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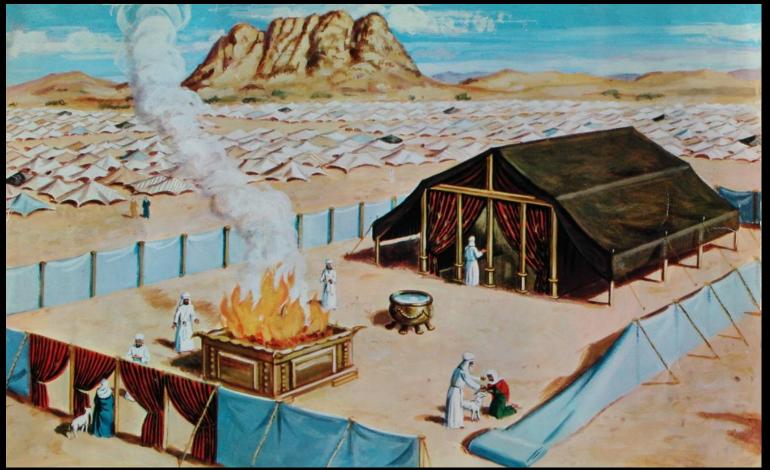
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Exodus 25:8

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And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24



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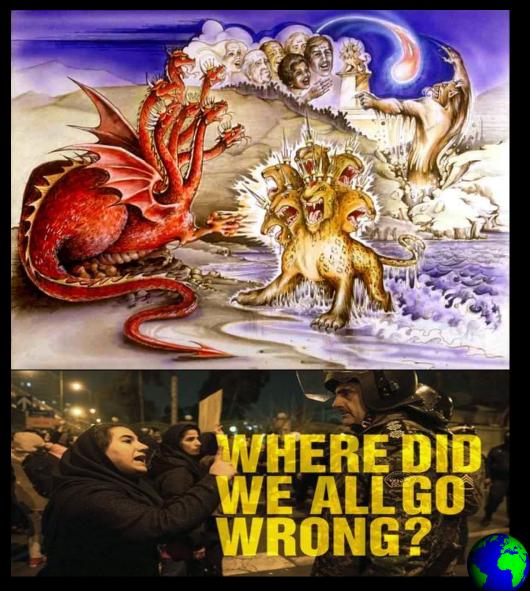
Introduction

The concept of the triune nature of God is found all through the Bible. However, in the context of end-time deceptions and persecution, the book of Revelation reveals a "counterfeit trinity" composed of the dragon, the sea beast, and the land beast of Revelation 13.

The power displayed in combination of this counterfeit trinity will be so powerful that if some do not know the word of God, it is they will be deceived into thinking they are following God.

Anything that takes you away from the authority of the scriptures and from the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and from the moral influence of Holy Spirit will all be counterfeit religion.

The dragon here has been seen as the counterfeit of the Father, in that he is the one clearly in control. He also gives power and authority and a throne to the sea-beast, the one counterfeiting Christ. Why is this second power seen as a counterfeit Christ? Read Revelation 12:17; & 13:1-2.



Introduction (cont'd)

Besides receiving its authority from the dragon, reminiscent of what Jesus said about receiving His authority from the Father (see <u>Matthew 28:18</u>), this sea beast also faced, like Jesus, a death and then a resurrection (see <u>Revelation 13:3</u>). Also, this beast is described as exerting his authority for "forty-two months", or three-and-a-half years, a prophetic counterfeit of Christ's literal three-and-a-half-year ministry, based on the day-for-year principle. Read <u>Revelation 13:2-5</u>.

The land beast promotes the interests of the sea beast, just as the Holy Spirit glorified not Himself but Jesus (<u>John 16:13-14</u>). Also, just as the Holy Spirit performed a powerful act in bringing down "fire" from heaven (<u>Acts 2:3</u>), the land beast performs something similar. Read <u>Revelation 13:11-17</u>.

"At the end, the land beast performs a counterfeit of Pentecost! For what purpose? To prove to the world that the counterfeit trinity is the true God".





Satan the Originator of Deception

Even in heaven, before his expulsion, Satan worked to deceive the angels. "Leaving his place in the immediate presence of God, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels. Working with mysterious secrecy, and for a time concealing his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God, he endeavored to excite dissatisfaction concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings, intimating that they imposed an unnecessary restraint". — The Great Controversy, p. 495.

In Eden, he disguised himself as a serpent and used trickery against Eve. All through history, up through today, and even after the millennium, he will use deception (Revelation 20:8) in an attempt to gain his ends.





Satan is smarter than humans

Unfortunately, he's much smarter, more powerful, and craftier than any of us, which is why we need to cling to Jesus and to His Word in order to protect ourselves from his wiles. "But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you" (Deuteronomy 4:4). The principle espoused here, indeed, still holds true today, as well.

We will look at some of the devil's most effective deceptions and how we can be protected from them. The "cosmic controversy", which, unfortunately, has reached beyond the cosmos to our earth itself.

The problem, though, is that many people, Christians included, don't believe in this great controversy because they don't believe in Satan. For them, Bible texts talking about Satan or the devil are merely the expressions of a prescientific culture trying to explain evil and suffering in the world. For way too many people the idea of a literal, supernatural entity who has malevolent designs on humanity is the stuff of science fiction "Star Wars" or the like.





The Grandest Deception

Revelation shows us just how much power Satan will have over so many inhabitants of the world in the final days, leading them not only away from salvation but toward persecuting those who stay faithful to Jesus.

Of all Satan's "devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11) — a translation of the Greek word for "mind" (noemata) — perhaps the greatest deception is to cause people to believe that he does not exist. After all, who's going to seek shelter from an overpowering enemy who you don't believe is real? It's astonishing how many claim to be Christians and yet don't take the idea of a literal devil seriously. They hold such a position, however, only by ignoring or radically reinterpreting the many texts in the Word of God that reveal his workings and ploys in this world, especially as we near the end of time. That so many people would reject the literal existence of Satan, even in the face of such overwhelming biblical evidence, should be a powerful reminder to us of just how crucial it is that we understand what the Bible really teaches.



The Two Great Errors

Our enemy in the great controversy has many ploys designed to deceive all whom he can. As Christians, we need to be aware of those ploys, and we can do that only through knowing the Bible and obeying what it teaches.

Ellen G. White explains what two of those grand deceptions are: "Through the two great errors, the SABBA immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience". — The Great Controversy, p. 588.

Who Will You Serve?



God, And His Law Or Men, And Their Traditions?



Sabbath and the Theory of Evolution

As much success as Satan has had deceiving the world in regard to the immortality of the soul, he's been just as successful, if not more so, in usurping the biblical Sabbath for Sunday and has done so for most of Christian history.

In recent years, the devil has come up with another deception that lessens the hold of the seventh-day Sabbath in the minds of people: The Theory of Evolution. - Read Genesis 1-2:3.

Even the broadest reading of these verses reveals two points about the biblical account of Creation:

<u>First</u>, everything was planned and calculated; nothing was random, arbitrary, or by chance. Scripture leaves no room whatsoever for chance in the process of Creation.

Second, the texts reveal unambiguously that each creature was made after its own kind; that is, each one was made separately and distinctly from the others. The Bible teaches nothing about a common natural ancestry (such as from a primeval simple cell) for all life on earth.



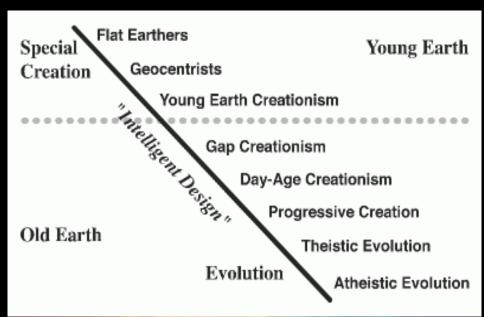


Creation Vs Evolution

Even from a nonliteralist interpretation of Genesis, these two points are obvious: nothing was random in the act of Creation, and there was no common natural ancestry for all species.

Now along comes Darwinian evolution, which in its various forms teaches two things: randomness and a common natural ancestry for all species.

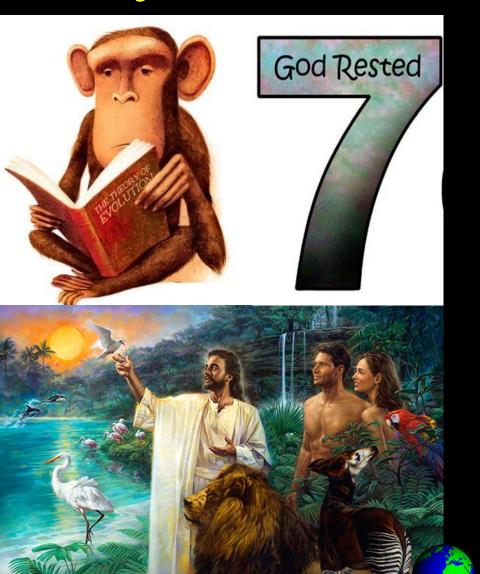
Why then do so many people interpret Genesis through the lens of a theory that, at its most basic level, contradicts Genesis at its most basic level? Indeed, not only has the error of evolution swept millions of secular people, but many professed Christians believe that they can harmonize it with their Christian faith, despite the blatant contradictions just mentioned.





Evolution and Sabbath Day

However, the implications of evolution in the context of final events make the danger of the deception even more apparent. Why take seriously a day, the seventh-day Sabbath, as a memorial — not for a six-day creation, but for a creation that took about 3 billion years (the latest date that life supposedly first started on earth by evolusionists)? Evolution denudes the seventh day of any real importance because it turns the six days of Creation into nothing but a myth similar to the one that says Romulus and Remus were nursed by wolves. Also, who, believing that creation required billions of years instead of six days, would actually risk persecution, or death, by standing for the Sabbath as opposed to Sunday?



Darwinism and Seventh-day Adventism

Let's dwell more on the implications of the theory of evolution in the context of last-day events, especially in regard to the role of the Sabbath. One reason that Charles Darwin, the originator of the theory, promoted evolution was that — not understanding the great controversy-he had a difficult time reconciling evil and suffering with the idea of a benevolent and loving Creator. Because of this error, he looked in another direction for answers. It wasn't a coincidence, either, that during the mid-to-late 1800s, as Darwin was revising and reworking his theory of evolution, God raised up a movement, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which countered everything for which Darwin's theory stood. How interesting that the Seventhday Adventist Church, whose creationist underpinnings are revealed in its very name, started growing and expanding at about the same time that Darwin's theory did, as well.





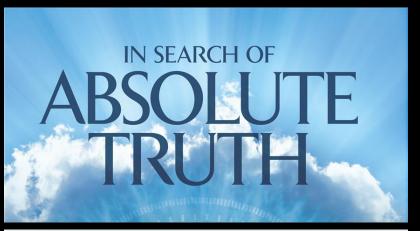
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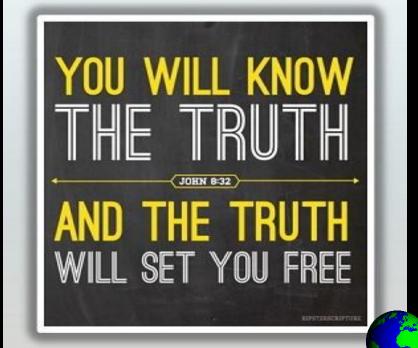
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One needs to seek the clear Truth

Who knows, but had Darwin read and believed these few short lines from Ellen G. White, the world might have been spared one of the grandest blunders of human thought since geocentricism and spontaneous generation: "Although the earth was blighted with the curse, nature was still to be man's lesson book. It could not now represent goodness only; for evil was everywhere present, marring earth and sea and air with its defiling touch. Where once was written only the character of God, the knowledge of good, was now written also the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil. From nature, which now revealed the knowledge of good and evil, man was continually to receive warning as to the results of sin". — Education, p. 26.

As it was, Darwin devised his evolutionary speculations, all based on a false understanding of the nature and character of God and the fallen world in which we live. Unfortunately, the implications of his theory will make people prey to Satan's deceptions, especially in the final crisis.





Seventh-day Adventism is the last Baton

What is it that Seventh-day Adventism has to offer the world? Are we kinder than other people? Are we more Christ-like than the average Christian? Do we offer a clearer picture of the gospel than other churches? Are we more psychologically healthy? The research is in on that one, and it isn't pretty. So that's not where it's at.

The decisive difference between Adventists and all other faiths, it seems, is that they are a "people of prophecy." God has called them as a people to play a unique role in the final events of earth's history. As in the case of the ancient Israelites, we weren't called to this role because we're kinder, nicer, or smarter than other people. We came to understand this role because it's been marked out with prophetic certainty. God has many faithful ones in other denominations, but no other movement has been given as clear a picture of end-time reality as Seventh-day Adventists.





An evil, counterfeit trinity is now making ready for war

Why is the Seventh-day Adventist role in God's plan important? For the answer to that question we need to turn to the book of Revelation.

Let's begin with Revelation 12:17, a nutshell summary of the whole end-time scenario: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.".

* We see here that there are two sides in the final conflict, the dragon on the one hand, and the remnant on the other.

But a strange thing happens here. The text says that the dragon "went" to wage war. Now, that is strange. If one wanted to wage war with someone, they would walk up to them and punch them right in the nose/face. But the dragon doesn't do that. Instead, he "goes" to wage war. Why? Because the dragon was furious (Vs 12) and frustrated by his repeated failures. He was not strong enough to last in heaven (Vs 8), he failed to destroy the Man-Child (Jesus) of the woman (Vs 3-5), and he failed to destroy the woman (church) herself (Vs 16). So now he wages war with the remnant who keep the 10 commandments (Vs 17).





The Demonic Trinity

But the dragon goes away instead of confronting the situation. Because of his repeated failures he realizes he doesn't have the strength to defeat God's purposes, so he decides to enter the final conflict with allies: a beast from the sea and a beast from the earth. So now the remainder are faced with three opponents: The Dragon, The Sea Beast & The Land Beast.

In the book of Revelation, God is often spoken of in threes: Father, Son & Holy Spirit (Revelation 1). So the dragon, the sea beast, and the land beast (Revelation 13) would seem to be a counterfeit of the holy Three. They portray themselves as a divine alternative to the true Godhead.





The Devil's Counterfeit - Sea Beast

The parallel becomes even more interesting when we examine the features of the sea beast (Revelation 13: 1 - 10), portrayed as a parody of Jesus Christ.

We see this in Revelation 13:1,2: "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion:"

This, in fact, is a double parody. First of all, if you saw an animal with seven heads and 10 horns, you would know that you had been hallucinating. There is no such animal. But if you saw two animals with seven heads and 10 horns, you would suspect that you have a species-two of a kind. As strange as the dragon looks, the sea beast looks just like him, with seven heads and 10 horns. In the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). So at this level also the sea beast is a parody or counterfeit of Jesus Christ.



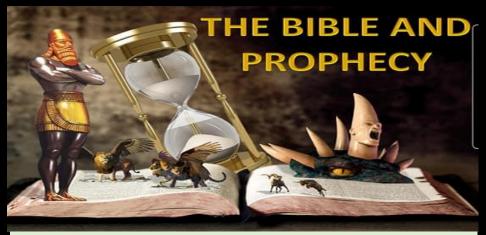


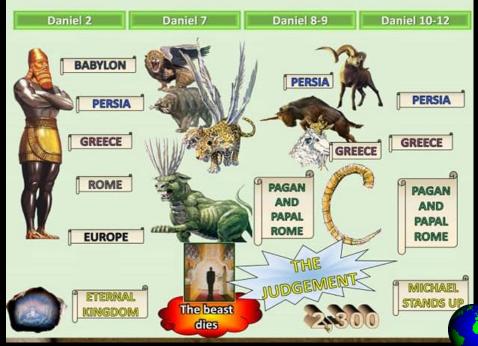
Consider the following passages:

- 1. Revelation 13:2: "And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard (Greece), and his feet were as the feet of a bear (Medo-Persia), and his mouth as the mouth of a lion (Babylon): and the dragon (Satan) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. "This text tells us that the sea beast gets his authority from the dragon.

 In Matthew 28:18 Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

 So once again the sea beast relates to the Dragon in the same way that Jesus relates to His Father.
- 2. 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." What is a fatal wound? A fatal wound is a wound that kills you, right? Now, if you're dead and a healing takes place, what do we call that? A resurrection. So this sea beast counterfeits the death and resurrection of Jesus.





Counterfeiting the ministry of Jesus

Might it also be that this program of counterfeit even attempts to mimic the ministry of Jesus? Jesus' ministry lasted three and a half years. But the sea beast has a ministry too. Notice Revelation 13:5: "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. Which amounts to three and a half years. Thus the sea beast counterfeits not only the position of Jesus within the Godhead but also the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

So although there are many animals in the Revelation story, it really is not about animals at all. The message, rather, is that there will be a counterfeit of Jesus Christ in the last days of earth's history. There will be powers (and perhaps even a person – (see 2 Thessalonians 2) that will talk, look, and act like Jesus Christ.





THE COUNTERFEIT TRINITY/GODHEAD

The Final Confederacy, explains:

Revelation 16:13-14 discusses end-time Babylon's three-part cohort that will fight against God and His people. This study will explain each of the three components, and what they symbolize.

Now, if the dragon is a counterfeit of God the Father and the sea beast is a counterfeit of God the Son, then the land beast would seem to be a counterfeit of the Holy Spirit. And so it is. Notice Revelation 13:11: "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."





Dragon = SATAN (Lucifer)

The Dragon is identified as Satan, and represents a hidden god, a counterfeit of God the Father. Satan has always wanted to usurp God's power and position—to take the place of God. As the counterfeit God the Father, Satan now hopes to gain the allegiance of the world to overcome God's kingdom.

His workings are disguised, and his power is made manifest through spiritualism in all its forms. In addition to the obvious manifestations of Satan through demons, spirits, and witchcraft, Satan also pulls people away from God to himself through the modern New Age movement, another form of spiritualism. This movement is one of the manifestations of the Dragon component.



Sea Beast = Papacy (Pope of Rome)

The Beast represents the false son or counterfeit of Jesus Christ.

It is Roman Catholicism, claiming to be the representative of Christ on Earth.

- Just as Christ received a mortal wound at the cross, so the Beast received a mortal wound but lived. (AD 1798)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead, so the mortal wound of the Beast has begun healing. (AD 1929: Lateran Treaty)
- <u>Just as Christ is to receive all homage</u>, so the whole world will wonder after the Beast (the Papacy), and pay it homage.
- Just as at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, so the Papacy today demands acknowledgement of its supremacy. (claims to be God and in the veil of Jesus on earth)



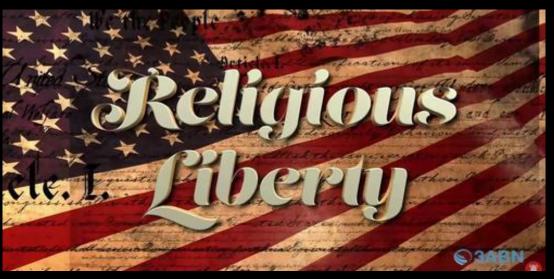


False Prophet = AMERICA (USA)

The final component of Babylon is the False Prophet, which counterfeits the Holy Spirit. The best-known experience of the Holy Spirit in the Bible was Pentecost, when tongues of fire came down upon the disciples, filling them with the Holy Spirit, and empowering them to speak in tongues so they could spread the Gospel.

The counterfeit holy spirit has a similar manifestation.

We have learned from previous studies that the second beast of Revelation 13, America, will compel the world to worship the first beast, papal Rome, whose deadly wound was healed. America will play an important role in establishing the Papacy 's status as spiritual leader, and will comprise a part of the end-time Babylonian confederacy.





False Prophet = AMERICA (cont'd)

In Protestant America, we see manifestations of tongues and healings that aren't being used for spreading the Gospel but are a counterfeit. These experiences are full of emotionalism and euphoria, but don't actually glorify God.

Also known as Pentecostalism, these great miracles, signs, and wonders are the False Prophet's way of unifying denominations under false doctrine.

When Christ prayed for unity within His Church, He never meant unity through compromise, but always unity in truth. The Protestant churches who join themselves to Rome by accepting papal supremacy become part of Babylon and thus form this third component of end-time Babylon, the False Prophet.





Jesus the Lamb that taketh away sin

In the King James Version the word "lamb" occurs 29 times in the book of Revelation, 28 of which are references to Jesus. The other occurrence is here. This beast too is like Christ. But do you remember what the Holy Spirit is called in the Gospel of John? A comforter! Yes, but that is not the whole story. In John 14:16 the Holy Spirit is called "another Comforter". Who is the Comforter? It is Jesus.

The scene is the upper room just before the crucifixion of Jesus The disciples are quite depressed. They have heard that Jesus is going away. But Jesus says, "Don't worry; I will send you another Comforter. Someone who will comfort you the same way I do." The work of the Holy Spirit is to replace the work of Jesus in the lives of the disciples. The Spirit operates on the model of the work of Jesus and carries it out for Him. The Holy Spirit is "like the Lamb." And so the land beast of Revelation 13 is like the sea beast.





2nd Beast is the replica of the 1st Beast

- 3. Revelation 13:12: "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." The land beast is interested in promoting not himself, but rather the power and interests of the sea beast. The Holy Spirit speaks not of Himself, but rather of Christ (John 16:13). It is therefore clear that the dragon, the sea beast, and the land beast together are portrayed as a deliberate parody or counterfeit of the true Godhead.
- 4. Revelation 13:13: "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men," It was the Holy Spirit who brought fire from heaven to earth to anoint the original disciples at Pentecost (Acts 2). What we have here is a counterfeit of not only the Holy Spirit, but Pentecost.





Ability to bring fire from heaven

Why does the fire come down here?

Revelation 13:14: "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

These texts indicate that there is to be a great, final, worldwide deception in which a counterfeit trinity will stand in the place of God. The purpose of the counterfeit is to deceive the world. The counterfeit Pentecost confuses people about the true God and His purposes for the last days of earth's history.





Ability to bring fire from heaven (cont'd)

The United States certainly has the capacity to make fire come down from heaven in a military capacity, but these words have a spiritual connotation as well.

When Elijah told the children of Israel to choose between the God of heaven and Baal, the contest was to be decided by which god would rain fire from heaven (1 Kings 18). We know that the God of Israel displayed His power to prove that He was the true God. Satan would have loved to rain fire on that occasion, but God curtailed his power.



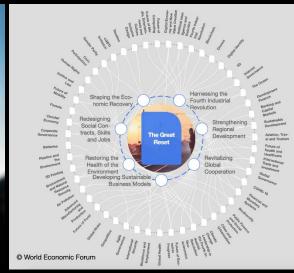


Ability to bring fire from heaven (cont'd)

At the end of time, there will once again be a decision to make. Perhaps fire will come down from heaven, but the verse says it will be a deceiving fire, which means it will not be from God.

When this fire comes, the truth of God's Word will be the only thing keeping God's people from being deceived. When Satan tried to deceive **Christ by misapplying Scripture, Jesus** answered him with more Scripture (Matthew 4:1-11). Christ has already made all things plain in His Word. He has given His Holy Spirit to us to lead us into truth, and there will be no need for Him to prove anything through manifestations. If people do not want to believe the plain statements of the Word, Christ will not force them.







Ability to bring fire from heaven (cont'd)

The False Holy Spirit:

One of the three components of the endtime Babylonian confederacy is the <u>False</u> <u>Prophet</u> representing the false holy spirit. <u>In Scripture</u>, fire can signify the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is a prime example of this Holy Spirit fire. As the disciples were praying together, flames of fire settled on them, signifying the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that would empower them to preach the Gospel in the power of God.

It is very possible that the fire from heaven will be an outpouring of the false Holy Spirit that will deceive people into accepting Satan's lies. When religious and political leaders witness the miracles of the false Holy Spirit, they will be convinced that they are dealing with the power of God.





Ability to bring fire from heaven (cont'd)

This has already happened with the Toronto Blessing and charismatic movement in both Catholic and Protestant Churches. In fact, speaking in tongues or laughing in the Lord is considered a sign of one's spirituality. Weeping statues and apparitions are also seen as a sign of the presence of God.

As we can see in the following video clip, preacher Benny Hinn claims to have God's power to heal people, and even claims to have seen Jesus. The vision Hinn describes sounds a lot like the New Age Maitreya.

Through these many signs, wonders, and ecstatic experiences, the world is being set up to receive the false Christ, or Maitreya, and the one world religion known in the Bible as "Babylon."

A foreshadowing of these events is already taking place around the world. There have been a great number of signs and wonders taking place within Catholicism, the New Age movement, and some even in Islamic locales.



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The Devils Dealings with Humans

The devil has two primary methods of dealing with human beings: on the one hand, he counterfeits the work of God to deceive and persuade; and on the other, he uses force, trying to persuade by intimidation and persecution.

In the course of history, force has had its limits and persecution has often backfired. When a person's faith comes under threat, it often becomes stronger. In the face of violent opposition, prayers become charged with importance and fervency.

In the last days of earth's history, Satan brings in deception refined almost to perfection so that people will not be able to tell which side is right whether they are dealing with Christ or Satan. In the last days things will not be as they seem to be.





Unclean Spirits-Like Frogs

There is one further passage in Revelation that speaks to this end time deception. It's Revelation 16:13 - the famous battle of Armageddon passage: "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."

Who are the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet? They are the same counterfeit trinity as in Revelation 13. The "beast" refers to the sea beast, and the "false prophet" refers to the land beast (see also Revelation 19:20). Out of the mouths of each of these characters comes an evil spirit that looks like a frog.



The Satanic Trinity

The Dragon



The False Prophet



The Beast



Why frogs, of all things?

The background of Revelation 16 is thoroughly grounded in the plagues against ancient Egypt just before the Exodus. One of those plagues consisted of an overabundance of frogs. But of all the plagues that fell on Egypt, why would frogs be mentioned at this point?

When Moses first came in to Pharaoh, his God-given authority was demonstrated when his brother, Aaron, threw down his walking stick and it became a snake (Exodus 7:8-10). But Pharaoh's magicians weren't worried. They threw down their walking sticks, and they became snakes also (verses 11, 12).



Frogs was last counterfeit ability in Egypt

Then Moses and Aaron went out and turned the waters of the Nile into blood (Exodus 7:14-21). Again Pharaoh's magicians were able to counterfeit that miracle (Vs 22, 23).

Next Moses and Aaron struck Egypt with a plague of frogs (Exodus 8:1-6). And again Pharaoh's magicians were able to duplicate the feat (Exodus 8:7).

But as it turned out, the plague of frogs was the last that Pharaoh's magicians were able to duplicate (Exodus 7:18, 19). The frogs, therefore, constituted the last deception of the Exodus. That is why there are frogs in Revelation 16:13. They signal that the message of Revelation 16 has to do with the last deception of earth's history.





Frogs in Bible is Spirits of Demons

Revelation 16:14 says that these frogs are "spirits of demons." They are the demonic counterparts of the three good angels of Revelation 14:6-12. Both groups of angels have a mission to the whole world (Revelation 14:6; 16:14), one trio calling the world to worship God, and the other gathering the people of the world into the service of the unholy trinity. "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Revelation 16:14).

Three angels of Revelation 14:6-12 speak on behalf of the true God throughout the world, and three angels speak on behalf of the demonic trinity throughout the world. In the end it will be Trinity against trinity, and three angels against three angels. Not only is there a counterfeit of the Godhead and a counterfeit of Pentecost at the end; there is also a counterfeit of God's end-time message. This counterfeit is what the battle of Armageddon is all about. "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Revelation 16:16).

UNHOLY INTOXICATION





The Showdown - Armageddon

The best way to understand the term, in the light of the biblical evidence, is as the Greek form of a couple Hebrew words that mean "mountain of Meggido." The problem is, however, that there is no mountain in all the world named Meggido. Meggido was a city on a small elevation at the edge of the plain of Jezreel. Looming over the place, however, is a range of mountains called Carmel.

Carmel is the mountain of Megiddo in the same sense that Mount Rainier is the mountain of Seattle, or Table Mountain the mountain of Cape Town. Mount Carmel is the mountain you could see from all over town, even though Megiddo itself was not in the mountains.



Showdown at Mt. Carmel

What counts in Revelation is that Mount Carmel was the place where the great Old Testament showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal took place (1 Kings 18:16-46). On that occasion God answered Elijah's prayer to bring fire down from heaven onto an altar to prove who was the true God.

According to Revelation, the Mount Carmel experience will be repeated at the end. Once again there will be a showdown between the true God and a devious counterfeit. But it will be different this time. At the end the fire from heaven will fall on the wrong altar.

And it will be the counterfeit Elijah and the counterfeit angels who bring it down (Revelation 13:13, 14). On that day all the evidence of the five senses will suggest that the counterfeit trinity is the true God.





The Time is Even Now Today

We are already living in such a time. Secular people are set up for such a deception. Secular beliefs focus on what can be Seen, Heard, Tasted, Touched, or Smelled. Reality is based on what the five senses are capable of perceiving. But Scripture says that in the final crisis of earth's history, those who trust in their five senses will be deceived. It will be a battle between two truth systems: one will be confirmed scientifically; the other will be confirmed only by Scripture. To quote the words of Jesus: "And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe." (John 14:29).

That is why the message of the Seventh-day Adventism is so important for today. Things are not always what they seem. People need to know that those who trust primarily in their senses will be deceived. The Mount Carmel experience will be repeated at the end, in support of the counterfeit trinity. In that crisis all the evidence of our eyes and our ears will tell us that we've been wrong to follow the Bible.



The Constitutionality of **Sunday Laws**



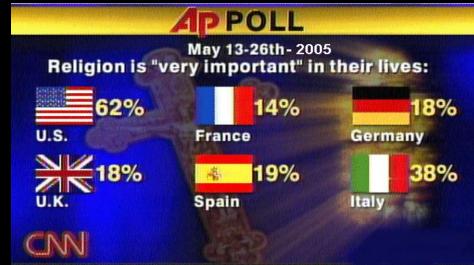
"Crisis Coming Soon, Are You Ready?"



What does it mean for us Today?

Scripture portrays the end-time as a time of great deception, a time when reason will lead us astray. Revelation portrays the end-time in terms of a battle between the Scriptures and perception, between reality as experienced by the five senses, and ultimate reality as revealed by God Himself. This is the heart of the message that Seventh-day Adventists have to bring to the world.

It is true that Jesus is the centre of our faith. It is true that the gospel is the root of Christian life. And it is true that Christ-likeness is our goal. These beliefs are shared by many Christian groups, and we must never lose sight of them. But let us also never lose sight of the unique mission to which God has called. Seventh-day Adventists are a people of prophecy. They were called to prepare the world for events that are yet to come. If one loses sight of this message, who will give it? If one doesn't give it now, when will it be?





How it will all come to an End!

Revelation 15:2 - And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 16:2 - And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

Revelation 19:20 - And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 20:4 - And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.



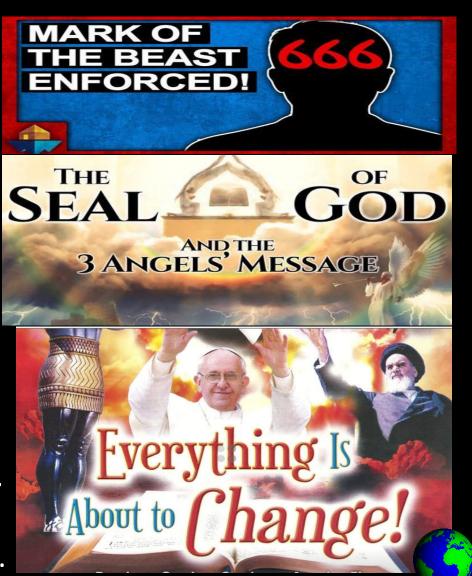
When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).

PERPETUAL TRUTH...

Isaiah 58:13-14 - If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

"The want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

But such a character is not the result of accident; it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence. A noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature—the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man.



In Summary

Ancient Babylon served as a symbol of endtime Babylon. Just like the warning to separate from ancient Babylon, so the warning will be repeated about end-time Babylon:

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad-Jeremiah 51:6-7.

End-time Babylon cannot find its fulfilment in the ancient ruins of literal Babylon, even if the city were restored. Rather, Babylon represents the greater worldwide contempt for God that exists at the end of time.





Conclusion of the Matter

The components of Babylon will bind together in one final attempt at total world control and war against God's Kingdom. The three components of Babylon represent Satan's counterfeit system of worship and counterfeit trinity.

THE COUNTERFEIT TRINITY:

- 1. THE DRAGON/SATAN...
- 2. THE BEAST FROM THE SEA/RCC/PAPACY...
- 3. THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH/AMERICA/ APOSTATE PROTESTANT CHURCHES/ COMBINING OF CHURCH AND STATE/DIRECTED BY THE PAPACY...
- FOR EVERY TRUTH GOD HAS SATAN HAS A COUNTERFEIT...

GODHEAD: 1 John 5:7; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20...

- GOD'S LAW is UNCHANGING!!! Matthew 5:17-20;
 Romans 6:14-15, Revelation 22:11-21
- THE WICKED PERISH IN THE LAKE OF FIRE Malachi 4:1-3

"The great "Then another dragon was sign appeared turled down-in heaven: an that ancient enormous RED serpent called DRAGON with the DEVIL, or seven heads Satan, who and ten horns leads the whole and seven world astray. He crowns on his was hurled to heads." (Rev be earth, and 12:3) his angels with him." Satan = Dragan (Rev 12:9)



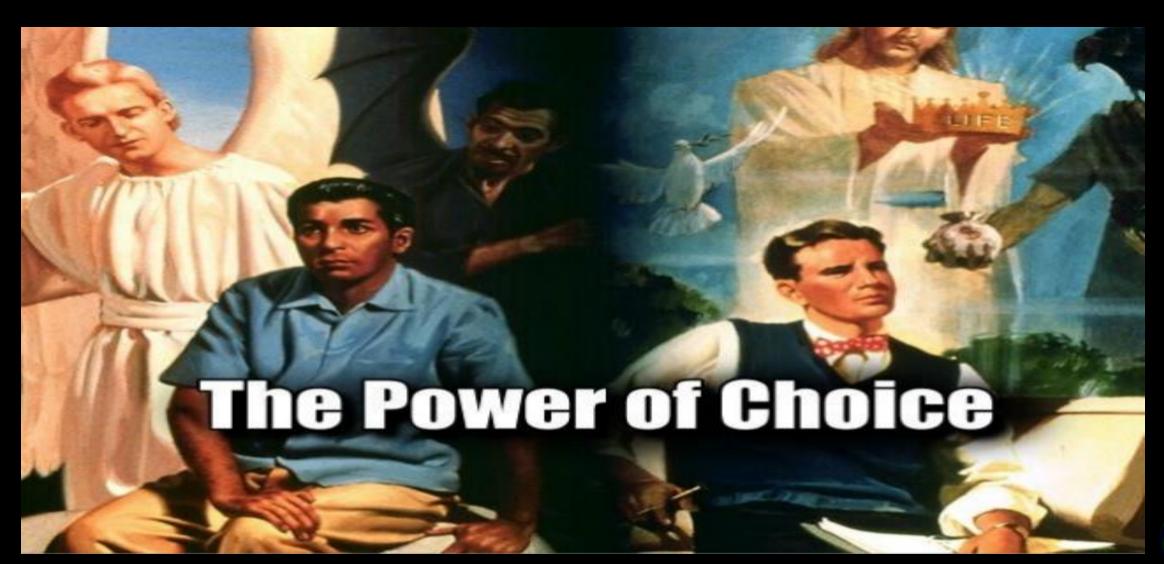




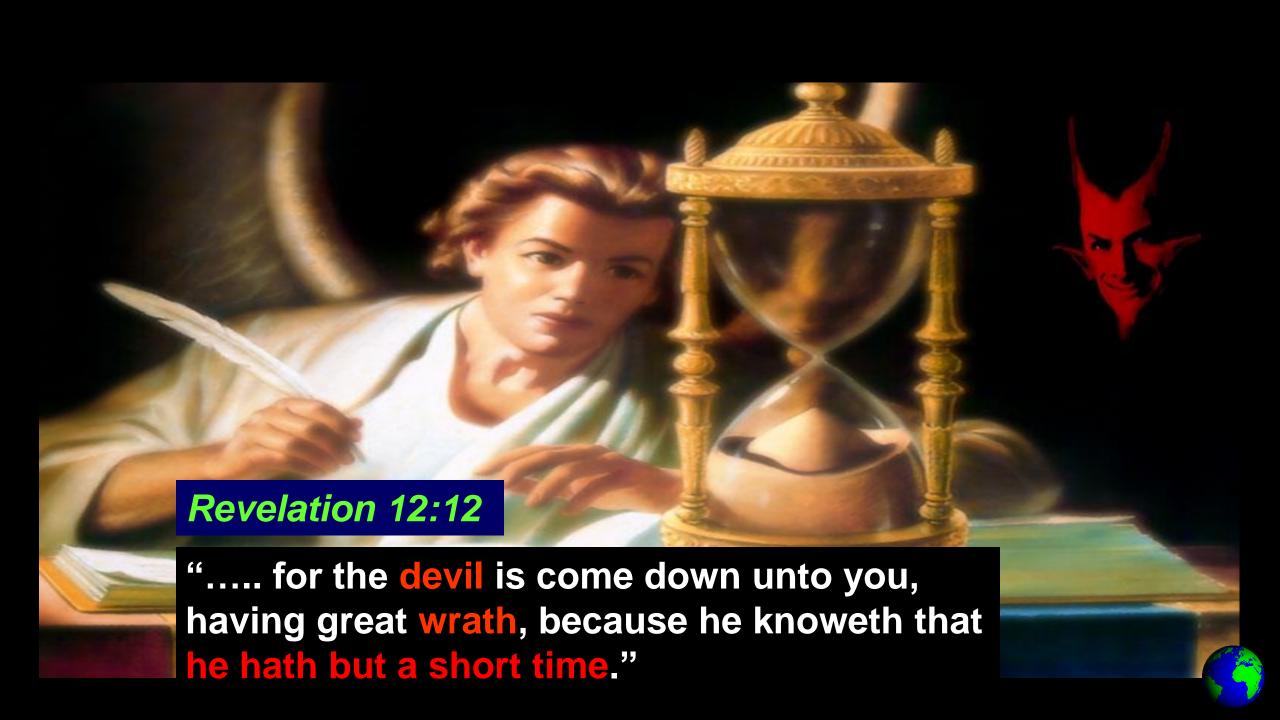


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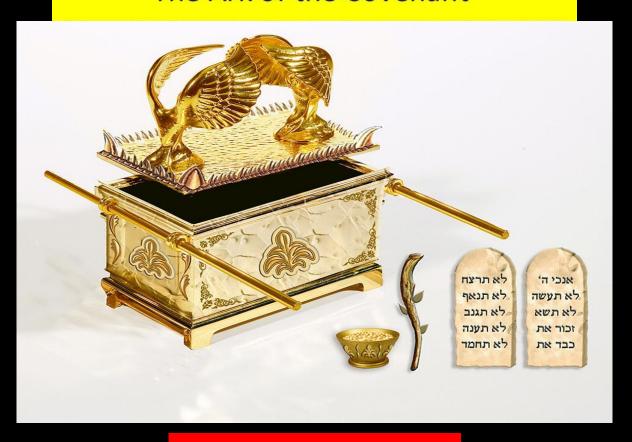
Enter The Ark of Hope

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





