea, affecting the elements of the air. The causes of these unusual conditions are being searched for, but in vain. 3SM 391.2

God has not restrained the powers of darkness from carrying forward their deadly work of vitiating the air, one of the sources of life and nutrition, with a deadly miasma. Not only is vegetable life affected, but man suffers from pestilence.... 3SM 391.3



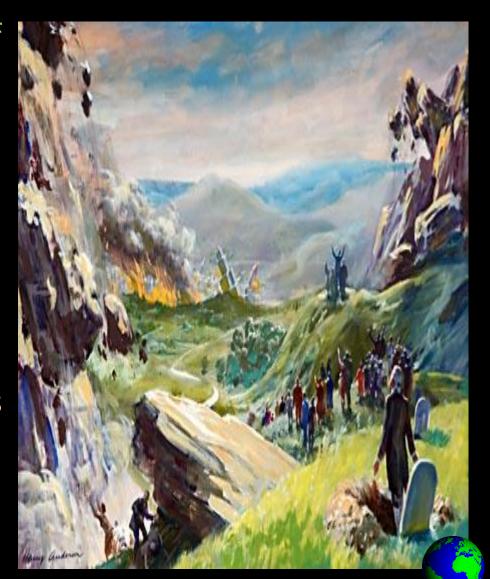
Physical and Religious World to Be Shaken

These things are the result of drops from the vials of God's wrath being sprinkled on the earth and are but faint representations of what will be in the near future. 3SM 391.4

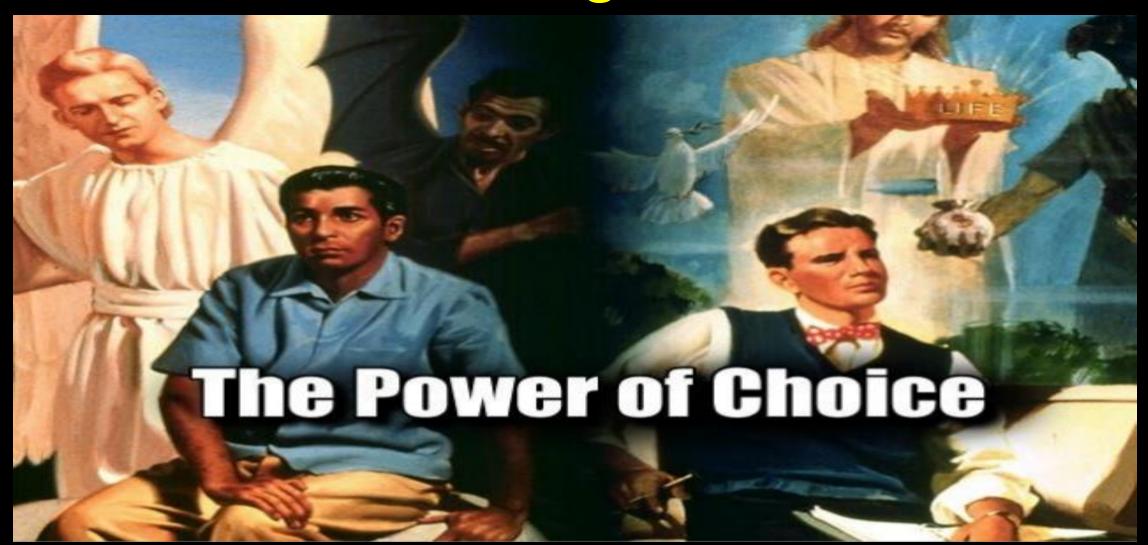
Earthquakes in various places have been felt, but these disturbances have been very limited.... Terrible shocks will come upon the earth, and the lordly palaces erected at great expense will certainly become heaps of ruins. 3SM 391.5

The earth's crust will be rent by the outbursts of the elements concealed in the bowels of the earth. These elements, once broken loose, will sweep away the treasures of those who for years have been adding to their wealth by securing large possessions at starvation prices from those in their employ. 3SM 391.6

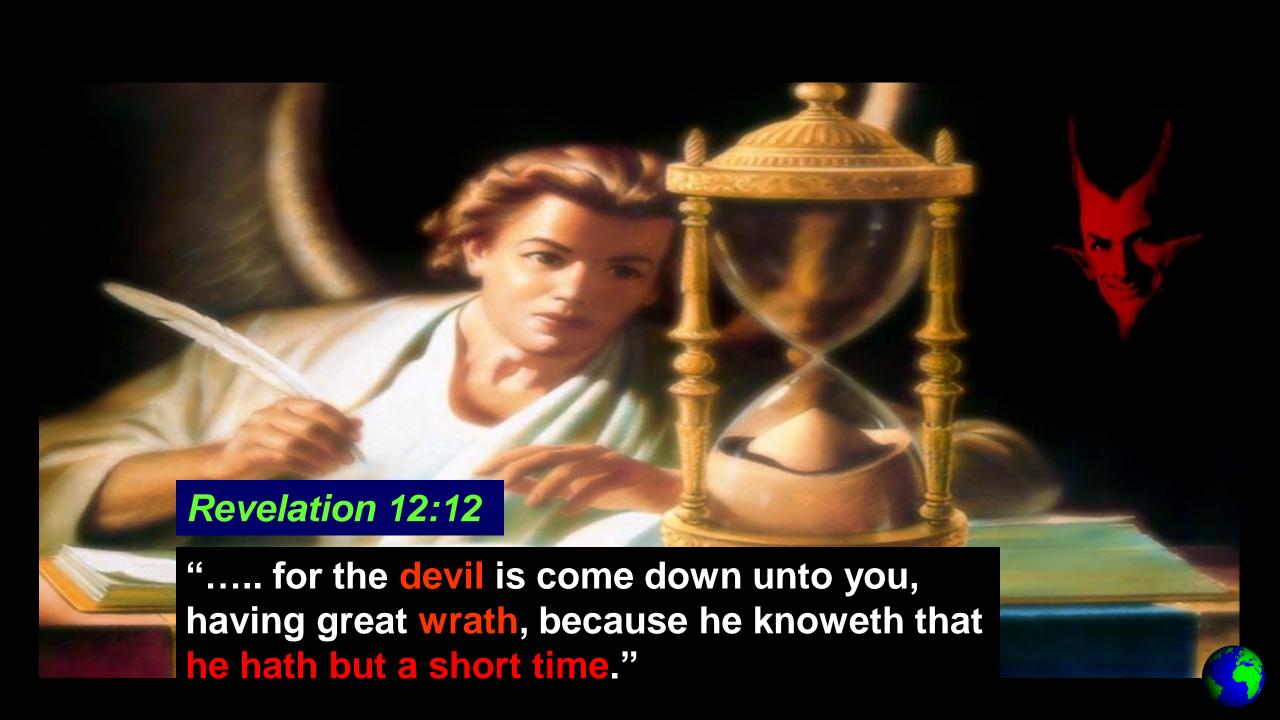
And the religious world too, is to be terribly shaken, for the end of all things is at hand.... All society is ranging into two great classes, the obedient and the disobedient.... 35M 391.7



God has given all:







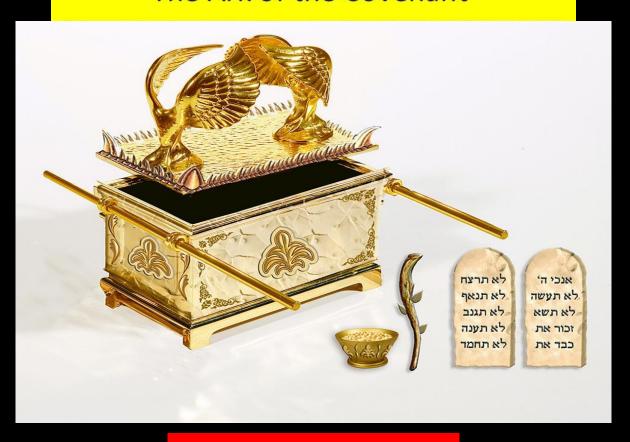
Enter The Ark of Hope

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





