

The Coming
Crisis & the
Deliverance
of the Saints

The Dragon Was Wroth
With The Woman

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"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." In the near future we shall see these words fulfilled as the Protestant churches unite with the world and with the papal power against commandment keepers. The same spirit which actuated papists in ages past will lead Protestants to pursue a similar course toward those who will maintain their loyalty to God. {5T 449.2}

Church and state are now making preparations for the future conflict. Protestants are working in disguise to bring Sunday to the front, as did the Romanists. {5T 449.3}

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. {2SM 380.1}

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Why are we seeing these terrible scourges coming upon the Earth? It is because the Everlasting Covenant has been broken.

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, **broken the everlasting covenant.** Isa. 24:3

And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones [that are] on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. Isa. 24:21

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from [one] end of the earth even unto the [other] end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Jeremiah 25:32 and 33

And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: [there shall be] many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast [them] forth with silence. Amos 8:3

Introduction

Most Adventists have a general knowledge of last day prophecies, but there are certain aspects in the coming chain of events that have been overlooked because the statements are not found in the books that are usually studied. It is the purpose of this study to call attention to those details, and to put them in their proper frame of reference:

Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the Word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts.--PK 626 (c. 1914). {LDE 66.2}

The world will be overwhelmed, yet the faith of the remnant will be strengthened, but only if they have the correct understanding of coming events:

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. *John 14:29*

The prophecies, properly linked together and rightly interpreted, tell us where we are in the stream of time, and what to expect in the future:

The prophecies which the great I AM has given in His word, uniting link after link in the chain of events, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tell us where we are today in the procession of the ages and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order. {PK 536.3}

We know there is a Sunday law coming, and the Image of the Beast will be formed. We also know the King of the North will play an active role in the near future, and it is imperative we have an accurate and unimpaired understanding of these things. We will find there is a prophecy that has been neglected and it will immediately precede these troubles. The circumstances leading up to it have not only been foretold, but have already been written on the pages of history. When we closely examine these matters it will help us to better understand all end time events, and to put them in their proper perspective. When the undeniable facts are examined, some honest souls may have to rethink a certain position they have held for some time, or they will cease to be honest:

The "time of trouble, such as never was," is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. {GC 622.4}

"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." Daniel 12:1

There are troublous times before us; the judgments of God are coming upon our world. The nations of the earth are to tremble. There will be trials and perplexities on every hand; men's hearts will fail them for fear. And what shall we do in that day? Though the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and be removed like a cottage, if we have made God our trust, He will deliver us. "He that dwelleth in the

secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee. . . . For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." {SD 354.3}

Troublous times are before us, but this is not to worry us. To be worried is to be unbelieving, but Christ invites you saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Letter 43, 1892. {CTr 164.6}

...The judgments of God are abroad in the land. Calamities follow one another in rapid succession. Soon God is to rise out of His place to shake terribly the earth, and to punish the inhabitants for their iniquity. Then He will stand up in behalf of His people, and will give them His protecting care. He will throw His everlasting arms around them to shield them from all harm.--The Review and Herald, April 14, 1904

When we fill in the missing link in the chain of events we will have a better understanding of how close we are to the end. We must be prepared for the testing time that is even now coming upon us, and we are given specific counsel on how this is to be done:

It is of the greatest importance to us that we obtain a knowledge of the Bible. Christ has said, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand." He has said again, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." He has also warned us to be on our guard against false doctrines. He said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." ... Our only safety is in becoming personally acquainted with the reasons of our faith. ...

...The Lord of Heaven has not left his people in darkness. He has revealed to them his truth for this time. While many of the professed followers of Christ have lapsed away into error and apostasy, those who have walked in the light, not only hear, but read and understand, the prophecies of his word. ... God would have us intelligent to note the movement of the nations, so that we may see the signal of danger, and recognize the warnings that he has given us, that we may not be found on the side of the great deceiver in the crisis that is just before us.

...If we are anxious to understand our duty, he will not leave us to be enshrouded in darkness, but will enlighten our understanding so that we shall know for ourselves what is truth.

...Our greatest danger lies in our tendency to refuse increased light, and our only safety is to see and understand for ourselves "what saith the Lord." {ST, April 22, 1889}

As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures. ...Special blessing will accompany the study of these prophecies. "The wise shall understand", was spoken of the visions of Daniel that were to be unsealed in the latter days; and of the revelation that Christ gave to His servant John for the guidance of God's people all through the centuries, the promise is, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." Revelation 1:3. {PK 547.2}

We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast

approaching events of the greatest magnitude. {9T 11.1}

The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. {9T 11.2}

The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails. {9T 11.3}

The following study is only a synopsis of the coming crisis, and the deliverance of the saints. All bold print is emphasis supplied to enhance the most important points.

The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: *Matthew 21:42*



God
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control
AND
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The Coming Crisis

Many people when they study the end time prophecies, and even some very sincere pastors, seem to have overlooked a critical link in the chain of last day events because they haven't investigated how this one very important detail fits in with the end time scenario as a whole. But when all aspects of the final movements are placed in a framework of truth, we will find that it all fits together like a hand and glove, and current events in this country will begin to make perfect sense.

A storm is gathering, and it is imperative we get this right, and give the final warning to the world:

Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but **a storm is gathering**, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such **a scene of strife as no pen can picture**. {Ed 179-180}

We see the protests and the riots. We hear of the bloodshed and the violence. People live in fear of the virus spreading around the world, and we wonder where all this is leading. Everyone is on edge and searching for answers, but the mainstream media only stokes the fear in everyone's heart, and we have failed to clearly discern some of the signs of the times.

So what is the real agenda behind the protests and all the civil unrest we are witnessing in the world today? The Bible tells us in the book of Revelation:

12:17 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.

13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The Spirit of Prophecy puts it this way:

The powers of the enemy are mustering for battle. Stern conflicts are before us. {RH, September 10, 1903 par. 3}

A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama,--Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect. {RH, September 10, 1903 par. 4}

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. {RH, September 10, 1903 par. 5}

The answers we are all looking for have been set before us, but they can only be found by rightly dividing the word of truth. The Bible is our chart that we must use to navigate through the storm and tempest that is even now breaking upon us. And the Spirit of Prophecy is our compass that God has given to guide us through these perilous times so we can be sure we are correctly

navigating the chart. Let us thank God that He loves us so much that he would give us the Spirit of Prophecy to guide us in the right path.

When we fill in the chain of events with the link that has been overlooked we will find there is only one exegesis that can be logically sustained for a disputed interpretation of prophecy. Don't let Satan steal your crown. Future events are clearly presented, and yet many will be found unready in the time of trouble:

Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again from the tomb, ...But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, ...**The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared.** The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if He had not forewarned them. **So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed.** Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, **and the time of trouble will find them unready.** {GC 594.1}

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us there will be a "civil war" just before the close of probation, and she also tells us there will be "a struggle similar to that which convulsed France". The context in which these two

statements are found may seem unrelated at first glance, but when carefully compared we will see they are talking about exactly the same thing, and they bring to view a delineation of events in harmony with the Spirit of Prophecy and the writings of the pioneers.

To understand these two passages, and to find their proper relationship with related prophecies, is the key to rightly discerning what is happening in the world, and how it will lead to the forming of the Image of the Beast, and the close of probation:

... Anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. **The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims;** the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution--all **are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.** {Ed 228.2}

In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. **The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a civil war.** There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. "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, everyone that shall be found written in the book. . . . but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."--Ms 114, 1899. (General manuscript, untitled, typed August 13, 1899.)

Taking the words in bold print from each statement, and analyzing and comparing them, will show they are articulating the same occurrence. Then by taking the whole of each prophetic utterance, we see an outline of developments that will lead to the formation of the Image of the Beast, and the close of probation. This will be explained in the next two Chapters. In addition, we must make sure we have the correct understanding of all related end time events.

Almost all the prophecies were made plain to our pioneers, and we need to accept that as a fact, and as a gift from God. Our ideas need to be brought into conformity with theirs so we can co-operate with God and unite in proclaiming present truth, and in giving the last message of warning to the world:

The Lord wishes all to understand his providential dealings now, just now, in the time in which we live. There must be no long discussions, no presenting of new theories in regard to prophecies that God has already made plain... {RH, November 27, 1900 par. 13}

The majority of Adventists believe the King of the North is the papacy, and that this understanding was established by our pioneers. But in reality, the individual who instilled that idea into our thinking was a writer named Louis Were, and not the pioneers. This position was never endorsed, and differed from the pioneer position in that it gave a spiritual interpretation of the last verses of Daniel 11. Louis Were was also one of the first to introduce the new theology into the denomination, and that fact should speak volumes.

On the contrary, Ellen White did endorse Uriah Smith's book, the 1897 edition of *Daniel and the Revelation* which clearly establishes the fact that the

King of the North is the Islamic power centered in Turkey, and thus making the prophecy literal.

Sister White even classed Smith's book in with some of her own inspired writings:

The light given was that Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, The Great Controversy, and Patriarchs and Prophets, would make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, the special light God had given His people. The angels of God would prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people." *Colporteur Ministry*, page 123.

Ellen White's endorsement, dated 1901, regarding Uriah Smith's book *Daniel and the Revelation* is found in 1 *Manuscript Releases*, starting on page 61-64:

The Lord has shown me that this book will do a good work in enlightening those who become interested in **the truth for this time**. Those who embrace the truth now, ... should study the instruction given in Daniel and the Revelation, becoming familiar with **the truth it presents**.

Those who are preparing to enter the ministry, who desire to become successful students of the prophecies, will find Daniel and the Revelation an invaluable help. They need to understand this book. It speaks of past, present, and **future**, laying out the path so plainly that **none need err therein**. Those who will diligently study this book will have no relish for the cheap sentiments presented by those [such as Louis Were] who have a burning desire to get out something new and strange to present to the flock of God. **The rebuke of God is upon all such teachers**. ... The great, essential questions which God would have presented to the people are found in **Daniel and the Revelation**. There is found **solid, eternal truth for this time**. Everyone needs the light and information it contains.

...It is painful to think of the many cheap theories picked up and presented to the people by ignorant, unprepared teachers. Those who present their human tests and the nonsensical ideas they have concocted in their own minds, show the character of the goods in their treasure house. They have laid in store shoddy material. Their great desire is to make a sensation.

...Let those who have been dealing in cheap sentiments and foolish tests, cease this work and study Daniel and the Revelation. ...

The interest in Daniel and the Revelation is to continue **as long as probationary time shall last. God used the author of this book as a channel** through which to communicate light to direct minds to the truth. Shall we not appreciate this light, which points us to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King? ...

We read in Peter, 'There were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of' (2 Peter 2:1, 2).

Many of these teachers who bring in heresies, and thus undermine the faith of some, are regarded as men of God, who walk in the light, and are seeking to deliver the church from wrong practices. But **they are the servants of sin.**" (emphasis supplied)

James White also made a statement in the *Review and Herald*, Oct. 3, 1878 where he said;

There is a line of historic prophecy in chapter eleven, **where the symbols are thrown off**, beginning with the kings of Persia, and reaching down past Grecia and Rome, to the time when that power 'shall come to his end, and none shall help him. (emphasis supplied)

He said "**the symbols are thrown off,**" which can only mean that he understood the whole chapter to be

literal. He still differed from Smith and believed the last power, known as The King of the North, would be Roman, but never once in referring to the subject did he use the word “papacy”. To use the word “papacy” would make the last part of the prophecy symbolic, but James White understood it to be literal.

Then in the year 1887 in the book *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, pages 76 and 77, six years after her husband’s death, Ellen White shared these words with her readers:

My husband had some ideas on some points differing from the views taken by his brethren. [This statement should tell us something.] I was shown that however true his views were, God did not call him to put them in front before his brethren and create differences of ideas.

For anyone who would like a more complete study of this subject on the King of the North please ask for our booklet *The Final Way-Mark of Probationary Time (Restoring the True Pioneer Position of the King of the North)* from Citadel Ministries. Available for a small donation to cover the cost of shipping and handling.

A.T. Jones also established the fact that the King of the North centered in Turkey is an integral part of the Three Angels’ Messages. This information can be found in our booklet *The Seven Angels of Revelation*, also available from Citadel Ministries:

Let all who would co-operate with God unite in proclaiming the present truth, the message of the third angel:... {RH, November 27, 1900 par. 14}

Already kingdom is rising against kingdom. There is not now a determined engagement. As yet the four winds are

held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the Powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle. How carefully we should improve the little remaining period of our probation! How earnestly we should examine ourselves! We should eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God; that is, carefully study the Word, eat it, digest it, make it a part of our being. ... {RH, November 27, 1900 par. 16}

We need a clear understanding of all of the signs of the times which would include the events leading up to the making of the Image of the Beast:

Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:6, 7.

The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place--that the world is on the verge of **a stupendous crisis**.

The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear.

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof; . . . because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured

the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate." Isaiah 24:1-6. {PK 536-537.3}

The crisis is fast approaching, and what we see happening right now in the world, in our government, and in the church "are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France". Many sincere people are getting confused because they have listened to expositors who have failed to see the significance of current events that will culminate in a repetition of the revolution in France. Soon the Image of the Beast will be formed, but before that can happen great changes will have to take place because the papacy "is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power" and "she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends" "and to undo all that Protestantism has done.":

The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to **undo all that Protestantism has done.** *The Great Controversy*, pages 565-566

Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when **the time shall come for her to strike.** All that she desires is vantage-ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. *Ibid*, page 581

The papacy wants to "undo all that Protestantism has done" or, in other words, she wants to destroy Republicanism and Protestantism simply because this nation is a Protestant power. For now the papacy

seems to be gaining the ascendancy in the contest to rule the world. They have secured control over the “main stream media”, and they are heavily influencing our government to carry out the papal policy to destroy this Protestant nation. We are beginning to see “what the purpose of the Roman element is” as they seek to censor anyone who opposes them. They are carrying out the same policy of bribing people as they did in the Middle Ages when they first came to power:

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he [the man of sin] corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits]. *Dan. 11:32*

Those that forsake the covenant, the Holy Scriptures, and think more of the decrees of popes and the decisions of councils than they do of the word of God, - **these shall he, the pope, corrupt by flatteries**; that is, **lead them on** in their partisan zeal for himself **by the bestowment of wealth, position, and honors.** {1897 UrS, DAR 289.3}

Conservatives, who are mostly Protestant, think they are fighting against the so-called “deep state” when in actuality they are in direct opposition to the papal policy that is determined to destroy America. And yet, at the same time, the apostate protestants will give homage to the papacy by honoring the Sunday institution. The religious right want to make this nation great again, and bring it back to God in accordance with their distorted understanding of the Bible. This is creating a conflict of stupendous proportions, and will result in another fulfillment of the Reign of Terror. The conflict will rage and this is what will lead to the formation of the Image of the Beast:

... Anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution--all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France. {Ed 228.2}

The papacy will come very close to regaining her lost supremacy, but will never quite attain it:

And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy [it] unto the end.
Daniel 7:25,26

The papacy will be bested in her quest to regain control of the world as the Image of the Beast is formed. She will then implement her plan of instigating the King of the North (Islam) to declare global Jihad and destroy all Protestant nations. The suicide bombers of Islam will bring all Christendom to its knees at the close of probation, and finally into subjection to the papacy by the time of the sixth plague. Islam will sustain heavy losses, and will finally “come to his end” during the sixth plague, and this will leave a void in the Middle East. This will precipitate the battle of Armageddon. Finally, as the papacy prepares to seat herself on the throne of

the world at Jerusalem she will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming:

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 2 Thess. 2:8

The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, **after the example of the papacy**. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved. Of this time John the Revelator declares: [Revelation 18:3-7; 17:13, 14, quoted]. "These have one mind." There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces. "And shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty--freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience--**as was manifested by the papacy**, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.--3SM 392 (1891). {LDE 136-137}

I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon's mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw the Mother of Harlots; that **the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past**, and her daughters, the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints. I saw that **as the mother has been declining in power, the daughters had been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once exercised by the mother.** {SpM 1.4}

I saw the nominal church and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics to obtain their influence to come against the truth. The saints then will be an obscure people, little known to the Catholics; but the

churches and nominal Adventists who know of our faith and customs (for they hated us on account of the Sabbath, for they could not refute it) will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics as those who disregard the institutions of the people; that is, that they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday. {SpM 1.5}

Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward, and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week, instead of the seventh day, shall be slain. And **the Catholics**, whose numbers are large, **will stand by the Protestants**. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast. And **the Protestants will work as their mother worked before them** to destroy the saints. {SpM 2.1}

Most sincere commentators today don't talk much about the Image of the Beast because they get the exploits of the Image confused with the Beast itself. This is because of the preconceived idea that the King of the North is the papacy.

The papacy is rising to power, but that rise will be cut short when the Image of the Beast asserts its newfound strength to combat what they call the "deep state" not realizing they are actually fighting against the papacy. At the same time the Image of the Beast will give homage to the papacy in the observance, and the enforcement, of Sunday.

There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. ... {9T 13.3}

...And when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld **a new power** coming up **to echo the dragon's voice**, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, **the last that is to wage war against the church**

and the law of God, was symbolized by a beast with lamblike horns.

...Thus **Protestantism follows in the steps of the Papacy**. *Signs of the Times*, November 1, 1899 (emphasis supplied)

The papacy, when it realizes its plan to rule the world from Jerusalem has been thwarted by the Image of the Beast, will instigate the King of the North, with its center of power in Turkey, to declare global Jihad to destroy the Protestant nations. This is one reason why the papacy created Islam in the first place, and this is also a reason why thousands upon thousands of illegal immigrants are flooding across our southern border. The present regime in our capitol is ignoring the immigration problem because they are taking their orders from the papists who are the real puppet masters.

The Muslims will begin their Jihad by overrunning Israel, and setting up their palace tents in Jerusalem, and then declare global Jihad from there, with millions of suicide bombers already in place in the Christian nations. Then, after the Islamists have subdued the nations that form the Image, the papacy will see that her army of henchmen are brought to their end so the pope can have Jerusalem for his capitol.

The papacy will cause the King of the North to come to his end during the sixth plague just as the pioneers predicted in their exegesis of the prophecy. The pope will immediately prepare to set up his throne in Jerusalem not knowing that probation has already closed. The papacy will finally be destroyed, once and for all, by the brightness of Christ's coming, and God will set up His everlasting kingdom.

Parallels to the French Revolution

There is a Chapter in *The Great Controversy* by Ellen White called *The Bible and the French Revolution*. It describes what led up to, and the principal events of, the revolution in France. History repeats itself, and the circumstances that led up to the Reign of Terror in that country have already transpired here in America. The coming conflict will initiate the forming of the Image of the Beast.

We will give the passages from Ellen White's inspired account, and give the page number from the Chapter, and then give the parallel occurrence in this nation. Many of the events have already been repeated, and the rest will be fulfilled in their order. If you study the Chapter you will be sure to find more parallels than I have listed:

In one country, though the light found entrance, it was not comprehended by the darkness. *page 265*

The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century came to France, but by 1793 it was totally rejected except by a very small remnant who were severely persecuted. The finishing of the Reformation came to this country in 1844 with the Advent movement, but it was also rejected except by a very small remnant:

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. *John 3:19*

The restraint of God's Spirit was removed from a people that had despised the gift of His grace. Evil was

permitted to come to maturity. And all the world saw the fruit of willful rejection of the light. *page 265*

Today, “the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return” when the Sunday Law is passed because the gift of His grace has again been despised.

The war against the Bible, carried forward for so many centuries in France, culminated in the scenes of the Revolution. *page 265*

The war against the Bible today has been waged by the introduction of the so-called modern translations, and by the rejection of Earth’s final warning spelled out in the Three Angels’ Messages. Faith in the Bible has been virtually destroyed, and a revolution will again be the sure, and dire, result:

That terrible outbreaking was but the legitimate result of Rome's suppression of the Scriptures. It presented the most striking illustration which the world has ever witnessed of the working out of the papal policy. *page 265*

The Advent Movement was rejected by the world at large, and now the entire universe is about to see the legitimate result of the working out of the papal policy. The papacy has virtually taken over this nation since the last election, and is frantically working “to undo all that Protestantism has done”.

Men cannot with impunity trample upon the word of God. *page 269*

And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed." Revelation 11:5

These solemn denunciations apply to all who by their influence lead men to regard lightly the law of God. ...All who exalt their own opinions above divine revelation, all who would change the plain meaning of Scripture to suit their own convenience, or for the sake of conforming to the world, are taking upon themselves a fearful responsibility.
page 269

All popular theologians try to tell you the law was nailed to the cross. They are simply trying to get rid of the Sabbath commandment to suit their own convenience:

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
Revelation 11:7

When the reformation was finally rejected in France a new manifestation of satanic power revealed itself in atheism and licentiousness, and that is exactly what is happening in this country:

[Then] the Protestants were counted as outlaws, a price was set upon their heads, and they were hunted down like wild beasts. *page 271*

The true remnant who keep God's law will be considered to be in rebellion against the church, and a death decree will be passed:

The word of truth lay dead in her streets, and those who hated the restrictions and requirements of God's law were jubilant. *page 274*

...It was only a little time till she descended to degrading idolatry, by the worship of the Goddess of Reason, in the person of a profligate woman. *page 275*

The so-called democratic socialists becoming prominent in our government are nothing but “useful idiots” under the control of the Jesuits. The papacy’s preferred form of government is Socialism because it helps them more easily control the masses:

It was popery that had begun the work which atheism was completing. The policy of Rome had wrought out those conditions, social, political, and religious, that were hurrying France on to ruin. *page 276*

At last the ruin of the state was complete; there remained no more conscience to be proscribed; no more religion to be dragged to the stake; no more patriotism to be chased into banishment.” ... **And the Revolution, with all its horrors, was the dire result.** *page 279*

The Jesuits alone flourished in the decaying nation, and ruled with dreadful tyranny. *page 279*

The Jesuits are again the puppet masters, and most of the elected officials are doing their bidding. There are only a few honest individuals scattered among the leaders that God is using to hold the evil in check until the true remnant are sealed:

The gospel would have brought to France the solution [but] ... those political and social problems ...finally **plunged the nation into anarchy and ruin...**The people had lost the Saviour's blessed lessons of self-sacrifice and unselfish love. They had been led away from the practice of self-denial for the good of others. ...The selfishness of the wealthy and powerful grew more and more apparent and oppressive. ... The rich wronged the poor, and the poor hated the rich. *page 279*

There was little confidence existing between the people and the rulers. Suspicion fastened upon all the measures of the government as designing and selfish. *page 280*

These inspired statements need no further comment.

It was in vain that the necessity of reform was urged....

Deprived of the Bible, and abandoned to the teachings of bigotry and selfishness, the people were shrouded in ignorance and superstition, and sunken in vice, so that they were wholly unfitted for self-government.

But the outworking of all this was widely different from what Rome had purposed. Instead of holding the masses in a blind submission to her dogmas, her work resulted in making them infidels and revolutionists. *page 281*

Today people have been deprived of the true Bible by the churches using the modern versions. Multitudes are again sunken in bigotry and selfishness, and the majority or the population are becoming infidels, and the talk of revolution is rampant. And the outworking of the papal policy will again be widely different from what Rome had purposed:

In the reaction, Voltaire and his associates cast aside God's word altogether and spread everywhere the poison of infidelity. Rome had ground down the people under her iron heel; and now the masses, degraded and brutalized, in their **recoil** from her tyranny, cast off all restraint. ... They rejected truth and falsehood together; and mistaking license for liberty, the slaves of vice exulted in their imagined freedom. *page 281-282*

Infidelity toward God, and in society, is rife. Soon, very soon, we will see the masses rise up in revolt and revolution against the tyranny of the government:

...The balance of power was in their [the peoples] hands; but they were not prepared to use it with wisdom and moderation. ...Eager to redress the wrongs they had suffered, they determined to undertake the reconstruction of society. An outraged populace ...resolved to revolutionize the state of misery that had grown unbearable and to avenge themselves upon those whom they regarded as the authors of their sufferings. The oppressed wrought out the lesson they had learned under tyranny and became the oppressors of those who had oppressed them.

Terrible were the results of her submission to the controlling power of Rome. *page 282*

This is what is coming in the near future, and terrible will be the results of this country's submission to the papal policy:

France had opened the door to infidelity and ruin. When the restraints of God's law were cast aside, it was found that the laws of man were inadequate to hold in check the powerful tides of human passion; and the nation swept on to revolt and anarchy. ...No one was secure. He who triumphed today was suspected, condemned, tomorrow. Violence and lust held undisputed sway. *page 282*

The restraints of God's law have once again been cast aside, and the end result will be the same. Rome's plan to destroy Protestantism, and to make this country Catholic will once again result in making the masses infidels and atheists, and the nation will descend into the chaos of revolution and ruin:

King, clergy, and nobles were compelled to submit to the atrocities of an excited and maddened people. Their thirst for vengeance was only stimulated by the execution of the king; and those who had decreed his death soon

followed him to the scaffold. A general slaughter of all suspected of hostility to the Revolution was determined. The cities of the kingdom were filled with scenes of horror. One party of revolutionists was against another party, and France became a vast field for contending masses, swayed by the fury of their passions. ... A day of retribution at last had come. *page 283*

This is why we are told to get out of the cities. Will the fraudulent leaders of the free world be executed? The stern pen of inspiration has painted a very bleak picture, and history does repeat itself:

The fatal error which wrought such woe for the inhabitants of France was the ignoring of this one great truth: that true freedom lies within the proscriptions of the law of God. ...Those who will not read the lesson from the book of God are bidden to read it in the history of nations.

...In the Reign of Terror which followed, the working of cause and effect could be seen by all. *page 285*

The world at large has once again committed the same fatal error, and this world is a lesson book for the entire universe:

...The transgression of a just and righteous law must inevitably result in misery and ruin. ...When their iniquity was full, the despisers of God learned too late that it is a fearful thing to have worn out the divine patience. The restraining Spirit of God, which imposes a check upon the cruel power of Satan, was in a great measure removed,...
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The Spirit of God is even now being removed, and the cruel power of Satan will soon be fully manifested:

Three years and a half later a resolution rescinding these decrees, thus granting toleration to the Scriptures, was adopted by the same body. The world stood aghast at the enormity of guilt which had resulted from a rejection of the Sacred Oracles, and men recognized the necessity of faith in God and His word as the foundation of virtue and morality. *page 287*

Men will once more be taught to recognize the necessity of faith in God and His word as the foundation of virtue and morality, and it won't take as long this time because the final movements will be rapid ones. When the twin towers came down on September 11, 2001 there was a movement to bring this nation back to God.

That movement died out, but this time the Image of the Beast will be set up in a tremendous recoil from the horrors of the revolution, and the nation will be swept into religious fanaticism. At the same time the King of the North will declare a global Jihad. A Sunday law will be enacted, Satan will personate Christ, and a death decree will be passed. Those who had once kept the Sabbath, but have given it up, will be leaders in the Sunday law movement.

When the worshipers of the Beast pass the death decree, they will actually be passing the sentence of eternal death upon themselves. The Seal of God will be placed upon the true remnant, probation will close, the plagues will fall, the King of the North will come to his end during the sixth plague, and finally the papacy will be destroyed by the brightness of the Second Coming of Christ.

The Rise of the Image

Before we look at how the Image of the Beast will arise, we must remember we have the assurance of victory for all who remain faithful to the Lord:

“...When the never-ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, **there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image.**” *Early Writings*, page 286 (emphasis supplied)

The coming revolt in this nation, that will ultimately spread throughout the Protestant world, will be very similar to the French Revolution, and will result in, and give rise to the Image of the Beast. And all of the developments that led up to the struggle that convulsed France have already been fulfilled:

... Anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. **The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims;** the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution--all **are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.** {Ed 228.2}

This will result in bringing God’s remnant church to the culmination of the crisis. In France, the horrors of the Reign of Terror resulted in the people realizing their need of God, and in the end, led to a great religious awakening. The conflict we are about to see will also

result in the masses realizing their need of God, but instead of an awakening to truth, they will form the Image of the Beast.

The uprising in France was before God had restored the Sabbath to its rightful position with the finishing of the Reformation, and the Lord accepted their efforts of reform. Now the Sabbath is both a test, and the sign of true worship, and when the Image of the Beast is formed, there will be no excuse for keeping Sunday in the full light and glory of the final warning of the Fourth Angel. With the full knowledge of the true gospel available to all who dwell on the Earth, the enforcement of Sunday will result in the Mark of the Beast. Then there will be civil penalties, and finally a death decree for anyone who refuses to keep Sunday.

The Image of the Beast is “a form of government in which the legislative power rests with the people, a most striking evidence that the United States is the nation denoted in the prophecy”.

But what is the "image to the beast"? and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned beast, and is an image to the beast. It is also called an image of the beast. Then to learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast itself--the papacy.

When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of "heresy." In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state

will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends. {GC 443}

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.--2SM 81 (1890). {LDE 227.3}

All prophecies in the New Testament are prefigured or symbolized by events in the Old Testament. So to understand the basics of the Image of the Beast we need to look at the typology in *Daniel* Chapter 3, verses 1-7:

Verse 1: Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height [was] threescore cubits, [and] the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

The King of Babylon was considered to be a god. This was an image of himself. It was 60 cubits in height, 6 cubits wide, and 6 cubits in depth - 666 - representing the sun god. In Ancient times when only the height, and width are given, it is concluded the depth is the same as the width.

Verse 2: Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

Representatives of the whole known world were then brought together; this would have included the leaders of Israel (the professed church).

Verse 3: Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

The whole world, in the person of their representatives, were made to face the image.

Verse 4: Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

The decree is established and all are commanded to obey.

Verse 5: [That] at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

First, persuasion is used to coerce obedience. Here, music is used. In Revelation Chapter 13 wonders and miracles are used. Notice, the persuasion is used after the image is formed.

Verse 6: And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

Almost immediately, a death decree is passed against all dissenters.

Verse 7: Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations,

and the languages, fell down [and] worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

All bowed down to the image, including those of the professed church, except for the three worthies who represent the 144,000. This symbolizes how the whole Christian world will be deceived, or give up their faith, except for “the very elect”.

The prophecy of the Image that is soon to be set up is found in the book of Revelation:

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.

Verse 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.

Verse 13: And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Verse 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.

Verse 15: And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

The events portrayed in *Revelation 13:11-15* are not fulfilled in strict chronological order. The last part of verse 11 (“and he spake as a dragon”) coincides with the first part of verse 15. It is the Image of the Beast that speaks as a dragon, for it is only after a power is given life that it can speak. This power is the “he”

spoken of in verses 12 and 13. Note what John says, “And he exerciseth all the power...” and he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven...”. It is about this time or shortly after that Satan will appear as an angel of light. This “he” previously spoken of in verses 11, 12, and 13 is the same power referred to in the first half of verse 14. The last half of verse 14 reverts back to when the United States is being transformed into the Image of the Beast. The transformation of the Image is completed during the first part of verse 15. The second part of verse 15, when the Image is given life, is the passing of the Sunday law. At that time, or shortly after, the wonders and miracles are performed to deceive “them that dwell on the earth” into Sunday worship and to get rid of anyone who refuses to bow down to the idol Sabbath. The last part of verse 15 is the death decree.

Why would God give the prophecy this way? He designs that if we are to understand the Image, we must first understand the original Beast and how it was formed. If we do not understand the prophecy of Revelation 13 until after it has been fulfilled, we may very well find ourselves unprepared, and on the wrong side of the controversy, and then it will be too late to change sides.

...To learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast--the papacy. *The Great Controversy*, page 443 (emphasis supplied)

We have already looked at the Reign of Terror in France that prefigures the events leading up to the Image. We are also told where to find much of

the history of the papacy that will be repeated by the Image of the Beast:

We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. **Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated.** In the thirtieth verse [of Daniel 11] a power is spoken of that "shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. [Verses 31-36, quoted.] 13 *Manuscript Releases*, page 394 (emphasis supplied)

Uriah Smith in his book, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 1897 edition, gives a very good delineation of the verses in the above quote. His presentation should be studied in detail. He basically tells us that when Rome fell, the papacy rose from the ashes. Today, when the United States falls, the Image of the Beast will rise from the ashes. And we are watching the developments that will lead to the fall of this nation, as we speak.

We have already given the quote that lists the circumstances that led to the struggle in France, and the affiliated statement calls it a civil war:

In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. **The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a**

civil war. --Ms 114, 1899. (General manuscript, untitled, typed August 13, 1899.)

Elder A.T. Jones also tells us when the Image arises it will result in the utter ruin of the world by the mighty armies of another people. The Roman Empire was destroyed by the fearsome armies of the people of the north, and if the parallel holds true the whole world will be utterly ruined by the terrorist armies of the King of the North:

The result, to the Roman Empire, of the making of the Beast in the Roman Empire, and by the Roman Empire, was the utter ruin of that empire. This ruin was accomplished by the mighty armies of the peoples of the north marching forth under the first four of the Seven Trumpets. And the result, to the world, of the making of the Image of the Beast, and the worship of the Beast and his Image, in the world and by the world, will be the utter ruin of the world, by the mighty armies of another people marching forth under the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet, accompanied by the mighty notes of "the last trump." A.T. Jones, *The Great Nations of Today*, page 202.

We cannot close this Chapter without looking at the two great errors of the papal power that will also define the Image, which are: the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness. These false doctrines will form the basis of the crisis that will come upon God's people.

The erroneous belief in the immortality of the soul will be the foundation for deceiving people into giving credence to the wonders and miracles, but probably the most striking characteristic of the beast power is that it would "think to change times and laws" as we are told in the following verse:

And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. *Daniel 7:25*

This can also be translated “think to change the times part of the law”. The papacy claims the change is the mark of their authority, but the Image tries to say the keeping of Sunday is scriptural. But in honoring Sunday the Protestant churches are actually giving homage to the papacy. Will the structure that claims to be the Seventh-day Adventist Church of today follow in the footsteps of the papacy and “think to change the times part of the law”? Incredibly, we are told that she will, and yet they will still claim to be His professed people:

The Lord has a controversy with **His professed people** in these last days. In this controversy **men in responsible positions** will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. **They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath** themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by **burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition**. In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, **ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week**. There are **calamities** on sea and land: and these **calamities** will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and **the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers** will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday.

Satan urges this falsehood that he may take the world captive. ... and **the history of the past will be repeated in our day**. *Review and Herald, 3-18-1884* (emphasis supplied)

Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. On their garments was written in large characters,

"Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting."

I asked who this company were. The angel said, **"These are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up."** I heard them cry with a loud voice, "We have believed in Thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall upon their garments and see the writing, and then they would wail aloud. I saw that they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet--**trodden the Sabbath underfoot**-- and that was why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. *Early Writings*, page 36 (emphasis supplied)

These inspired statements prove the professed S.D.A. church will indeed repeat the history of the papacy and "think to change times and laws"; and when they do, they will be "weighed in the balance, and found wanting". Their cup of iniquity becomes full, and they give up the last vestige of their faith to the beast power; apparently because of the "calamities" that are coming on the earth. Only the "little band", the true remnant of the remnant church, will have the faith of Jesus, and keep His commandments, and get the victory over the Beast and his Image.

Some people might try to say the first statement is referring to the Sunday churches, but when they are considered together it is very evident what they are talking about. These revelations should cause us to pause and contemplate who will be involved, or perhaps even lead out, in forming the Image of the Beast. Just remember that none fall so low as those who have been exalted so high.

The following statement confirms that it is indeed the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and not just a few, but "a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message" who will abandon the Sabbath, and

join the ranks of the opposition. When the Sunday law is passed “men of talent and pleasing address” will “become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren”:

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

All this seems incredible to the point of being beyond belief just now, but when God's Spirit is removed there will be strange developments. But remember, the statement says it will be those “who have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth”. The professed church has been teaching a “justification alone” message for many years now, and this statement shows what will be the end result of their apostasy.

The Day of the Whirlwind

As we ponder the many aspects of the coming crisis we need to consider that Satan always uses violence to bring about new restrictions and oppressive laws. And when God brings judgments upon a guilty church for its apostasy, the destruction always comes by a heathen army. With these facts in mind, we will investigate what the Bible calls “the day of the whirlwind”:

But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in **the day of the whirlwind**: *Amos 1:14*

Rabbah was the capitol city of the Ammonites, and they were some of the fiercest enemies of Israel even though they were related to Israel in being the children of Lot. These prophecies in the Old Testament have an application for today, and the greatest enemy of the true church today is also represented as a city - the city of Babylon.

The Bible uses the figure of a whirlwind to symbolize something that happens suddenly and swiftly, and is usually irretrievably destructive:

I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a **whirlwind**; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. *Proverbs 1:26,27*

The prophecies dealing with the whirlwind are especially for “the latter days”:

Behold, a **whirlwind** of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a **grievous whirlwind**: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in **the latter days** ye shall consider it perfectly. *Jeremiah 23:19,20*

For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a **whirlwind**, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. *Isaiah 66:15,16*

Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, **The LORD shall roar from on high**, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread [the grapes], against all the inhabitants of the earth.

A noise shall come [even] to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them [that are] wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and **a great whirlwind** shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

And the slain of the LORD shall be **at that day** from [one] end of the earth even unto the [other] end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. *Jeremiah 25:30-33*

Behold, the **whirlwind** of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing **whirlwind**: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done [it], and until he have performed the intents of

his heart: in **the latter days** ye shall consider it perfectly.
Jeremiah 30:23,24

The “Day of the Whirlwind” seems to be closely associated with, if not identical to, the time when the Image of the Beast is formed, and which also coincides with the time when the King of the North declares global Jihad. The verses presenting the “whirlwind” are pretty much self-explanatory except we are told “in **the latter days** ye shall consider it perfectly”.

Concerning the “last great crisis” we are also told the “final movements will be rapid ones”. This language is undoubtedly synonymous with “the day of the whirlwind”:

The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. {9T 11.2}

This also coincides with the “short space” and the “one hour” the Image of the Beast continues after it is formed:

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. *Revelation 17:10*

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. *Revelation 17:12*

The Image of the Beast, and the King of the North will survive into the plagues as their season to continue lingers. This time interval of one hour, which literally means “a very short space of time”, is also referred to

three times in Revelation, Chapter 18 when Babylon the Great is made desolate. Her life will also be prolonged for the purpose of judgment:

verse 10: Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in **one hour** is thy judgment come.

verse 17: For in **one hour** so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

verse 18: And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city!

verse 19: And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in **one hour** is she made desolate.

Those who understand the Sanctuary Doctrine will realize there is another short space of time being indirectly referred to in conjunction with the standing up of Michael. So we have the King of the North declaring global Jihad, the Image of the Beast being set up, and Jesus pausing to touch the horns of the Golden Altar as probation is closing, and all of these events coincide:

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet [at a future time during the sixth plague] he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. *Daniel 11:45*

And at that time [when the King of the North plants the tabernacles of his palace... in the glorious holy mountain] shall Michael stand up, ... *Daniel 12:1*

When Jesus stands up, and probation begins to close, He will linger at the Golden Altar for a very brief period as described in Leviticus 16:17, 18, and 19:

Verse 17: And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy [place], until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

Verse 18: And he shall go out unto the altar that [is] before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put [it] upon the horns of the altar round about.

Verse 19: And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

S.N. Haskell, in his book *The Cross and its Shadow*, also gives comment on these verses:

In the earthly sanctuary the high priest paused in the first apartment to touch the horns of the golden altar and cleanse it from all sins that had been transferred to it; for while the services of the day of atonement were going forward, if one remembered unconfessed sins, he could still bring his sin-offering and be forgiven. So while our High Priest officiates before the Father in the investigative judgment, any one who realizes he is a sinner can come confessing his sins and be forgiven through the merits of Christ, the great Sin-bearer. {1914 SNH, CIS 215.1}

Our High Priest, when His work is finished in the inner apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, will tarry a moment in the outer apartment, that the sins which have been confessed while He was in the most holy place may be taken, together with the sins of the righteous of all ages, and carried forth without the sanctuary. {1914 SNH, CIS 215.2}

The Bible doesn't give us the final events in the closing up of this world's history in their exact sequence, but we are told we need to "consider it perfectly". So come, and let us reason together.

As the "struggle similar to that which convulsed France" continues in this nation it will surely embolden Islam, and they will view it as the sign to take the whole world for Allah. Global Jihad will ensue, and Christians will realize their only hope of survival is in bringing this nation back to God. But instead of a true revival they will form the Image of the Beast as they swing the government too far to the right. The Image receives power, and the Beast is made desolate for "one hour". The short period when Jesus stands up and tarries at the Golden Altar is within the timeframe of the "one hour" as the King of the North is declaring global Jihad, and the Image is being formed. Shortly thereafter, the Sunday law is passed, and Satan appears as an angel of light.

To apostate Christians the Arch-deceiver will appear to personate Jesus, and to the Muslims he will present himself as Allah, or Mohammed. Then the death decree will be issued against all who refuse to bow down to the idol set up by the Beast, and enforced by the Image. Then, only a very small remnant will remain faithful to the Lord in keeping the Sabbath. The suicide bombers will be goaded into a fanatical savagery to detonate their bombs, and very quickly the prophecy of Jeremiah will be fulfilled:

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from [one] end of the earth even unto the [other] end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves [in the ashes], ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. *Jeremiah 25:32-34*

This coincides perfectly with the prophecy of Amos:

And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: [there shall be] many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast [them] forth with silence. *Amos 8:3*

Those who have been holding forth the words of life, and sighing and crying for all the abominations being committed, will receive the Seal of God, and probation will close. Remember, it closes first for the leadership, then for the congregation, and finally for the world, and that will take a short space of time. Next, the plagues will fall, and during the Sixth Plague the papacy will cause the King of the North to come to his end, but not before the apostate Protestants are destroyed. This is the real reason behind the illegal immigrants being allowed to flood into this country. Too late, it will be found that many of the “migrants” are radical Islamists on a crusade to conquer the world.

After bringing the King of the North to his end, the pope, not realizing that probation has closed, will try to reestablish his throne. Armageddon will ensue during the Seventh Plague, and then the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies. It is at the midnight of the world, when all seems lost, that the Lord will rescue His people. The papacy will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ’s coming and Jesus will take His people home.

God's People Delivered

There is a place of refuge, but it will only be found by the true remnant of the woman; those who honestly seek the Lord with the whole heart. We need to memorize the 91st Psalm, as it is God's promise of protection:

91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

91:2 I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, [and] from the noisome pestilence.

91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth [shall be thy] shield and buckler.

91:5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; [nor] for the arrow [that] flieth by day;

91:6 [Nor] for the pestilence [that] walketh in darkness; [nor] for the destruction [that] wasteth at noonday.

91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee.

91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, [which is] my refuge, [even] the most High, thy habitation;

91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Transgression Has Almost Reached Its Limit, but only those who are walking in the light will see signs of the approaching peril:

Time will last a little longer until the inhabitants of the earth have filled up the cup of their iniquity, and then the wrath of God, which has so long slumbered, will awake, and **this land of light will drink the cup of His unmingled wrath.**--1T 363 (1863). {LDE 41.1}

Confusion fills the world, and **a great terror is soon to come upon human beings.** The end is very near. **We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.**--8T 28 (1904). {LDE 41.4}

Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. ... Let the word of God speak to the heart. Let those who have heard only tradition and human theories and maxims, hear the voice of Him who can renew the soul unto eternal life. {PK 626.1}

O that God's people had a sense of **the impending destruction of thousands of cities,** now almost given to idolatry!--Review and Herald, Sept. 10, 1903. {WM 136.2}

We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and **perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us.** {9T 43.2}

In the last scenes of this earth's history war will rage. There will be pestilence, plague and famine. The waters of the deep will overflow their boundaries. Property and life will be destroyed by fire and flood. We should be preparing for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for them that love Him.--Mar 174 (1897). {LDE 24.2}

The tempest is coming and we must get ready for its fury by having repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. **The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth.** We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. **Navies**

will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent. Confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near, probation is closing. Oh, let us seek God while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near!--MYP 89, 90 (1890). {LDE 24.1}

The crisis is fast approaching. The rapidly swelling figures show that **the time for God's visitations has nearly come.** Although loth to punish, nevertheless he will punish, and that speedily. **Those who walk in the light will see signs of the approaching peril;** but they are not to sit in quiet, unconcerned expectancy of the ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that God will shelter his people in the day of visitation. Far from it. They should realize that it is their duty to labor diligently to save others, looking with strong faith to God for help. {RH, January 11, 1887 par. 8}

Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable.-- Letter 278, 1906. {WM 136.6}

Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hasting greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads (RH Jan. 28, 1909). {7BC 968.12}

We are living amid the perils of the last days, and we need to warn the people of the coming danger:

The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work **we are to warn the people of the danger they are in.** Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched. If our people were half awake, **if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches, and many more would believe the message.** We have no time to lose; **God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account.** Advance new principles, and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways. But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But **whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope,** "the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star." {TM 118.1}

I pray that we all may understand the signs of the times, and that we may so prepare ourselves and our children that in the time of conflict God may be our refuge and defense. {AH 186.2}

Now, just now, is the time to prepare for what is coming on the world so we may find shelter, and be ready to meet our Lord in peace. The following statement is from a Chapter in *The Great Controversy* called "God's People Delivered". You would do well to read the whole chapter:

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

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

By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, "Look up," and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 17:24. Again a voice, musical and triumphant, is heard, saying: "They come! they come! holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of My patience; they shall walk among the angels;" and the pale, quivering lips of those who have held fast their faith utter a shout of victory. {GC 636.1}

God's faithful remnant will emerge victorious from the final crisis. Our Lord and Saviour will take us home where there will be no more sin or sorrow, but only peace, and joy, and happiness through the eternal ages. And we will sing praises to our Lord forever for His wondrous love. Amen.

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