

CHAPTER 1

SUNDAY IS NOT THE SABBATH DAY

We all know that Jesus was crucified and died on Friday. Every year we recognize this day as Good Friday. On that day Joseph of Arimathaea took Jesus' body from the cross and buried it. Luke 23:50-24:3 describes this event and tells us that the next day, Saturday, was the Sabbath. "And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counselor; and he was a good man, and a just: (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, that came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices that they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus."

So Jesus died on Good Friday, rested in the tomb during the following day, Saturday, which was the Sabbath, and then rose early on Sunday morning, the day we call Easter Sunday.

Today nearly the entire Christian world goes to church and worships on Sunday. Why is this? When was the day of worship changed from the Sabbath, which we just saw is Saturday, to Sunday?

We go to church on a specific day of the week because of the Sabbath commandment. The Ten Commandments can be found in Exodus 20:3-17. In the Sabbath commandment God has not only given us a command to keep the Sabbath day holy but has also told us how to keep it holy.

This commandment is found in Exodus 20:8-11: “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger that is within your gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

This commandment tells us that God’s Sabbath day is the seventh day of the week. God’s holy Sabbath day is Saturday. Sunday is the first day of the week.

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	1	2	3	4	5 Good Friday	6 Sabbath	
7 Easter	8	9	10	11	12	13 Sabbath	
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Before we look at the actual circumstances behind the change of the day of worship, let us look at one of the reasons given for Sunday sacredness.

Many claim that since we are living in New Testament times the Old Testament no longer applies to us. There was no New Testament in existence when Second Timothy 3:16 was written: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." This verse specifically refers to the Old Testament, and it tells us that the Old Testament is just as much in force today as when it was written.

Since the Sabbath commandment has been changed, can we find a Bible text that would document this change? As we search the Scriptures we run across Psalms 111:7-9. “The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people: he has commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.”

These verses seem to indicate that the Sabbath commandment should not have been changed. In fact, these verses tell us that all of the commandments will be in effect forever. As we continue our search we find Isaiah 66:22,23. These verses tell us that those who are saved from the earth will be keeping the Sabbath day, Saturday, holy throughout eternity, in the New Earth, which God has not yet created. “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says the Lord.”

Don't get discouraged about finding the verse that talks about a change in the Sabbath. It is definitely in the Bible, and we will read it shortly.

Our search further takes us to Revelation 11:19, which seems to indicate that the Ten Commandments are preserved in heaven for all eternity. “And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.” Do you suppose that the Sabbath commandment has been deleted

from the Ten Commandments in the Ark of the Covenant in heaven?

As we search the scriptures for the verse that indicates that the Sabbath has been changed to Sunday, perhaps we can gain more insight into this change by considering what Jesus did when He was on earth. Luke 4:16 tells us that Jesus always kept the Sabbath day holy. “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.” Jesus had a custom of keeping the Sabbath day holy.

Of course, we all know that Jesus was our example as First Peter 2:21 says, “For this you were called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps:” Since Jesus always kept the Sabbath day holy should we also keep the Sabbath day holy?

Let us now go to that verse that tells us about a change in the day to be kept holy. The verse is Daniel 7:25. “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.” Here we see that someone would attempt to change God’s times and God’s laws. This verse in the Catholic Douay translation says “. . . he shall think himself able to change times and laws.”

Who is it that attempted to change God’s times and God’s laws? Notice that whoever it was also persecuted and killed God’s people — he “wore out the saints of the most High.”

As further evidence that Saturday is God's holy Sabbath day, let us ask the people who tried to change the day of worship which day is the Sabbath:

Question: Which is the Sabbath day?

Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. — Peter Geiermann, *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine* (1957 ed.), p. 50.

The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday. — *Catholic Mirror*, official organ of Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893.

The observance of Sunday by the protestants is an homage they pay in spite of themselves to the authority of the [Catholic] Church. — Mgr. Louis Segur, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today*, Boston: Patrick Donahoe, 1868, page 225.

The Catholics have changed God's law extensively. They deleted the second commandment so as to allow their practice of bowing down and worshiping their images. They gutted the Sabbath commandment, which is their third commandment, removing all the instruction that God gave as to how to keep the Sabbath day holy. They also removed the instruction that God's Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. In order still to have ten commandments after removing the second, they divided the tenth and made it their ninth and tenth.

By their own admission, in their own publications, which we have just read, the Catholic Church changed the day of worship

from God's holy Sabbath day, Saturday, to Sunday, the day on which the pagans worshiped their sun god.

The next verse, Daniel 7:26, tells us that the papacy, the Catholic Church, will lose its power and will eventually be destroyed. "But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end."

Who gave the papacy power and authority to change God's laws? The papacy claims that God gave them this authority, but Revelation 13:2 tells us that "... the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." Revelation 12:9 tells us that the dragon is the devil. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was cast out to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Satan gave the papacy, the Catholic Church, the power and the great authority they have in this world.

Chapter three will show conclusively that these verses in Daniel and Revelation are talking specifically about the papacy.

Remember that Jesus warned in Matthew 7:15 that there would be many false priests and pastors who appear to be genuine but who speak lies and deception. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." The test is the Bible. When anyone teaches something that is different from the Bible they are the false prophets Jesus is talking about. Isaiah 8:20 says, "... if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Further we are told in First John 4:1 to test what pastors and ministers say by the Bible. If what they preach and teach disagrees with the Bible, they are the false prophets. "Beloved,

believe not every spirit, but try [test] the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

Don't believe the lie that the Catholic Church was the first Christian church. Don't believe the lie that Peter was the first pope. History shows us that the papacy did not appear on the scene until hundreds of years after Peter died.

The Catholic religion, actually, differs greatly from God's religion as found in the Bible.

God has never changed His day of worship. He has never changed or annulled any of His Ten Commandment law. Can you imagine God ever repealing the first commandment that says, “You shall have no other gods before me?” Or the second that says that you shall not make or bow down to graven images? Or the third that says, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain?” Or the fifth that tells us to honor our fathers and mothers? Or the sixth that tells us not to kill? Or the seventh that tells us not to commit adultery? Or the eighth that tells us not to steal? Or the ninth that tells us not to lie? Or the tenth that tells us not to covet anything that is our neighbor's?

Then why should we even imagine that God has repealed the fourth commandment that says, “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy?” Why would God annul the Sabbath commandment, the fourth commandment, and keep all the others? The answer, of course, is that He did not repeal the fourth commandment. None of the Ten Commandments was ever nailed to the cross. We have seen that all of God's

commandments will be in effect throughout all eternity. Chapter two will show what was nailed to the cross.

Let us continue looking at what Jesus and the apostles did on the Sabbath day. First John 2:3-7 tells us that we know the Lord only if we keep His commandments. “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that says, I know him, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby we know that we are in him. He that says he abides in him ought to walk, even as he walked. Brothers, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard from the beginning.”

Here we see that those who say they know and love Jesus yet do not keep His commandments, including the Saturday Sabbath commandment, are liars. Going to church on Sunday is not keeping the Sabbath day holy, for we have seen that Sunday is not God’s Sabbath day — Saturday is God’s Sabbath day. The verses we just read tell us that we should keep the Sabbath as Jesus did, on Saturday. He is our example. “He that says he abides in him ought to walk, even as he walked”

Some claim that the people continued to meet on the Sabbath because they did not know of the change, but Paul and Barnabas, who should certainly have known whether the Sabbath was legitimately changed to Sunday or not, persuaded a whole city to meet for worship the next Sabbath as described in Acts 13:44. “And the next sabbath day almost the whole city

came together to hear the word of God.” This happened after the cross and shows that the Sabbath was not nailed to the cross.

We see in Acts 17:2 that Paul, like Jesus, also regularly kept the Sabbath day holy. “And Paul, as his manner was, went in to them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures.” Acts 18:4,11 indicates that Paul kept 78 Sabbath days holy during the year and six months he spent in Corinth. “And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.”

Paul tells us in Acts 28:17 that all during his life he kept the Sabbath holy. Right before his death, probably in the year 68 AD, he knew that the Sabbath commandment was still in effect. “And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were together, he said to them, Men and brothers, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.” If the Sabbath had been nailed to the cross, why did Paul continue to keep God’s Sabbath day, Saturday, holy throughout his entire life?

Many twist the writings of Paul to try to show that the Sabbath was legitimately changed by God, but Paul would certainly not try to persuade people to keep Sunday while he kept God’s Saturday Sabbath. In Romans 3:31 the apostle Paul clearly says that the law was not abolished or nailed to the cross. He specifically says the law is established. “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.” A law that is established is certainly not abolished.

When Jesus talked about the greatest commandments in the law in Matthew 22:35-40 He summarized the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments show us how to express love to God, and the last six show us how to express love to our fellow man. Notice that Jesus said that on these two commandments hang all the Ten Commandment law and all of the Old Testament teachings of the prophets. “Then one of them, who was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

If loving the Lord with all your heart and loving your neighbor as yourself relieves us of the responsibility of keeping the Sabbath day holy, why did these two commandments in the Old Testament not relieve the Israelites of this responsibility?

Deuteronomy 6:5: “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”
 Leviticus 19:18: “. . . you shall love your neighbor as yourself. . . .”

We are still within the thousand generations spoken of in Deuteronomy 7:9. “Know therefore that the Lord your God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.” This, again shows us that we are still expected to keep the Ten Commandments, including God’s Saturday Sabbath commandment.

Many claim that the law was nailed to the cross and that since Jesus died on the cross we are no longer required to keep the Sabbath day holy. Acts 13:42-44, however, written after Christ died on the cross, tells us that Sabbath-keeping is in total harmony with the grace of God. “And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.”

In Psalms 119:142 we find that God’s law is the truth. “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.” In fact in Psalms 119:151 we see specifically that every one of God’s commandments is the truth, including the Saturday Sabbath commandment. “You are near, O Lord; and all your commandments are truth.” Can you imagine God throwing away something that is the truth? The truth is absolute. The truth never becomes anything else but the truth.

Not only are all God’s commandments the truth, but Psalms 119:172 tells us that each one of them is righteousness. The Ten Commandments define righteousness. “My tongue shall speak of your word: for all your commandments are righteousness.”

God’s days are measured from sunset to sunset. Leviticus 23:32 tells us that the Sabbath begins at even. “. . . from even unto even, you shall celebrate your sabbath.” Mark 1:32 tells us that even is at sunset. “And at even, when the sun did set, . . .” The

Sabbath begins at sunset Friday evening and ends at sunset Saturday evening.

The Jews had seven yearly sabbaths, special feast days, where animal sacrifices were offered. When one of these yearly sabbaths fell on the weekly Sabbath, that day was called a high day. These yearly sabbaths with their animal sacrifices all pointed forward to Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Earlier we read that the preparation day, the day before the Sabbath, was Friday. Jesus was crucified and died on the day we call Good Friday, as shown in John 19:31. "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away." The Jewish leaders wanted to get Christ's body off the cross and buried before the Sabbath began at sunset on Friday evening. How ironic that having just killed the great Creator God of the universe, they were concerned about keeping His Sabbath day holy!

The special yearly sabbath days and their sacrifices ceased at the cross because Christ, the true Lamb of God, was sacrificed. To continue celebrating these yearly sabbaths with their animal sacrifices today would be a denial that Christ died for our sins. In Daniel 9:27 we read that Jesus ". . . shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." These yearly feast days are what was nailed to the cross. The weekly Sabbath of the fourth commandment remains throughout eternity. Those who are saved from the earth will continuously observe the weekly Saturday Sabbath throughout eternity. "For as the new heavens and the new earth, that I will make, shall remain before me, says

the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says the Lord.” (Isaiah 66:22,23)

Keeping the Sabbath was so important to the followers of Jesus that they would not even anoint His body on the Sabbath day. Joseph, you will remember, asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Then, as described in Luke 23:53 through Luke 24:1, “. . . he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, who came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices they had prepared, and certain others with them.”

The claim is often made that because of changes in the calendar, we cannot be sure which day is the Sabbath. There was a major change made in the calendar in 1582, but this change did not interrupt the weekly seven-day cycle. In order to correct for inaccuracies that had accumulated over the centuries, ten days were dropped from October of 1582. Thursday was the fourth, and Friday was made the fifteenth. Actually, we change our calendars every four years by adding an additional day to February and call that year leap-year. These changes do not interrupt the normal sequence of the days of the week. Except in France during their short-lived atheistic revolution, the calendar

has never been changed in such a way as to disrupt the normal sequence of the weekly cycle.

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Ecclesiastes 3:14 shows that God does not make mistakes. When He does something, He never has to correct it because nothing is wrong with it. This, of course, includes the Ten Commandment Law of God “I know that, whatever God does, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God does it, that men should fear before him.”

At the end of creation week, God blessed the Seventh-day and made it holy. God’s Sabbath day, therefore, will remain blessed forever. “And on the seventh day God ended his work that he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because in it he had rested from all his work that God created and made.” (Genesis 2:2,3.)

God blessed the seventh-day Sabbath. He never blessed or hallowed or sanctified any other day of the week. Those who say

they keep Sunday holy are mistaken, for how can they keep a day holy that God never made holy?

Deuteronomy 4:12,13 tells us that God's covenant is the Ten Commandment law. The Ten Commandments are the only verses in the Bible that God Himself wrote. "And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire: you heard the voice of the words, but saw no one; you only heard a voice. And he declared to you his covenant, that he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone." How irreverent and blasphemous for people to say that one of them is no longer in effect.

People today simply do not realize how important God's covenant, the Ten Commandments, is. Notice in Jeremiah 11:3 that you are cursed if you do not obey the Ten Commandments. "And say to them, Thus the Lord God of Israel says; Cursed be the man that does not obey the words of this covenant."

Next, God promises in Psalms 89:34 that He will never break His covenant nor change what He has spoken. "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." The Ten Commandments will be in effect throughout eternity.

Since the Jews broke God's covenant, God made a new covenant with His people. Hebrews 8:8-10 describes God's new covenant. "For finding fault with them, he says, Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I

regarded them not, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.” God’s new covenant is simply God’s Ten Commandments written on our hearts and in our minds.

Many claim that the law spoken of in the verses we just read, Hebrews 8:8-10, is different than the law in the Old Testament and does not include the Sabbath commandment. But Hebrews 8:8-10 is a direct quote of Jeremiah 31:31-33, and shows that the law in the New Testament is exactly the same as the law in the Old Testament, complete with the Sabbath commandment in its original and unchanged form.

Galatians 3:29 tells us that the true Christians who are keeping all ten of God’s commandments are the children of Israel today. They are the House of Israel today. “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

The Sabbath is God’s special sign between Him and His people. Notice in Exodus 31:13-18 that the Sabbath day, Saturday, is to be the sign between God and His people forever. “Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, Verily you shall keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am the Lord that sanctifies you. You shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy to you: every one that defiles it shall surely be put to death: for whoever does any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whoever does any work in the sabbath

day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. And he gave to Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.”

We just saw that all true Christians who keep all ten of the commandments comprise Israel today. The Sabbath will never cease to be the sign between God and His people, even in the new earth, which God has not yet created.

We just read in Exodus 31:16 that God’s Ten Commandment covenant is a perpetual covenant. Perpetual means never ending. God’s covenant, His Ten Commandment law, will be in effect forever, and God’s holy seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday, will be the sign between God and His people forever.

Notice in Matthew 19:16,17 what Jesus said to someone who asked Him what he should do to be saved. “And, behold, one came and said to him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said to him, Why do you call me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments.” Jesus also said in Matthew 24:35 that “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” These words of Jesus requiring us to keep the commandments will exist forever.

Jesus said here that in order to be saved, you must keep the commandments, and to make sure there is no doubt which law

He is talking about He quotes from the Ten Commandments in the next verses. “He said unto him, Which? Jesus said, You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Since Jesus tells us to keep the commandments in order to be saved, does this make Jesus a legalist?

Jesus told this individual that to be saved he must keep the commandments. Would you say that Jesus’ statement here to keep the commandments is part of the Gospel of Christ? Here is what Paul said about the Gospel of Christ in Second Corinthians 4:3,4. “But if our gospel is hid, it is hid from them that are lost: In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. “The god of this world is Satan. Has Satan blinded your mind against God’s Saturday Sabbath day? Is Christ’s gospel hid from you as verse three suggests?

Many claim that we are no longer required to obey the Sabbath commandment because Jesus didn’t mention this commandment in Matthew 19:18,19, that we just read. He didn’t mention the first commandment, that says, “You shall have no other gods before me.” He didn’t mention the second commandment that tells us not to make or bow down to images. He didn’t mention the third commandment that says, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.”

Since Jesus didn't mention these commandments, are we no longer obliged to obey them either? You can see how faulty that argument is. When the highest authority in the universe tells you to do something, it is extremely foolish to disobey.

Just before Jesus left this earth at the end of His ministry He said in Matthew 28:19,20, "Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." We just read that Jesus told us to keep His commandments if we expect to be saved.

Revelation 1:10 mentions the Lord's day. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet," Many think that the Lord's day is Sunday, but God only blessed and sanctified one day, the seventh-day Sabbath, which is Saturday. Let us consult the Bible to discover which day is the Lord's day. Isaiah 58:13,14 tells us that the Sabbath day is God's day. "If you turn your foot away from the sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words: Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it." Here God calls the Sabbath day "My holy day." Saturday is the Lord's day according to the Bible, and not Sunday. Notice also that these verses tell us what we should and should not do on the Sabbath.

In Ezekiel 20:12,20 God refers to the Sabbath as “My sabbaths.” “Moreover also I gave them **my sabbaths**, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them. And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.” Since what God does is forever, Saturday, the Sabbath day, will always be the Lord’s day. In the Bible the first day of the week, Sunday, is never referred to as the Lord’s day.

When speaking with Sabbath-keepers, Sunday-keepers often refer to Saturday as “your Sabbath.” Why do they do this? The Bible says that Saturday is God’s Sabbath in the fourth commandment in Exodus 20:10. “But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God.”

In the New Testament Hebrews 4:9-11 says specifically that the Sabbath remains. It was not nailed to the cross or otherwise abolished. “There remains therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.” The word “rest” was translated from the Greek word *sabbatismos*, which means “a keeping of the Sabbath.” Paul tells us to enter into that rest, or that keeping of the Sabbath. The Sabbath was not nailed to the cross, and today we are expected to obey fully the seventh-day Sabbath commandment. This verse in the New International Version of the Bible says, “There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God.”

Those who refuse to see the Saturday Sabbath truth of the fourth commandment will receive strong delusion and continue to believe a lie according to Second Thessalonians 2:10,11. “And

with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:” Remember that Psalms 119:151 says that all God’s commandments are truth.

Nowhere does the Bible tell us to keep the first day of the week for anything. All the Bible tells us to do on Sunday, the first day of the week, is to work. Exodus 20:9,10: “Six days you shall labor, and do all your work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger that is within your gates:”

Let us now consider every verse in the Bible that mentions the “first day of the week.” There are eight of them. Five texts describe the women coming to Jesus’ tomb early on Sunday morning. Notice how many of these verses mention that the Sabbath was ending as Sunday was beginning.

Matthew 28:1: “In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.”

Mark 16:1,2: “And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.”

Luke 24:1: “Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices they had prepared, and certain others with them.”

Mark 16:9: “Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.”

John 20:1: “The first day of the week came Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, to the sepulchre, and saw the stone taken away from the sepulchre.”

Many assume that John 20:19 describes a Sunday worship service, but the verse clearly says that the disciples were there because they were afraid of the Jews. “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and said to them, Peace be unto you.”

Next, Acts 20:7 describes a meeting where Paul preached until midnight. “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.” Remember God’s days start at sunset and end at sunset the next day. The Sabbath, the seventh day, ended at sunset when the first day started. The disciples met on Saturday night after sunset. The way the world reckons time, Sunday starts at Midnight. Paul quit preaching at midnight just as Sunday was beginning. So even as the world recons time Paul was not holding a Sunday morning service. The phrase “to break bread” refers to eating dinner, as verse eleven suggests. Many

claim this was a communion service celebrating the Lord's resurrection. Communion is a memorial, not to His resurrection, but to His death as First Corinthians 11:26 shows. "For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you show the Lord's death till he comes."

The Jews kept their accounting books on the first day of the week. In First Corinthians 16:1,2 Paul is simply telling believers to set aside an offering for the poor saints in Jerusalem so he can pick it up quickly on his way. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so you do. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

We have just looked at every verse in the Bible where the phrase "first day of the week" is mentioned. Notice that in these verses concerning the first day, and in fact the entire Bible, there is no commandment, instruction, injunction, mandate, precept, or even a suggestion that Sunday should be kept holy. There is certainly no clear command from God, as there was on Mt. Sinai when He gave the fourth commandment concerning the Sabbath day in His own voice. There is no precedent for Sunday observance anywhere in the entire Bible. On the other hand, the Bible describes many Saturday Sabbath observances as we have seen.

In trying to justify Sunday-keeping, many frantically search the Bible for a precedent for Sunday observance. Suppose they found one. Suppose they found an instance of a Sunday religious meeting in the Bible. Would that justify Sunday-keeping? Would that justify working on God's holy Sabbath day,

Saturday? What would they do with the multitude of Saturday religious meetings we have looked at in the Bible? The Bible describes many instances where God's people have lied and otherwise committed sins. Does this justify lying, or breaking any of the Ten Commandments? Of course not. A Sunday meeting, if it were found, would not justify breaking God's Sabbath commandment either.

Deuteronomy 4:2 tells us not to change the Word of God and gives us the reason for this: "You shall not add to the word that I command you, neither shall you take anything from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you." Notice the reason given for not changing God's Word: "that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you." To claim that the Sabbath is no longer in effect is to change the Word of God. Proverbs 30:6 says, "Add not to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar."

How much more permanent can the Ten Commandments be than is described by Luke 16:17? "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Ecclesiastes 1:4 tells us that the earth will be here forever. "One generation passes away, and another generation comes: but the earth abides for ever." Isn't it clear that the Saturday Sabbath commandment will be here forever also? God's people will obey the Saturday Sabbath commandment in the new earth throughout eternity, as we read in Isaiah 66:23: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says the Lord."

It was Jesus Himself who gave the Ten Commandments from Mt. Sinai. We all recognize Jesus as the one and only Savior. James 4:12 tells us that He is also the Lawgiver. “There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who are you that judges another?” Hebrews 13:8 tells us that, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Furthermore, Jesus also tells us in Malachi 3:6 that He will never change. “For I am the Lord, I change not;” Jesus is the same now as when He gave the Ten Commandments from Mt. Sinai.

Romans 6:16 tells us that we worship whomever we obey. “Do you not know that whomever you obey, his servants you are; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” Thus, if we keep the Ten Commandments we obey Christ and are His servants. Since it was the pope and the Catholic Church who changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday, if we keep Sunday we obey the pope and are his servants.

First John 5:3 defines our love to God. “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.” No Sunday-keeper can love God after he understands about the Sabbath, for Sunday-keepers break the fourth commandment every week. No Sunday-keeper can love God, for we have seen that the Sunday-keeper is not obeying God, but following the dictates of the pope and the Catholic Church. Jesus says in John 14:15, “If you love me, keep **MY** commandments.”

It looks as if the time has come when those who disobey God are believing lies, called fables in Second Timothy 4:3,4. “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers,

having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” Again, remember that Psalms 119:151 tells us that all God’s commandments are truth.

Sin is breaking any of the Ten Commandments. This definition of sin is found in First John 3:4. “Whoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

We must now look at the Bible definition of a wicked person. Psalms 119:155 tells us that the wicked are people who do not obey the Ten Commandments. “Salvation is far from the wicked: for they do not seek your statutes.” Psalms 119:53 also tells us that the wicked are those who ignore God’s law. “Horror has taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake your law.”

Daniel 12:4,10 tells us that the wicked, those who break any of the Ten Commandments, will never understand the Bible and God’s truth. “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”

When Sunday-keepers attempt to explain Bible prophecy they never get it right. In fact the explanations of Bible prophecy that they have come up with are designed by Satan to play right into his hands in order to deceive the people of the world.

Matthew 4:4 is a very important verse. “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” Out of the mouth of God came the Ten Commandments, including the

Saturday Sabbath commandment, and man shall live by every word of them. In this verse Jesus Himself completely validates our requirement to keep Saturday, the Sabbath day, holy and to do no work therein. Jesus tells us to keep the commandments. Sunday-keepers tell us to keep Sunday. Who do you suppose you should believe, Jesus or the Sunday-keepers?

Most of the people of this world will be lost, because, for any number of reasons, they refuse to obey God and keep His commandments. Matthew 7:13,14 tells us: “Enter in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and there are many that go that way: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leads to life, and there are few that find it.” To be saved you must keep all ten of God’s commandments, as we have seen.

Those who are keeping Sunday instead of Saturday, the Sabbath day, have believed they were doing the right thing. Notice Proverbs 12:15 “. . . He that hearkens to counsel is wise.”

We saw that Sunday-keeping was instituted by the Catholic Church. Sunday-keeping is a Catholic tradition. Sunday-keeping is a tradition of men. Matthew 15:3,8,9 warns us of the danger of following traditions of men. “But he answered and said to them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? These people draw nigh unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

Proverbs 28:9 tells us that God will not hear the prayers of those who disregard His commandments. “He that turns away his ear

from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.” Here we see that the prayers of Sunday-keepers, after they know about the Sabbath, are abomination to God. They have turned their ears away from hearing God’s law, especially the Saturday Sabbath commandment.

Don’t forget that the devil, Satan, can answer prayer and usually does to make people who are living in sin think that God is answering their prayers. Satan even gives people his spirit and makes them believe that it is the Holy Spirit. Those who disregard any of the Ten Commandments cannot have the Holy Spirit, for the Bible tells us in Acts 5:32 that God gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. “We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God has given to them that obey him.” Sunday-keepers, therefore, cannot have the Holy Spirit because by keeping Sunday they are not obeying God.

The Bible warns us to be on guard against the deceptions of the devil in Revelation 12:9: “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was cast out to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Peter tells us in Acts 5:29 that, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” Do you suppose Peter would have told us this if he had been a Sunday-keeper? Those who claim they are born-again and saved but disregard any of the Ten Commandments, including the Saturday Sabbath commandment, will be lost. Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:21-23 that only those who keep all of God’s commandments will be saved. “Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he

that does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I say to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.“

In Numbers 15:32-36 we find an object lesson by which God sought to impress the Israelites with the sanctity of the Sabbath. “And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks on the sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the Lord said to Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp. And all the congregation brought him outside the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses.” Harsh punishment, to be sure. But this story has served to save countless numbers of people by making them realize that God’s Sabbath is inviolable. This man died as an example to us so that we would realize how important Sabbath-keeping really is. “Now all these things happened to them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” (First Corinthians 10:11). The penalty for breaking the Saturday Sabbath commandment is the same as it was then — death. The penalty is only delayed for a little while.

We are going to be held responsible for obeying the clear teachings of the Bible. Second Corinthians 5:10 says, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that

he has done, whether it be good or bad.” James 1:22 says “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” We need to be on guard against self-deception.

God will not take anyone to heaven who would commit a sin once he got there, as Nahum 1:9 tells us. “What do you imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.”

Those who are in Sunday-keeping churches will not necessarily be lost if they are keeping Sunday in ignorance. But, when they find out that Saturday is the Sabbath day, God requires them to obey completely the Sabbath commandment and come out of those churches. In John 10:14-16,26-28 Jesus describes these people as other sheep. “I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, who 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. But you believe not, because you are not of my sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give to them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

Do you hear the Lord’s voice telling you to keep Saturday, the Sabbath day, holy? Then do as Second Corinthians 6:14-17 tells you to do: “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness? And what concord has Christ with Belial? or what part has he that believes with an infidel? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?

for you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from among them, and be separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,”

Also in Revelation 18:4 God calls for His people to come out of churches that are not adhering to the full truth of the Bible. “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you do not partake of her sins, and that you do not receive her plagues.” Regardless of what priests and preachers tell you to do, God tells you to get out of the false Sunday-keeping churches. They are leading you straight to destruction in the lake of fire. “And whoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:15). God will never accept any of Satan’s counterfeit religions.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

The Bible plainly tells us that only commandment keepers will be saved. The word “overcomes” in Revelation 21:7,8 refers to overcoming sin. We saw that sin is breaking any of the Ten Commandments. Keeping Sunday breaks more than the fourth commandment. It also breaks the first because Sunday-keepers are putting the pope and the Catholic Church before God. Remember, it was the pope and the Catholic Church that changed the day from Saturday to Sunday. “He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and

all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

It is very dangerous to tell people that they do not need to obey the Ten Commandments today and that they do not need to keep Saturday, God’s Sabbath day, holy as required by the fourth commandment. Those who do this are a party to the pope’s conspiracy to change the Law of God and will be lost. Here in Revelation 22:18,19 is what God says about people who change His word and His laws. “For I testify to every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in this book.”

Many who neglect the Sabbath and who will be lost vehemently claim that they are born-again Christians. Remembering that sin is breaking one or more of the Ten Commandments, here is the Bible’s definition of a born-again Christian, found in First John 3:9: “Whoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” Born-again Christians never break any of God’s Ten Commandments. Born-again Christians are Saturday Sabbath-keepers.

Does being a born-again Christian according to First John 3:9 sound as if it is impossible? Of course we can’t do it in our own strength. We need God’s help to accomplish this. If this is what we really want with all our hearts, and we submit ourselves totally to God, He will give us the power to overcome sin

completely and to obey perfectly His Ten Commandments. He will do for us what He promises in Ezekiel 36:27 “I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them.”

In Bible prophecy a woman represents a church. A pure, virtuous woman represents Christ’s true church. Isaiah 51:16 says, “I have put my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are my people.” Zion is one of the terms applied to God’s people in Old Testament times. Notice in Jeremiah 6:2 that Zion had one daughter. “I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.” This only daughter of Zion is Christ’s true church today, which is represented by a comely and delicate woman to indicate the church’s utmost purity. Christ’s true church is referred to in Second Corinthians 11:2 as a virgin. “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” Revelation 12:17 describes this true church. In this instance the devil, Satan, is extremely angry at the true church. “And the dragon was full of rage at the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Notice here that God’s true church keeps all of the Ten Commandments. Ephesians 4:4,5 confirms that there is, indeed, only one true church. “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

The Jews are not God's people today. Jesus said in Matthew 23:37,38, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone those who are sent to you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." He also told the Jews in Matthew 21:43, "Therefore I say to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." That nation is the true church today, consisting of those who keep all of God's commandments.

Since adultery is a breach of trust and a breach of contract between a man and his wife, the Bible uses the symbol of adultery as the breach of trust and the breach of contract between God and His people. A harlot, therefore, represents one or more of the many counterfeit churches. This can be shown by Jeremiah 3:8,9. The reference to committing adultery with stones and with stocks in these verses refers to the idols made of wood and stone that the people were worshiping. "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks." Another text that shows this is Ezekiel 23:37. "That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols they have committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass through the fire, to devour them." Revelation 17:5 describes a counterfeit church and her numerous counterfeit daughter churches. "And upon her forehead was a name written,

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

I acknowledge the Holy Catholic Apostolic Roman Church for the mother and mistress of all churches. — Art. 10, Creed of Pope Pius IV. Double Bull of Pope Pius IV, Nov. 13 and Dec. 9, 1564, trans. in Philip Schaff, *The Creeds of Christendom*, New York: Harper, 1919, Vol. 1, p. 99.

Remember that the devil gave the papacy its “power and seat and great authority.” Since the papacy changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday, the daughter churches include all the churches that obey the pope in their day of worship.

Notice the outstanding characteristic of God’s true church given in Revelation 12:17. “And the dragon was full of rage at the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” The people in God’s true church keep all of God’s commandments, including the Saturday, Sabbath, commandment. We have seen that Saturday, the Sabbath, is specifically the sign between God and His only church.

Soon there is coming on the earth a time of trouble worse than any trouble the world has ever seen. This time of trouble is mentioned in Daniel 12:1. “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your 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 your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

To compound this trouble the devil is planning a most overwhelming deception for the people of earth. Just as he

counterfeits every other Bible doctrine, Satan plans to impersonate Christ at the opportune time. Second Corinthians 11:14 tells us, “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.” Human eyes have never seen a sight such as the one Satan will present. Satan was originally an angel in heaven; he is the most beautiful and the most intelligent being that God ever created. Human beings will be dazzled when Satan walks the streets of the cities and towns of this world in all his splendor and glory. He will speak softly, in a pleasant, melodious, soothing voice, and will say many of the things Jesus said many centuries before. He will heal the sick and will perform many miracles just as Jesus did. Matthew 24:24 tells us that Satan “shall show great signs and wonders.” The devil’s miracles, his appearance, his dazzling brilliance, and his pleasant manner will be almost more than even Christ’s elect can withstand, and they will very nearly accept this overpowering deception. Nearly the entire human race will fall down and worship the devil, believing that he is Christ. In his guise as Christ, Satan will say that he changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday, and nearly the entire world will believe it. “Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matthew 24:23,24).

The issue of contention during this coming time of trouble will be over whether to worship on the Lord’s day, the Sabbath, Saturday, or whether to obey the pope and worship on Sunday. This religious persecution will be very bloody. During the Dark Ages the Catholics slaughtered over 150 million Christians

because they wanted to worship God according to the Bible. This will happen again. Many of God's true people will lose their lives in this bloody turmoil, but this time the Lord will not tolerate a wholesale slaughter of His people. He will come and put an end to Sunday-keeping and religious persecution forever. And when He comes, those who have disregarded His law will finally learn that God means exactly what He says.

“ ‘And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.’ (Exodus 31:18). Nothing written on those tables could be blotted out. The precious record of the law was placed in the ark of the testament and is still there, safely hidden from the human family. But in God's appointed time He will bring forth these tables of stone to be a testimony to all the world against the disregard of His commandments and against the idolatrous worship of a counterfeit Sabbath.” — The Law, E. G. White, 1901, p. 4.

CHAPTER 2

THE LAW IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The word “law” occurs 223 times in the New Testament of the King James Version. The word “ordinances,” which means law occurs seven times.

Because of verses like Colossians 2:14 nearly the entire Christian world believes that the Ten Commandments are no longer in effect. This verse says, “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;”

Paul says in Romans 3:31, “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.” A law that is established is certainly not abolished or nailed to the cross.

So, has the law been established, or has it been nailed to the cross and abolished? Obviously there is more than one type of law referred to in the New Testament.

God gave four different types of laws to the Israelites in the Old Testament. They were:

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The religious ceremonial laws
3. The health laws
4. The civil laws

One of the major problems with the words “law,” “ordinances,” and “covenant” in the New Testament is that it is often not clear which “law” or “covenant” is being discussed. But in each case God has given us a way to know which law or covenant is meant. Here we get into the problems of interpretation of the Bible.

A contradiction is of necessity a lie. If one thing is true and another disagrees with it, the second can not be true. It must be a lie. Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie. “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;” Hebrews 6:18 also tells us that God cannot lie. “That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie. . . .” And finally Numbers 23:19 tells us this also. “God is not a man, that he should lie. . . .”

Since it is impossible for God to lie, and contradictions are lies, there can be no contradictions anywhere in the Bible. Therefore, the correct way to interpret the Bible is so that there are no contradictions in the entire Bible. When we interpret the Bible so that there are no contradictions anywhere, we know we have it right. This is the method God has given us whereby we might know when we have the Bible interpreted correctly.

We read many Bible verses in chapter one that showed that the Sabbath commandment would be in effect forever, a perpetual covenant. God’s Sabbath commandment, will never end.

Therefore, when we read something in the New Testament that is interpreted in such a way that claims that the Ten Commandments are no longer in effect, we know that this interpretation is wrong. For instance, there are places in the New

Testament that talk about our not being under the law. In light of the verses we have read that say that the commandments will stand forever, this cannot mean that the Ten Commandments have been abolished. We will see later what not being under the law means.

Regarding these four types of laws God gave to ancient Israel, here are the types of laws and the ones that were discontinued.

1. The great universal moral law, the Ten Commandments

We will see shortly that the Ten Commandment law is God's constitution for the government of heaven and the entire universe. We will see that the Ten Commandments have been in effect ever since God was and will be in effect throughout all eternity, as long as God exists.

2. The religious ceremonial laws

God planned from the beginning that the religious ceremonial laws would cease at the cross, because Christ, the true Lamb of God was sacrificed. The animal sacrifices all pointed forward to Christ's death on the cross. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, . . ." (Daniel 9:27) For us to offer animal sacrifices today would be a sacrilege, saying that Christ did not die for our sins.

3. The health laws

These are laws that God gave us to keep us healthy and free from disease. The physics of the human body have not changed since these laws were given. The health laws are just as much a

benefit for us today as they were for the ancient Israelites. Consider Exodus 15:26: “. . . If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, and will do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon you, that I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that heals you.” If people perfectly obeyed God and kept the health laws today they would NEVER be sick.

4. The civil laws

These were the laws governing the civil penalties for crimes within the theocracy of Israel. Many of our civil laws today are based on these laws to some degree. God does not require these to be strictly adhered to today, because the theocracy is no longer in existence, but they should be used to guide us in setting up our governments. When someone is convicted of murder, for instance, the murderer should be put to death swiftly in order to discourage others from this sin. “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed. . . .” And “. . . blood defiles the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.” (Genesis 9:6, Numbers 35:33)

Interpreting the Bible so that there are no contradictions anywhere will always show whether the New Testament is referring to the Ten Commandments or not.

Let us again consider Second Timothy 3:16,17 that tells us that the entire Old Testament is applicable for us today. “All

scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” When this was written there was no New Testament. This verse is telling us that all of the Old Testament is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. We cannot disregard any part of the Bible and be safe.

We are told in the clearest of language in Psalms 111:7-9 that all of God’s Ten Commandments will stand fast for ever and ever. “The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people: he has commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.”

These verses tell us that God’s Ten Commandment law will stand throughout all eternity. These verses also make it clear that the covenant that stands forever is the covenant of the Ten Commandments. This is very important, because when the New Testament speaks of a covenant or a law that was discontinued, it cannot possibly refer to the law or covenant of the Ten Commandments.

Furthermore, Ecclesiastes 3:14 makes it very clear that God will never change or abolish His Ten Commandments or His Sabbath day. “I know that, whatever God does, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God does it, that men should fear before him.” How could God have possibly made it any plainer than the wording in this verse?

At the end of creation week God blessed, sanctified, and made holy Saturday, the seventh day of the week. God never blessed, sanctified, or made holy any other day of the week, and Ecclesiastes 3:14 makes it clear that God's seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday, will remain blessed, sanctified and holy throughout all eternity.

Many people try to twist these clear Bible texts that tell us that the Ten Commandments will stand forever by saying that these verses are "figurative" language, or these verses are "spiritual," or that "forever" does not really mean forever, or in some other way try to cloud the meaning. Many so-called Christians today claim that the Ten Commandments were only for the Jews, but they are quick to say that they are not allowed to lie, murder, commit adultery, or break any other of the Ten Commandments except the Sabbath commandment!

We saw that Jesus, Himself, tells us to live by every word out of the mouth of God in Matthew 4:4. "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Directly out of the mouth of God came the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:3-17. These are the ONLY verses in the Bible that God, Himself, wrote. And God, Himself, wrote them to make us realize their importance and to make us realize that they would forever be in effect. That is why He wrote them on tables of stone — to show their permanence.

Which verses in the Bible would you consider to be more important, the verses God, Himself, wrote or the verses someone else wrote?

Jesus said in Matthew 5:17,18 that He did not come to destroy the law. “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” We saw in chapter one that the earth will abide forever. Here again in the clearest words possible Jesus tells us that He did not come to abolish the law but that the law will be in effect for ever.

Which law is Jesus referring to? The law that will be in force throughout all eternity, the Ten Commandments. How can Sunday-keepers claim that Jesus abolished the law, when He says plainly in these verses that He did NOT abolish the law? Jesus fulfilled the law by perfectly obeying every one of the Ten Commandments.

We saw in First John 3:4 that sin is breaking any of the Ten Commandments. “Whoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” When Sunday-keepers throw out the Ten Commandments, they are throwing away the definition of sin.

When did God institute His Ten Commandment law? We know that Satan sinned in heaven before the earth was created, so the Ten Commandments must have been in force then. We also know that Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, so the Ten Commandments must have been in force in the Garden of Eden. We saw in Chapter one that those who are saved will be keeping God’s Sabbath day, Saturday, holy throughout all eternity. The Ten Commandment law is the constitution of heaven. It is the law whereby God’s entire universe operates. If

it were not, the entire universe would have the problems we have on earth today.

In fact, one of the main reasons God created the earth was to show to the universe what happens when people continually break God's law. First Corinthians 4:9 tells us: "For we are made a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men." The word "spectacle" is translated from the Greek word *theatron*, which means "theater." This present earth was created to be the theater of the universe where God is demonstrating to all the intelligent beings in the universe what happens when a society disobeys His law, the Ten Commandments. As the final result of the drama taking place on this earth, all of God's creation — men, angels, and other forms of intelligent life throughout the vast reaches of space — will thoroughly understand that without obeying God's law there can be no peace, for they are witnessing the trouble, misery, pain, and death that are the natural consequences of disregarding the law of God.

Isaiah 24:4,5 is a prophecy of the trouble that occurs when the people of the earth declare that God's law is no longer in effect. "The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." The wars and trouble, the pain and suffering all over the earth today are a direct result of people disregarding God's Ten Commandments.

Today, the earth is the stage, the theater of the universe, where the tragic results of disobeying God's law are being revealed; but then, throughout all eternity, after God creates the new earth

from the ashes of the old, the Glory of the universe will be centered here. Today God rules from heaven; but after He creates the new earth, He will make His home and His throne on the new earth. This world will be the center of God's government and the home of the righteous throughout eternity. Revelation 21:3 says, "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." The word "tabernacle" means tent, and it signifies the home of God on the earth with the righteous from all ages. Yes, this world, where the great Creator God of the universe, Jesus Christ, was brutally murdered by those whom He created, will be Christ's throne throughout all eternity. The next verse tells us that there will be no unhappiness or problems of any kind in this new earth. Everything will be perfect. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

And we have seen in Isaiah 66:22,23 that in God's new earth, everyone will be keeping Saturday, God's Sabbath day, holy throughout all eternity.

God's Ten Commandments, His constitution of the universe, is enshrined in His temple in heaven. Revelation 11:19 tells us that the Ark of the Covenant is in the Temple of God in Heaven. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." The Ark of the Covenant contains the Ten Commandments. The Greek word, *diatheke*, which is translated "testament" in this verse is also

translated “covenant” seventeen times in the New Testament. Most of the other English translations of the Bible say “Ark of His Covenant” in this verse.

Do Sunday-keepers believe that God’s Saturday Sabbath commandment has been deleted from the Ten Commandments on the tables of stone in the temple of God in heaven?

Since the Ten Commandments are still in effect, they must be included in the New Testament. And they are. The following chart lists each one of the Ten Commandments and gives the texts where it can be found. These are not the only texts that reiterate the Ten Commandments in the New Testament.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT	
1st	You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve. (Matthew 4:10)
2nd	Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. (1 John 5:21, Acts 17:29)
3rd	That the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. (1 Timothy 6:1)
4th	There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; (Hebrews 4:9, NIV)
5th	Honour your father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:2,3)
6th	You shall not kill (Romans 13:9)
7th	You shall not commit adultery. (Romans 13:9)
8th	You shall not steal. (Romans 13:9)
9th	You shall not bear false witness (Romans 13:9)
10th	You shall not covet. (Romans 7:7)

In the fourth commandment in this chart, verses three through eleven of Hebrews 4:9 make it very clear that God is talking about His seventh-day, Saturday, Sabbath. The New International Version of the Bible has for this verse, “There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;”

Also in this chart, in the fifth commandment, by saying, “which is the first commandment with promise,” Paul refers directly to the 5th commandment found in Exodus 20:12. “Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the

land which the Lord your God gives you.” The promise is long life for obedience.

Revelation 22:14,15 makes it clear that only commandment keepers will be saved. Some of the Ten Commandments are listed here to show that this is talking about the Ten Commandments. “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whoever loves and makes a lie.”

There are a great many people today who claim they are Christians and who go around saying, “I’m saved.” Unless they are keeping all of the Ten Commandments they are deceiving themselves. First Peter 4:18 says that even the righteous, those who are keeping all the commandments, will very nearly not be saved. “And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

Earlier we saw that Psalms 119:172 tells us that ALL of the commandments are righteousness. “My tongue shall speak of your word: for all your commandments are righteousness.” The Ten Commandments define righteousness.

Deuteronomy 6:25 tells us that righteousness is keeping the commandments. “And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.”

And Isaiah 51:6 tells us that these Ten Commandments, this righteousness shall never be abolished. “. . . my righteousness shall not be abolished.”

Every time the New Testament refers to righteousness it is referring to the Ten Commandments, the definition of righteousness. Every time the Old Testament refers to righteousness it is referring to the Ten Commandments.

Many texts in the New Testament refer to not being under the law, but under grace. Many texts refer to being “justified.”

What does it mean to be under grace? Before we can answer this we must see what the word “justified” means. Every time the word “justified” is used in the Old Testament it is translated from the Hebrew word *tsadaq*, which means “made righteous.” Every time the word “justified” is used in the New Testament it is translated from the Greek word *dikaioo*, which means “be righteous.” When we are justified, we are righteous. If a person is justified he is keeping all ten of the commandments.

Titus 3:7 tells us, “That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Here we see that it is grace that justifies us. It is grace that makes us righteous. It is grace that gives us the POWER to obey the Ten Commandments.

By ourselves, without God’s grace, God’s power to keep us from sinning, it is totally impossible for us to obey the law. Paul sums up the human condition pretty well in Romans 7:18,19 “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that

which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.” It is totally impossible for us, by ourselves, to keep God’s Ten Commandments and be righteous. We need God’s help, God’s grace, if we are going to be able to keep the Ten Commandments.

We will see shortly that we can only have this grace if keeping God’s Ten Commandments is our foremost desire.

Lets us now look at some of the verses that are used for excuses for not obeying the Ten Commandments, especially the Sabbath commandment.

Romans 6:14: “For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.”

What does it mean to be not under the law? Does it mean that the law was abolished? Does it mean that you are free to lie, to commit murder or adultery?

Paul tells us in the next verse, verse fifteen, that it is possible to sin while being not under the law. “What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.” We saw that “sin is the transgression of the law.” (1 John 3:4). Since we can sin while we are not under the law, the law has certainly not been abolished.

Paul also says in Romans 6:14 that sin shall not be master over you, which means you are not sinning, which means you are not breaking any of the Ten Commandments. How are you doing this? You are being justified, or being made righteous by grace as we just read in Titus 3:7. By grace, by the power of God, you are keeping the Ten Commandments. Therefore if you are under

grace, you are not under the condemnation of the law, because by the power of God (His grace) you are keeping all of the Ten Commandments.

If you never murder anyone, you are not under the law of the state that says don't murder. But if you do murder someone and are caught, you will really know that you are under the law of the state that says don't murder. Being under the law means being under the CONDEMNATION of the law.

Which brings up the question of a person being born-again. We saw that the definition of a born-again Christian is found in 1 John 3:9. "Whoever is born of God DOES NOT COMMIT SIN; for his seed remains in him: and HE CANNOT SIN, because he is born of God." True born-again Christians have, by grace, by the power of God, overcome sin in their lives. They don't commit sin. They obey ALL of the Ten Commandments perfectly. They fulfill the law just like Christ did.

Next is a further example of grace being the power of God that enables us to keep His Ten Commandments. The new covenant, you will remember, is shown in Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:10 to be God's law written in our hearts and in our minds, Ezekiel 36:26,27 says, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them." This is a mighty promise God makes to His people. He says that He, Himself, will cause them to walk in His statutes. He will be the power, the grace, in the lives of His true Christians to cause them always to obey the Ten Commandments. Furthermore, He

says that His people will, indeed, keep His statutes and His laws. When God promises each of us that He will cause us to walk in His statutes and that we will keep His judgments and do them, how could any of God's people possibly say that he could never achieve this goal?

God's causing us to walk in His statutes is somewhat analogous to power steering on a car. Power steering will not turn the wheels until the driver moves the steering wheel slightly. Then the power steering takes over and moves the wheels for him. Likewise, if we want to keep God's Ten Commandments perfectly, with all our heart, and strive for this goal with all our being, God will take over and do it for us just as He promised.

We must now look again at the Bible definition of a wicked person. Psalms 119:155 tells us that the wicked are people who do not obey the Ten Commandments. "Salvation is far from the wicked: for they do not seek your statutes." Psalms 119:53 also tells us that the wicked are those who ignore God's law. "Horror has taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake your law."

Next let us consider Romans 8:2-4: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Does being set free from the law of sin and of death mean that the Ten Commandments are no longer in effect? We saw that

the Ten Commandments will be in effect forever, throughout all eternity. We also saw that there can be no contradictions anywhere in the Bible. So this phrase “being set free from the law of sin and of death” cannot possibly mean that the Ten Commandments have been done away with. It means that if a person is not sinning, he is free from the condemnation of the law of sin and of death.

Applying what we just learned about grace, the “law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” in verse two is God’s grace that gives us the power to overcome sin completely and to keep the Ten Commandments perfectly. When we overcome sin and obey the Ten Commandments we are free from the CONDEMNATION of the law. Going back to our example of murder, if you don’t murder anyone, you are not under the law that punishes murder.

Notice that verse four says that “the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Since the Ten Commandments define righteousness, if the righteousness of the law is being fulfilled in us, we are not breaking any of the Ten Commandments.

The New American Standard Bible has for verse 4, “in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, . . .” Notice that this quote says there is a REQUIREMENT to obey the law, the Ten Commandments.

Jesus, as a human being, fulfilled the law, the Ten Commandments, by perfectly obeying them, thus showing us that human beings can perfectly keep the law also. When we become born-again Christians and perfectly keep the law, the

law is fulfilled in us just the way it was fulfilled in Jesus. Paul refers to these people in Romans 8:2-4 as if they are going to get to a point in their lives where they don't sin anymore.

We saw that we can never quit sinning without God's grace, God's help. Paul says in Romans 7:18 that there is no good thing in him. We are full of sinful tendencies. The idea is to replace our thoroughly sinful characters with a character formed by God's grace. When that happens we won't sin anymore. But, in order for this to happen, we must want this with all our heart and mind. In order for this to happen it must be our supreme desire to want to follow God perfectly and to keep His commandments. God will never force us to obey Him.

Jesus came to earth as a human being and condemned sin in the flesh by never sinning, showing us that we can also do this. When the "requirement of the law" is fulfilled in us, we will not be sinning. When the "requirement of the law" is fulfilled in us, we will be keeping the Ten Commandments perfectly, including properly keeping holy God's Sabbath day, Saturday.

Galatians, like Romans, has a lot to say about being justified. Consider Galatians 2:16. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Remember that being justified means being made righteous, and that being righteous is keeping all ten of the commandments. Remembering also that God's grace is the power given to those who really want to obey God, we see in these verses also that we

are justified by faith. We are made righteous by faith also. Faith, therefore, operates like God's grace to give us the ability, the power to obey God's law. This is why Paul says that "by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified," because nobody can obey the law without God's grace or faith.

Verses seventeen and eighteen make it clear that it is possible for us to fall away after we have come to Christ. "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor."

The next verse talks about being dead to the law. "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God."

If this law that a person is dead to is the Ten Commandments, and being dead to the law means that we no longer need to obey the Ten Commandments, then are we free to commit murder or adultery, or any of the other sins prohibited by the Ten Commandments?

Notice how Paul became dead to the law. Verse nineteen says that he became dead to the law **THROUGH THE LAW**. The Ten Commandments convicted Paul of sin, and by the Grace of Christ he was able to overcome sin so that he no longer was under the condemnation of the law. If he never breaks the law, then he does not have to worry about the law. He has developed his character to the point that he naturally never sins. He is dead to the law. He is a born-again Christian, who, according to First John 3:9, "cannot sin."

This verse is reminiscent of Galatians 3:24,25. “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”

How is the Ten Commandment law our schoolmaster? The law points out our sins as Paul says in Romans 7:7: “What shall we say then? is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.” When we look into God’s law, the Ten Commandments, and compare our characters to that law, we realize that we are in a terrible condition. When faith comes, when the power from Christ to overcome sin and obey the law comes, we are able to quit sinning. When this happens, we no longer need the schoolmaster, for our characters are then in harmony with Christ.

Galatians 2:21 tells us what we saw in Romans, that it is by the power of Christ, His grace and His faith, that we are able to obey the law. “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Notice that Paul does not frustrate the grace or power of God to keep him from sinning. Paul, therefore, must be obeying all ten of the commandments. When he says that righteousness does not come by the law he is saying again that he can not keep the law by himself, without grace. Remember that the Ten Commandments define righteousness. (Psalms 119:172) Paul also says here that if he could keep the law without Christ, then Christ did not need to die.

Next let us continue into Galatians, chapter 3. Verse one says, “O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, that you should

not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth, crucified among you?” Notice the phrase “obey the truth.” What is truth? We saw in Psalms 119:151 that all of the Ten Commandments are truth. “You are near, O Lord; and all your commandments are truth.” Someone bewitched the Galatians by telling them that they no longer needed to obey the Ten Commandments.

As we continue in Galatians 3 remember that verse one said that the Galatians had been bewitched. “This only would I learn of you, Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?” Who is it that receives God’s Holy Spirit? We saw that those who disregard any of the Ten Commandments cannot have the Holy Spirit, for the Bible tells us in Acts 5:32 that God gives His Holy Spirit to those who OBEY Him. “We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God has given to them that obey him.” Since it is impossible for us to obey the law without the grace or faith of Christ, we cannot receive the spirit by trying to obey the law without Christ’s help. Therefore grace or faith must come first to give us the power to obey the law so we can have God’s Holy Spirit. And we saw that God’s grace or faith can only come if we want to obey the Ten Commandments with all our being.

We saw in chapter one that Satan gives people his spirit and makes them believe that it is the Holy Spirit. Sunday-keepers cannot have the Holy Spirit because by keeping Sunday they are not obeying God.

“Are you so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh? Have you suffered so many things in

vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and works miracles among you, does he do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" Here we see that the Galatians had become self-confident, believing that they could keep the law by themselves without the grace of Christ. Of course they could not keep the law without grace, and so when they became proud and self-sufficient they became backsliders.

You receive God's Spirit by being willing to obey Him, by being willing to put fourth the effort required to overcome sin and keep His commandments. If you manifest an attitude of rebellion against keeping the commandments, or if you become self-confident that you can keep the law yourself, you cannot receive the Holy Spirit. When one becomes self-confident he thinks that he is righteous in himself. This is the recipe for failure.

Continuing with Galatians 3:6 "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." We see here again that true Christians are modern-day Israel.

Verse 8: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." We saw earlier that to be justified was to obey the Ten commandments. Paul says that it is through faith that we get the power to be able to do this.

“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that does them shall live in them.”

We have seen that no one can keep the law without help from Christ. That is what Paul is saying here when he says “no man is justified by the law. . .” He then goes on to say that the just shall live by faith, by grace, by the power of God. When our conscience against sin is strong by the power of God, we will not sin; we will not break any of the Ten commandments. Paul says in verse ten that if you are going to keep the law all by yourself, you had better keep them all that way.

We are seeing that there are many texts in the New Testament in many different books that say this same thing over and over again.

Continuing with verse seventeen: “And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.”

Notice these verses speak of a law that was added 430 years after the covenant God made with Abraham. These verses also

tell us why the law was added: because of transgression. Earlier we saw that transgression or sin is breaking any of the Ten Commandments. For there to have been transgression, there had to have been the Ten Commandments. We also saw that the Ten Commandments were in existence long before the earth was created. This law that was added, therefore cannot be the Ten Commandments. The law that was added was the civil law governing the theocracy of Israel when it was established 430 years after the promise.

“Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture has concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.” Here again Paul is saying that it is impossible for us to keep the law without the grace, the faith of Christ.

Galatians 5:3,4: “For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect to you, you who are justified by the law; you are fallen from grace.” Clearly, Paul is talking about the ceremonial law that came to an end at the cross. If a person insists on keeping the ceremonial law, Paul says he is obliged to keep the entire ceremonial law, including the animal sacrifices. But to do this would be a sacrilege saying that Christ did not die for our sins. This is why Paul says here that “Christ is become of no effect to you. . . .”

Circumcision is not part of the Ten Commandments. Paul says in First Corinthians 7:19 that circumcision is nothing and

uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments is everything.

While we are on the subject of the ceremonial laws, let us look at other verses that discuss these laws.

Colossians 2:14-17 “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;”

First of all, since the Ten Commandments will last forever, these handwriting of ordinances cannot be the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are definitely not against us, for by them the universe is guaranteed peace and happiness. If everyone on earth kept the Ten commandments perfectly there would be no trouble of any kind. There would be no wars or strife. Everyone would deal honestly with everyone else.

We showed earlier that Christ would cause the animal sacrifices to cease. Daniel 9:27 says, “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, . . .” These animal sacrifices were part of the ceremonial laws. Therefore what Christ nailed to His cross were these ceremonial laws with their animal sacrifices.

Continuing with Colossians 2:15-17 “And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

Connected with these ceremonial laws were yearly Sabbath days and instructions in meat and drink. Paul is telling the Colossians not to let those, who were contending that new Christians should keep these ceremonial laws with their yearly Sabbaths, interfere with the true Gospel of Christ. Notice that these ceremonial laws were a shadow of things to come. “But the body is of Christ.” Christ was casting a shadow back to Old Testament times, a shadow which represented Christ’s sacrifice in each and every animal sacrifice that was offered. When Christ, the true Lamb of God was sacrificed, the animal sacrifices and the ceremonial law had no more meaning. However, Christ is our High Priest ministering His blood in the true tabernacle in heaven for us. All the ceremonial procedures in the Old Testament were a model of the true ceremonies in the true tabernacle in heaven.

Paul also chastises the Galatians for wanting to observe these annual Sabbath days in Galatians 4:10 “You observe days, and months, and times, and years.”

These handwriting of ordinances are also mentioned in Ephesians 2:14-16 “For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:“

Here we see that Christ abolished these “commandments contained in ordinances” in His flesh. Are these the Ten Commandments that were abolished? They cannot be, otherwise there would be a contradiction in the Bible. We also know that

this is not referring to the Ten Commandments because the Ten Commandments are repeated in many places in the New Testament. We saw earlier that what Christ abolished at the cross were the ceremonial laws. These “commandments contained in ordinances,” therefore, are the religious ceremonial laws that are no longer in effect.

Romans 14:4-6 “Who are you that judges another man’s servant? to his own master he stands or falls. Yea, he shall stand: for God is able to make him stand. One man esteems one day above another: another esteems every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regards the day, regards it unto the Lord; and he that regards not the day, to the Lord he does not regard it. He that eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he that does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.”

These verses concern the controversy that was occurring over the ceremonial laws. The days Paul is talking about here are the yearly Sabbath days connected with the ceremonial laws that were nailed to the cross. The ceremonial laws contained instructions on eating and drinking, which Paul is referring to in these verses.

In chapter one we saw that Christ, Himself, gave the Ten Commandments from Mt. Sinai. Let us look into this a little further.

Phillippians 3:20 tells us that Jesus is the Savior. “For our conversation is in heaven; where we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:”

Next, Isaiah 43:10,11 tells us that there is only one Savior. “You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior.”

It is so sad that people do not realize that the Lord of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New Testament. The verses we just read show this clearly.

James 4:12 tells us that there is also only one lawgiver. “There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who are you that judges another?”

Since Jesus is the only lawgiver, that makes the Ten Commandments the law of Christ, which is mentioned in Galatians 6:2.

Not only is Jesus the only lawgiver, He is also the Creator. There are many verses in the Bible that show this, but we will only look at a couple of them.

Colossians 1:14-16 makes it very clear. “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:”

John 1:1-3,10,14 also shows that Christ is the Creator. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” It should be obvious that the Word is Jesus.

We saw that the Ten Commandment law is the constitution of the universe. Since the Ten Commandment law is the law of Christ, and since Christ is the Creator, it should come as no surprise that the Ten Commandments are the constitution of the universe.

Remember that Jesus, Himself, told us to keep the commandments if we expect to be saved. “And, behold, one came and said to him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said to him, Why do you call me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments.” (Matthew 19:16,17) How could it possibly be any clearer?

Why does God begin the Sabbath commandment with the word “remember?”

CHAPTER 3

**THE ANTICHRIST AND THE
MYSTERIOUS 666**

Before we look at the circumstances behind the national Sunday law, we must identify the antichrist.

The Bible describes the number 666 in Revelation 13:18, and it specifically says that it is the number of a man. “Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six.”

There is much confusion and speculation today concerning this mysterious number. Many believe this to be the number of the antichrist. Still others believe that this number is somehow associated with the sinister mark of the beast. Who is the man who bears this number? Is he the antichrist? When will he appear? What are the devastating effects his presence is expected to have on the earth? Will this person choose to remain unknown, or will his presence be announced and his work done openly? Or, will he masquerade as some holy person that the whole world looks up to, thinking he is working for God instead of the devil?

The world is expecting the antichrist to come in the near future. Will the antichrist announce his arrival when he gets here? An essence of evil surrounds the term antichrist, and evil rarely works openly. Instead, evil usually wears a facade of

righteousness to cover its real character in order more easily to deceive.

When most people read the Bible, much of what they read they do not understand. In many places it is written in code or symbols, especially many of the prophecies that foretell future events. Codes and symbols were used to preserve the Bible down through the ages. If certain powers that had existed had been aware that the Bible was talking about them, they would have done their best to destroy every trace of it. They would have persecuted Christians with much more vigor than they did, and many millions more would have died at the stake or suffered other agonizing torture and death.

That the Bible should be written in symbols is not really so strange. We often use symbols today to convey information. For instance, suppose you picked up an evening newspaper in the United States and saw a political cartoon that portrayed a donkey kicking an elephant. You would immediately understand that the Democrats had defeated the Republicans in the recent election.

The Bible itself tells us what the codes and symbols mean, and when we are familiar with these prophetic symbols, we will be able to understand prophecy just as clearly as if it had been written in plain text. As we shall see, the Bible was meant to be understood by those searching for truth.

Let us begin by consulting the prophecy found in Daniel 7:1-8,15-21: “In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spoke and

said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.”

In the Bible passage we just read, wind and sea are mentioned. Jeremiah 25:32,33 shows that winds represent war and strife. “Thus says 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.”

Medo-Persia fought against the ancient city of Babylon and conquered it, Jeremiah 51:1,11 tells us that this war was a destroying wind. “Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind. Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it.” Thus we see that “wind” in prophecy represents war and strife.

The next symbol we must consider is water. Revelation 17:15 tells us that water is used to represent people, the “sea” of humanity. “And he said to me, The waters which you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”

With our understanding of these prophetic symbols, we can readily see that Daniel 7:2 describes war among the inhabitants of earth. “. . . the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.”

Verse three tells us what the results of these wars were: “And four great beasts came up from the sea, different one from another.”

Many animals or beasts are described in the prophecies. Daniel 7:17 tells us that “These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, who shall arise out of the earth.” Verse twenty-three says, “The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth.” A beast, therefore, represents a king or a kingdom or a nation — some political entity.

Today, we also use beasts symbolically to represent various nations. A bear, for instance, represents Russia; a lion represents England; and an eagle represents the United States.

In the prophecy of Daniel 7:1-8,15-21 that we are considering, We see that as a result of the wars on the earth, four separate nations sequentially appeared on the stage of history, each one different from the others.

Verses four through eight: “The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man’s heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like a bear, and it raised itself on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth: and they said to it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, that had four wings of a fowl on its back; the beast also had four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its

feet: and it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.” Here we have three more prophetic symbols: wings, horns and heads.

The symbol of heads is also used in various places in the Bible to represent kings and kingdoms. This can be shown by Revelation seventeen, verses nine and ten. “And here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a short space.” Verse ten would be more accurately translated as “They also represent seven kings. . . .”

Horns are yet another symbol that represents kings or kingdoms, as Daniel 7:24 indicates. “And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise.” Thus, prophecy can show that one nation follows another in chronological sequence. For instance, a beast that grows several horns signifies a power followed by several other powers.

With our new-found knowledge of prophetic symbols, it is easy to see that as a result of military conquest, four powerful nations or empires arose successively on the stage of history. The first was represented by the lion, the king of beasts. The wings symbolized the rapid conquest of this power as it defeated one nation after another to assemble its empire. The second is represented to be a cruel power at whose hands many lost their lives as it devoured many nations.

The third beast had four wings, indicating extreme swiftness, and four heads, representing the four leaders or kings who divided the empire among themselves and took power concurrently.

The fourth power is represented by a beast such as is not known on earth, signifying an extremely cruel and powerful empire. Ten horns, or nations, succeed this cruel power, and then the power represented by the little horn with eyes and a mouth arrives on the scene among these other ten nations.

Continuing with Daniel 7:15: “I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near to one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.”

As Daniel was witnessing this procession of future history, he did not understand, and asked one of the angels standing by to explain the vision to him. The angel’s explanation is found in verses seventeen and eighteen: “These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, who shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.”

In order to put Daniel at ease, the angel reassured him that the saints, the true Christians, the true people of God, will finally rule the world with their Lord, Jesus Christ.

Continuing with verse nineteen: “Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, that was different from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of

brass; that devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other that came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them.”

Here we have more information about the little horn that had eyes and a mouth and grew to be more stout than the others. The power that is represented by the stout horn made war against three of the ten nations, represented by the ten horns, and completely defeated and uprooted them so that today there is no trace of these nations. We see also that the power represented by the stout horn made war against the saints, God’s true people, and prevailed against them. This power put to death many millions of Christians, as we shall see.

The angel continues in verse twenty-three to explain the vision to Daniel: “Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.”

Now we can identify these four empires. The angel told Daniel that this extremely cruel beast represented the fourth kingdom on earth. Daniel received this vision during the reign of Belshazzar, king of Babylon. Babylon, therefore, is represented by the first beast, the lion with wings. As we remember history, we see that Medo-Persia was the second kingdom, represented by the bear; Greece was the third, represented by the leopard.

It is interesting to note that the leopard with four wings (which symbolize speed of conquest) represents the Grecian Empire. Under the reign of Alexander the Great, this Grecian power marched its army over 25,000 miles during a two-year period as it conquered virtually the entire known world. Alexander's troops ranged as far as India and China. Thus, to indicate very great speed of conquest, the symbol of four wings is used instead of just two wings as on the first beast, the lion. In the political intrigue that followed Alexander's death, his young son, heir to the throne, was murdered, and four of Alexander's generals divided the kingdom among themselves. The four heads on the leopard represent these four generals and the sections of the empire that they took.

The Roman Empire was the fourth kingdom, represented by the last beast with ten horns in this prophecy.

Continuing with Daniel 7:24,25: "And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be different from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 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."

The ten horns of this terrible beast represent the nations or kingdoms into which the Roman Empire disintegrated, seven of which are the ancestors of the modern nations of Europe. These ten nations were the Anglo-Saxons (English), the Franks (French), Suevi (Portuguese), Visigoths (Spanish), Burgundians (Swiss), Alemanni (Germans), Lombards (Italians), Ostrogoths, Heruli, and the Vandals in northern Africa.

After these ten nations were established, another power, represented by the stout horn that had eyes and a mouth, arose. This power subdued and completely uprooted three of the ten nations.

The verses just read give numerous clues to help us to identify the power represented by the stout horn. It is vitally important that we understand who this power is, and for this reason God has given us many identifying points. Let us now consider the points of identity of this power.

(1.) Daniel 7:24 states that the stout horn power would arise after the Roman Empire and after the emergence of the other ten horns, or nations, following the disintegration of the Roman empire.

(2.) This power is different from the other ten kingdoms. Daniel 7:24 says, "He shall be different from the first." We have a clue in verse twenty-five as to just how this power differed from the other kingdoms. This power made an attempt to change the law of God and the times of God. The Catholic Douay translation of the Bible in Daniel 7:25 says that "he shall think himself able to change times and laws." This power has published the changed law and admits to changing a time of God, and nearly the entire Christian world follows the dictates of this power rather than the times and laws of God as found in the Bible. Since this power thought itself able to change God's times and God's laws, it must be a religious power. The other ten powers were political. That is the difference mentioned in verse twenty-four.

(3.) This power went to war with three of the ten kingdoms and defeated them. Daniel 7:24 says, "He shall subdue three kings."

The reason for this war was that the three defeated nations would not accept the religious doctrine of the stout horn; the other seven nations, under pressure, accepted its dictates. The three defeated nations were the Ostrogoths, Heruli, and the Vandals. Verse eight says they were plucked up by the roots. There is no trace of these nations today; they have been completely uprooted, as this prophecy foretold. The last of these three nations was defeated in 538 AD.

(4.) The power represented by the stout horn speaks blasphemous words against God. Daniel 7:25 says, “He shall speak great words against the most High.” The first beast of Revelation 13 also represents this stout horn power, as we will see shortly. Revelation 13:5 says “And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies.” What is blasphemy? We can find the definition of blasphemy in John 10:30-33: Jesus said, “I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone you not; but for blasphemy; and because that you, being a man, make yourself God.” For a man to claim he is God is blasphemy. Of course, this was not blasphemy for Jesus to make this claim because He was God.

Another definition of blasphemy is found in Mark 2:7: “Why does this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?” For a man to claim to be able to forgive sins is also blasphemy.

This power, therefore, must claim either that its human leader is God or that it can forgive sins, or both. Did a religious power

arise after the breakup of the Roman Empire that makes either of these claims?

(5.) The stout horn power kills God's people. Daniel 7:25 says, "And shall wear out the saints of the most High." This power is a cruel, persecuting power that has put to death many hundreds of millions of Christians who wanted to worship God according to the Bible. This power put forth its own doctrine and required that people follow its laws. If a person worshiped God as specified in the Bible, he was in danger of severe persecution, even being burned at the stake. During the Saint Bartholomew's Massacre in August, 1572, an estimated 70,000 Christians were slaughtered, and this power boasted about it in its various writings. We will look at some of these writings shortly.

(6.) This power attempted to change the times of God. Daniel 7:25 says, "he shall think himself able to change times and laws." (Catholic Douay version). In some of its publications this power admits to having changed the day of worship from Saturday, God's Sabbath day, the seventh day of the week, to Sunday, the first day of the week, and virtually the entire "Christian" world follows its dictates rather than the Bible.

(7.) He would attempt to change the laws of God. (Daniel 7:25). We shall shortly compare the Ten Commandments as found in the Bible with the Ten Commandments as published by the stout horn. The changes will be readily apparent.

(8.) Finally, this power reigned supreme for 1260 years. Daniel 7:25 says, "And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

Here we must stop and consider these new symbols of Bible prophecy: days and times.

In prophecy the word “day” means “year.” Numbers 14:34 tells us, “After the number of the days in which you searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, you shall bear your iniquities, even forty years.” Ezekiel 4:6 also mentions that a day represents one year. “I have appointed you each day for a year.”

As an example of this day for a year principle, Daniel 9:25 tells us that there will be sixty-nine weeks between two events. “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troubled times.” A score is twenty. Sixty-nine weeks is 483 days. Historical records show that the actual time interval between the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem until Christ’s first advent was 483 years.

Thus we see that when “day” is used in Bible prophecy, a year of actual time is meant. The prophetic year consists of twelve months of thirty days each, or 360 days, and represents 360 years of actual time. That the prophetic year contains 360 days can be shown quite clearly in the book of Revelation, since one particular period of time is mentioned in four different verses. Revelation 12:6 and Revelation 12:14 both speak of the same period of time, as is obvious from the context. Verse six: “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.” Clearly, this time period is 1260

days, or 3½ years of 360 days each. Now notice verse fourteen: “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.” Since this time period is 3½ years, the word “time” in verse fourteen is therefore one year, “times” is two years, and “half a time” is one-half year. Revelation 11:2,3 shows that the prophetic month contains thirty days. “But the court that is outside the temple leave out, and do not measure it; for it is given to the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.” Here again we have this same period of 1260 days that is mentioned in verse two as forty-two months. Forty-two months of thirty days each is exactly 1260 days, or 3½ 360-day years.

For those who think it strange for prophecy to use a 360-day year, consider that almost every bank, before the proliferation of computers, used a 360-day year consisting of twelve months, each having thirty days to calculate interest.

To refresh your memory, here again is that key verse in Daniel, chapter seven that shows the eighth point of identity of the stout horn. (8.) This power reigned supreme for 1260 years. Daniel 7:25 says, “And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

The word “time” in this verse is a year, “times” is two years, and the “dividing of time” is one half-year. The 360-day prophetic year consists of twelve months of 30 days each. The three and one-half years mentioned in this verse, therefore, are this 1260-

day time period. Since one day in Bible prophecy represents one year of actual time, we arrive at the 1260-year period for the stout horn power. Revelation 12:14 shows us that God's true church had to go into hiding during these 1260 years in an attempt to avoid the severe persecution which this power inflicted on the true Christians. "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

The serpent in the Bible is Satan, the devil, as shown in Revelation 12:9: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was cast out to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

We saw in chapter one that a woman in Bible prophecy represents a church. We saw that a pure, virtuous woman represents Christ's true church, and a harlot represents a false or counterfeit church.

Revelation 17:5 describes a harlot, who represents a false church and is the mother of numerous false churches. "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

The following chart summarizes the basic keys to understanding Bible prophecy.

PROPHETIC SYMBOLS	
SYMBOL	MEANING
Day	Year
Beasts, Horns, Heads	Kings, Kingdoms, Nations
Wind	War, Strife
Water	Multitudes of people, Many nations
Wings	Speed, Swiftmess in battle
Dragon	Satan, the devil
Pure woman, Virgin	Christ's true church
Harlot	False church

Additional points of identity of the stout horn are found in Revelation 13:1-10,18. As we consider these verses, it will become apparent that this first beast of Revelation thirteen represents the same power as the stout horn of Daniel seven.

Revelation 13:1-10,18: “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 that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 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. And they worshiped the dragon that gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given to him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against

God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given to him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six [666].”

Let us now continue with collecting points of identity of the antichrist.

(9.) Notice here that this beast, which is the same power as the stout horn of Daniel, chapter seven, rises out of the sea. Revelation 13:1 says, ”I . . . saw a beast rise up out of the sea.” Water, you will remember, is the symbol for many people, the sea of humanity. The ninth point of identity of this power, represented by the stout horn in Daniel 7 and the first beast of Revelation 13, is that it arises in a populated area of the world. We saw that when the Roman Empire fell, it disintegrated into ten nations, represented by the ten horns on the terrible beast of Daniel 7. It was among these nations, the heavily populated area of Europe, that this power, the stout horn, arose.

(10.) This power received a deadly wound. Revelation 13:3 says, ”I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death.” Exactly 1260 years after this power defeated the last of the three nations represented by the three uprooted horns on the head of the

terrible beast of Daniel seven, the stout horn power received its deadly wound, and the world believed that this was the end of this power.

(11.) But, as Revelation 13:3 says, "His deadly wound was healed." This power recovered from its wound and regained much of its former strength.

(12.) Virtually the whole "Christian" world follows the dictates of this power as Revelation 13:3,4 says. "3All the world wondered after the beast. 4And they worshiped the dragon that gave power to the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" Indeed, who is like the beast? He is completely different from all other nations, as this verse and Daniel 7:24 say. Notice who gives this power its authority and political power in this world; it is the devil. This power is known by practically everyone today, and it is a major factor in world events. The text says that "All the world wondered after the beast." The whole world follows after this beast. According to prophecy, this power will very shortly exert much more control over the people of the world than at present.

The reference to making war with this beast is interesting. Few nations dared to make war with this religious power during the 1260 years of its reign because they were deceived into believing that this satanic power could consign them to hell for eternity if they tried to rebel.

(13.) This power is a worldwide, well-known religion, for Revelation 13:8 says that "all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are NOT written" in the Lamb's

Book of Life. Since those who worship this power are not written in the book of life, it is obvious that this power is one of Satan's counterfeit religions. Remember that we read in Revelation 13:2 that the devil gave this power its great authority. People worship this power and obey its dictates rather than God's requirements as found in the Bible. This power effectively changed God's requirements in the minds of most, and the people of the world obey (worship) this power rather than God, thinking that they are obeying God.

(14.) The last point of identity of this power is the number 666. Revelation 13:18 tells us that this is the number of a man. "18Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six. [666]" It was customary in Roman times to speak of a person's number. This number was obtained by adding the values of the Roman numeral letters in a person's name.

Can you identify this power from the preceding fourteen points of identity from the pages of the Bible? What great religious power arrived on the scene of history shortly after the fall of the Roman Empire? Which great religious power defeated the Vandals, Ostrogoths, and the Heruli as described in history? Which great religious organization wielded enormous power over "all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" during the Dark Ages? Indeed, which great religious power was the only large religious organization that existed during the Dark Ages? Which great religious power persecuted and put to death many millions of Christians, God's true people, during the Dark Ages? Which great religious power attempted to change God's times and

God's laws? Which great religious power spoke great, blasphemous words against God? Which great religious power commits blasphemy when it claims to be able to forgive the sins of the people? Which great religious power does practically the entire world "wonder" after, and follow, and obey?

Please understand that these prophecies are speaking about an organization and its leaders, and not about individuals who ignorantly worship within this organization. At the present time true Christians are to be found in all churches, but God has an urgent message for His people who find themselves within this system. This vitally important message from God will be covered later.

Anyone who is moderately familiar with history should easily be able to understand that the power symbolized by the stout horn with eyes and a mouth in Daniel seven and the first beast of Revelation thirteen is the Roman Catholic Church, often referred to as the papacy.

Let us review again these fourteen points of identity and fill in the historical details that prove beyond any doubt that the power referred to is the papacy. The following chart summarizes these points and gives the Bible verses in which they are found.

**POINTS OF IDENTITY OF THE PAPACY
FROM THE BIBLE**

1. Arises after the other horns	Dan 7:24
2. Different from the first horns	Dan 7:24 Rev 13:4
3. Subdues three king	Dan 7:8,20,24
4. Speaks great words and blasphemy against God	Dan 7:25, Rev 13:6
5. Kills God's true Christians	Dan 7:25 Rev 13:7
6. Changes the times of God	Dan 7:25
7. Changes the laws of God	Dan 7:25
8. Reigns supreme for 1260 years	Dan 7:25, Rev 13:5
9. Rises out of a populous area	Rev 13:1
10. Receives a deadly wound	Rev 13:3
11. Is healed of Deadly wound	Rev 13:3
12. Is followed after by the whole world	Rev 13:3
13. Is a world-wide, well-known church	Rev 13:8
14. Has 666 for his number	Rev 13:18

(1). The ten nations that arose after the breakup of the Roman Empire were fairly well established when the papacy appeared on the stage of history, exactly as Daniel 7:24 foretold.

(2). Daniel 7:24 also foretold that the papacy would be different from the other nations. The papacy is a religious power whereas the other nations were political powers.

(3). Daniel 7:8,20,24 says that the papacy would subdue three of these nations. Because the Vandals, Heruli, and Ostrogoths had religious beliefs that were different from those of the papacy,

considerable pressure was put on these nations to conform with papal doctrine. History shows that when they would not change their beliefs and accept papal doctrine, the papacy was instrumental in destroying them in battle, uprooting them so that there is no trace of these three nations in the world today. The last of these nations, the Ostrogoths, was destroyed by the papacy in 538 AD, the year in which the papacy achieved supreme power and the year in which the 1260-year prophecy of Daniel 7:25 begins.

(4). Has the papacy spoken great words of blasphemy against God, as Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:6 predicted? Blasphemy, you will remember from John 10:30-33 and Mark 2:7, is committed when a man claims to be God, and also when a man claims to be able to forgive sins. Consider some quotations from Catholic literature. Here are a few where the pope is claiming to be God.

We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty. — Pope Leo XIII, in an encyclical letter dated June 20, 1894, *The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII*, p. 304. New York: Benziger Brothers.

All names which in the Scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope. — *On the Authority of Councils*, Bellarmine (R. C.), book 2, chap. 17 (Vol. II, p. 266), ed. 1619.

Let us consider some of the names applied to Christ in the Scriptures and see if they could possibly apply to the pope: Almighty God, Creator, Savior, Christ, Lord, Most Holy, King of kings, and Reverend. What could be more blasphemous than for a man to claim any of these titles? “And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, . . .” (Revelation 13:6).

According to Webster's Dictionary, the word "antichrist" means a false Christ.

The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the Vicar of God. . . . The Pope is of such lofty and supreme dignity that, properly speaking, he has not been established in any rank of dignity, but rather has been placed upon the very summit of all ranks of dignities. . . . The Pope is called most holy because he is rightfully presumed to be such. . . . The Pope alone is deservedly called by the name "most holy," because he alone is the vicar of Christ, who is the fountain and source and fullness of all holiness. . . . He is likewise the divine monarch and supreme emperor, and king of kings. . . . Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions. . . . Moreover the superiority and the power of the Roman Pontiff by no means pertain only to heavenly things, to earthly things, and to things under the earth, but are even over angels, than whom he is greater. . . . So that if it were possible that the angels might err in the faith, or might think contrary to the faith, they could be judged and excommunicated by the Pope. . . . For he is of so great dignity and power that he forms one and the same tribunal with Christ. . . . The Pope is as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief king of kings. . . . The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws. — Translated from Lucius Ferraris, *Prompta Bibliotheca*, art. "Papa," (Pope) II, Vol VI, pp. 26-29.

Can you imagine anything more pompous or arrogant or blasphemous than that last quote? "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God. . . ." (Revelation 13:6). Here are other quotes from Catholic literature.

Bishops and priests being, as they are, God's interpreters and ambassadors, empowered in His name to teach mankind the divine law and the rules of conduct, and holding, as they do, His place on earth, it is evident that no nobler function than theirs can be imagined. Justly, therefore, are they called not only Angels, but even gods, because of the fact that they exercise in our midst the power and prerogatives of the immortal God.

In all ages, priests have been held in the highest honor; yet the priests of the New Testament far exceed all others. For the power of consecrating and offering the body and blood of our Lord and of forgiving sins, which has been conferred on them, not only has nothing equal or like to it on earth but even surpasses human reason and

understanding. — Catechism of the Council of Trent for Parish Priests, trans. by John A. McHugh and Charles J. Callan (1958), p. 318. New York: Wagner, 1934.

Just as the Bible predicted nearly two thousand years ago, the papacy “opened his mouth in blasphemy against God.” (Revelation 13:6). That last quote from Catholic literature claims that their priests “exercise in our midst the power and prerogatives of the immortal God,” and have the power to forgive sins! But the Bible tells us in 1 Timothy 2:5 that “there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” A human priest can not be a mediator for us. Only Christ can do that, and only Christ can forgive our sins.

(5). Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:7 foretold that this power would put Christians to death. Has the papacy done this? Indeed it has. The number of Christians whom the Catholic Church put to death during the Dark Ages is not known exactly, but some estimates run as high as 200 million. This makes the papacy the most cruel, persecuting power that has ever existed, surpassing Hitler, Stalin, and Mao. Where is the uproar by the news media against this holocaust, which is thirty-three times the number claimed that Hitler murdered?

That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history. — W. E. H. Lecky, *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe*, (reprint: New York: Braziller, 1955), Vol. 2, pp. 40-45.

Consider a few more quotations from Catholic literature:

When she (the Catholic Church) thinks it good to use physical force, she will use it.
— *The Western Watchman*, December 24, 1908.

The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error — a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state. — Pope Pius IX, Encyclical letter, August 15, 1854.

One of the things that makes the United States Constitution such a fabulous document is that it guarantees the right to liberty of conscience. Here are some more Catholic quotations.

Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said lord (the Pope), or his aforesaid successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose. — The Oath of Allegiance to the Pope, Josiah Strong, *Our Country*, Ch. 5, pars. 2-4.

We have always defended the persecution of the Huguenots, and the Spanish inquisition. — *The Western Watchman*, December 24, 1908.

In order to show the horror of the Massacre of Saint Bartholomew, the following is quoted from *The Great Controversy*, by E. G. White, pages 272, 273.

But blackest in the black catalogue of crime, most horrible among the fiendish deeds of all the dreadful centuries, was the St. Bartholomew Massacre. The world still recalls with shuddering horror the scenes of that most cowardly and cruel onslaught. The king of France, urged on by Romish priests and prelates, lent his sanction to the dreadful work. A bell, tolling at dead of night, was a signal for the slaughter. Protestants by thousands, sleeping quietly in their homes, trusting to the plighted honor of their king, were dragged forth without a warning and murdered in cold blood.

As Christ was the invisible leader of His people from Egyptian bondage, so was Satan the unseen leader of his subjects in this horrible work of multiplying martyrs. For seven days the massacre was continued in Paris, the first three with inconceivable fury. And it was not confined to the city itself, but by special order of the king was extended to all the provinces and towns where Protestants were found. Neither age nor sex was re[s]pected. Neither the innocent babe nor the man of gray hairs was spared. Noble and peasant, old and young, mother and child, were cut down together. Throughout France the butchery continued for two months. Seventy thousand of the very flower of the nation perished.

When the news of the massacre reached Rome, the exultation among the clergy knew no bounds. The cardinal of Lorraine rewarded the messenger with a thousand crowns;

the cannon of St. Angelo thundered forth a joyous salute; and bells rang out from every steeple; bonfires turned night into day; and Gregory XIII, attended by the cardinals and other ecclesiastical dignitaries, went in long procession to the church of St. Louis, where the cardinal of Lorraine chanted a Te Deum. . . . A medal was struck to commemorate the massacre, and in the Vatican may still be seen three frescoes of Vasari, describing the attack upon the admiral, the king in council plotting the massacre, and the massacre itself. Gregory sent Charles the Golden Rose; and four months after the massacre, . . . he listened complacently to the sermon of a French priest, . . . who spoke of ‘that day so full of happiness and joy, when the most holy father received the news, and went in solemn state to render thanks to God and St. Louis. — Henry White, *The Massacre of St. Bartholomew*, Ch. 14, par. 34, quoted in *The Great Controversy*, pp 272, 273 — Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, Pacific Press Publishing Assn., Mountain View, CA., 1950, p. 272, 273.

We can easily see that the papacy had no hesitation in putting people to death for not obeying its dictates. Indeed, the day is coming when it will again use force over the consciences of men, and many of God’s people will again be slaughtered.

The Church of Rome says that she has a right to punish with the confiscation of their goods, or the penalty of death, those who differ in faith from the Pope. — Charles Chiniquy, *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome*, The Wickliffe Press, Protestant Truth Society, Wickliffe Avenue, 104 Hendon Lane, Finchley, London, N3., 1885, p. 376.

(6). How did the papacy change the times of God, as predicted in Daniel 7:25? By its own admission it is the one who changed the day to be kept holy from God’s Sabbath day of the Fourth Commandment, which is Saturday, to Sunday, the old pagan day of worship on which people paid allegiance to their sun god. Consider again some quotations from Catholic sources. Remember that Revelation 13:2 tells us that the devil, Satan, gave the Catholic Church “. . . his power, and his seat, and great authority.” The part about “divine mission” in the following quote is a lie. The Catholic Church is not on a divine mission. It is on a Satanic mission as we have seen.

The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday. — Catholic Mirror, official organ of Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893.

Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters. — C. F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.

Sunday is our mark of authority . . . The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact. — Catholic Record, September 1, 1923 (Ontario).

The observance of Sunday by the protestants is an homage they pay in spite of themselves to the authority of the [Catholic] Church. — Mgr. Louis Segur, Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today, Boston: Patrick Donahoe, 1868, page 225.

If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh-day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew. . . . Is it not strange that those who make the Bible their only teacher, should inconsistently follow in this matter the tradition of the [Catholic] Church? — Bertrand L. Conway, The Question Box Answers, The Columbus Press, 1910, pp. 254,255.

Question: How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and holy days?

Answer: By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which protestants allow of, and therefore they fondly contradict themselves by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church.

Question: How prove you that?

Answer: Because by keeping Sunday they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts and to command them under sin. — Henry Tuberville, An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine, New York: Edward Dunigan and Brothers, 1833, p. 58.

Question: Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept?

Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her — she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a

change for which there is no Scriptural authority. — Stephen Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism, 3rd. American edition, revised; New York: T. W. Strong, 1876, page 174.

Catholics claim that God gave them their power and authority, but the Bible says that it was the devil. Revelation 13:2 tells us that the devil gave the papacy the great power and authority they have in this world. “. . . and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

(7). Did the Catholic Church change God’s laws as Daniel 7:25 predicted? The Catholic Church completely deleted the Second Commandment, that prohibits the making and worshipping of statues. They also changed the Bible Fourth Commandment, which is now their third, by removing all the instruction that tells us how to keep the Sabbath Day holy. They removed the statement which says that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. In order to have ten, they divided the Bible Tenth Commandment and made part of it their ninth.

The following chart compares the Ten Commandments as found in the Bible in Exodus 20:2-17 with the Ten Commandments as commonly published in Catholic catechisms.

COMPARISON OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS as found in the Bible with the Ten Commandments as changed by the papacy

	THE TEN COMMANDMENTS As originally given by God	THE TEN COMMANDMENTS As commonly found in Roman Catholic catechisms
1st	Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.	I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.
2nd	Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth	Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

	beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.	
3rd	Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.	Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
4th	Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.	Honour thy father and thy mother.
5th	Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.	Thou shalt not kill.
6th	Thou shalt not kill.	Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7th	Thou shalt not commit adultery.	Thou shalt not steal.
8th	Thou shalt not steal.	Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
9th	Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.	Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.
10th	Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.	Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods.

Thus, we see that the Catholic Church has, indeed, changed the times and laws of God just as Bible prophecy said it would nearly one thousand years before it happened.

If a king puts out a proclamation of ten laws, what must he do to make it official? He must place his seal upon it so that the people know it is from the king. Otherwise it would only be a piece of paper without signature, a proclamation with no authority. The great King of the universe has issued ten commandments. In order to make them official, He must have placed His seal in these laws. The seal of any monarch must include these three elements: (1) his name, (2) his title, (3) the territory over which he is empowered to rule. The presidential seal of the United States contains the president's name; his title: President; and the territory over which he rules: the United States of America.

The fourth commandment is the only one of the ten that contains the seal of God. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger that is within your gates: For in six days the LORD [His name: Lord] MADE [His title: Creator] HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS [the territory over which He is empowered to rule: the universe], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Exodus 20;8-11)

Here we see that all three essentials of a seal are contained in the Fourth Commandment: (1) His name: Lord; (2) His title: Creator (Maker); (3) The territory over which He is empowered to rule: Heaven and Earth, the universe. Thus, the seal of God is in the Fourth Commandment. You can see why Satan tries so hard to

have the world reject the Fourth Commandment, for if this commandment were eliminated, the seal would be removed and what would remain would be just a list of laws without signature. One of the reasons the Catholic Church abbreviated the Sabbath commandment so drastically was to get rid of God's seal.

(8). The papacy reached undisputed power in 538 AD by defeating the Ostrogoths, the last of the three nations represented by the three uprooted horns, and then, as Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:5 indicate, reigned supreme for 1260 years before it received its deadly wound.

(9). The papacy appeared in the populous area of Europe exactly as the Bible predicted in Daniel 7:24 by the stout horn arising among the other ten horns and in Revelation 13:1 by the beast rising out of the sea.

(10). At the expiration of the 1260-year period in 1798, the Catholic Church received its deadly wound, as Revelation 13:3 predicted. General Berthier, one of Napoleon's generals, was sent to Rome in that year to take the pope prisoner. The pope died in exile in France the following year, and the French would not permit the election of another pope. People proclaimed, "The papacy is dead," as once again Bible prophecy was perfectly fulfilled. Precisely 1260 years after the papacy reached undisputed supremacy by defeating the last of the three nations, who would not fall into line with its doctrine, it received its deadly wound.

(11). Obviously the deadly wound was healed exactly as Bible prophecy foretold in Revelation 13:3, for the papacy is very well

respected throughout the entire world today. The deadly wound was healed on February 11, 1929, when Cardinal Gaspari and Mussolini, the leader of Italy during the Second World War, signed a concordat that made the pope a king again. Today the pope is the sovereign ruler of Vatican City, a separate country, that is not a part of Italy or the city of Rome. This papal country masquerades as a church, and because of this it has been able easily to infiltrate practically every political entity in the world. What an intelligence gathering system this papal country has with its subjects telling priests everything they want to know in confessionals. The papacy is a deadly enemy of the United States as we shall see. The papacy, through her facade of religion, has been able to infiltrate thoroughly the United States government. As a result, the United States will soon lose her constitution and become a tyrannical, persecuting power according to Bible prophecy. This is discussed in detail in chapter 4.

(12). Revelation 13:3 says, “All the world wondered after the beast.” Many nations of the world send ambassadors to the Vatican, a separate country in the city of Rome, just as they do to any other nation. When the pope travels to other countries he is given a tumultuous welcome, and millions upon millions flock to see him. Virtually all of the “Christian” churches of the world follow many of the papacy’s dictates. The whole world does indeed follow after the beast. The papacy has made colossal fools of untold millions of people down through history, and it is still doing so today.

(13). The Bible predicted in Revelation 13:8 that the papacy would be a worldwide, well-known church. This prophecy has

indeed come true. But Revelation 13:8 also says that the whole world would worship the papacy with the exception of God's true people, the Saturday Sabbath-keepers. Worship entails obedience. When the people of the world obey the dictates and laws of the papacy, they are worshiping the papacy. Satan, through his agency, the papacy, has deceived virtually the entire world into observing Sunday, a pagan religious day, that the papacy by its own admission has set up instead of Saturday, God's holy Sabbath day of the Fourth Commandment.

Christ says, "If you love me, keep MY commandments." (John 14:15).

Also: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:9).

And finally: "Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16).

(14). Revelation 13:18 says that his number is 666. What is the pope's title? The following quotations from Catholic literature tell us that the pope's title is "Vicarius Filii Dei."

The title of the Pope of Rome is Vicarius Filii Dei. — Our Sunday Visitor, Nov. 15, 1914, p. 3.

The letters inscribed in the pope's mitre are these: Vicarius Filii Dei, which is Latin for Vicar of the Son of God. — Our Sunday Visitor, April 18, 1915, page 3.

Thus, the official title of the pope is Vicarius Filii Dei; translated from Latin this is Vicar of the Son of God. A vicar is a substitute in office.

No other power that has ever existed has precisely fulfilled every one of these fourteen points of identity as does the papacy. No other power has ever existed that even comes close to fulfilling these fourteen points of identity from the pages of the Bible. There have been many attempts made to throw the onus of this prophecy away from the pope and the Catholic Church, such as fitting the nations of empire into a different sequence than history shows. Many ingenious schemes have been devised to try to show that this number, 666, applies to other men, but these schemes are an obvious attempt to sidestep prophecy.

Consider the final verses of our prophecy in Daniel seven. Speaking of the papacy, the stout horn with eyes and a mouth, verse twenty-six says: "But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end." Here we see that the Catholic Church will finally be destroyed. The many millions of people who lost their lives at the hands of this ruthless power will finally be vindicated.

The title "vicar" means a substitute in office. Who is Christ's true substitute in office here on earth? It is certainly not the pope, as they claim. Consider John 16:7, where Jesus says, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send him to you." The Comforter, therefore, is the true Vicar of the Son of God. John 14:26 tells us who the Comforter is: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Comforter is the Holy Ghost. He is the Vicar of the Son of God. He, not the pope of Rome, is Christ's substitute in office. For a man to claim this position is blasphemy, as we have seen.

Don't believe the lie that the Catholic Church was the first Christian church. Don't believe the lie that Peter was the first pope. History shows us that the papacy did not appear on the scene until hundreds of years after Peter died.

The Catholic religion, actually, is very far from God's religion as found in the Bible. We have already seen how they tried to changed God's Sabbath day and His Ten Commandments. Here are a few more verses showing that the Catholic religion is not God's religion.

Catholics always address their priests as "Father," but Christ tells us in Matthew 23:9, "call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, who is in heaven."

Catholics routinely bow down before idols, statues, and graven images of various so-called saints, but God tells us in the second commandment in Exodus 20:4-6, "You shall not make any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy to thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." This is the commandment that the papacy deleted from the law of God. This commandment tells us not even to make the images.

Catholics routinely bow down to their idol statues and worship them.

The Catholic Church commits blasphemy every time one of its members goes to a man to get his sins forgiven. Mark 2:7 indicates that blasphemy occurs when a man says he can forgive sins. “Why does this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?” Only God can forgive our sins, as Jesus indicated in the Lord’s prayer in Luke 11:4 “And forgive us our sins, . . .” First Timothy 2:5 tells us, “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;” A Catholic priest is not the mediator between God and men. A Catholic priest can not forgive anyone their sins.

Finally, the papacy teaches that when we die we go either to heaven, hell or purgatory, but God tells us in the Bible in Ecclesiastes 9:5,6,10 that, “the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, where you are going.”

Psalms 146:3,4 also tells us that when we die we just go to the grave. “Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goes forth, he returns to the earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.” Without thoughts there can be no consciousness.

Everyone who dies, both good and evil, will experience a resurrection from death and will live again. Jesus describes these resurrections in John 5:28,29. “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” Death is like a very deep sleep. In death a person is not conscious. In death a person is not aware of any time passing. You could be dead for 1000 years, yet the time between your death and your resurrection will seem but an instant.

But, you say, who are all those people who have come back from the dead? What about seances where people’s loved ones come back and talk with them? For the answer to these questions we go to Revelation 12:9. “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was cast out to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” The devil and his evil angels (devils, demons) were thrown out of heaven to this earth, which is where they are today. When someone appears to come back from the dead, it cannot really be the person who died, for we know the dead are in their graves and are completely unconscious. It is the devil or one of his many evil angels masquerading as the person who died. These devils have the ability to masquerade as anyone they choose. Remember that Satan masqueraded as a serpent in the Garden of Eden to tempt Eve.

Satan will also have his devils impersonate the apostles, and they will contradict the Law of God, the Sabbath commandment, and the things the apostles wrote in the Bible.

When people see visions of Mary, the mother of Jesus, they are seeing the devil or one of his demons masquerading as Mary. Mary is asleep in her grave awaiting her resurrection, as we have just read from the Bible. A vision like this can be overwhelmingly deceptive. We must realize that God cannot lie to us. What the Bible says is the truth. Mary is asleep in her grave and cannot appear to anyone.

How do psychics know so much about us? They are in communication with the devil or his demons. When people go to a psychic for help or for advice, they are going to the devil. They are asking for trouble and are going to be deceived.

There are other verses in the Bible that describe the papal power. Because the early Christians in Thessalonica thought that Christ's return was imminent, they were told in Second Thessalonians 2:3,4 that the return of Christ was yet far in the future, that people would corrupt the pure Christian doctrine and fall away from the truth, and that the pope, here referred to as the man of sin, would appear before the Lord's return. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." Here again is another prophecy describing how the pope exalts himself above God and demands worship from the people. The reference to the temple of God in this verse refers to the pope

taking the place of God in the people's minds. It does not refer to a physical temple on earth.

Many who do not understand that these verses refer to the pope believe that the temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem before this sinister person appears and that the Lord's return is therefore far in the future. This is not the case. The end of this earth's history as we know it is very near.

Continuing with Second Thessalonians 2:7-11, the faithful were told that evil had already started its sinister work at that time. "For the mystery of iniquity is already at work: only he who now hinders will hinder, until he be taken out of the way." It was pagan Rome that was hindering or preventing the arrival of papal Rome. Continuing with verse eight: "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: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

Notice here that in order for a person to understand the truth, he must love the truth. He must, in fact, love and search for truth with all his heart; otherwise he will receive strong delusion so that he will believe lies.

The strong delusion that God sends to those who do not love and search for the truth with all their heart is the propaganda of the devil, his angels and his agents. If a person does not love the

truth above all else, God does not shield him from the deception of the devil, which, of course, also includes the deceptions of the papacy, the devil's agency.

The vast majority have fallen away from the truth, and nearly everyone believes the lies that are so prevalent in our world today. This is especially true in the churches of today and is commented on in Second Timothy 4:3,4: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

In other words, people who do not love the truth — those who have itching ears — will find teachers who will tell them what they want to hear instead of Bible truth. They will go to church and listen to comfortable sermons. The people have itching ears; the false teachers turn them to fables — lies.

In the end, however, this papal power will be destroyed, as Daniel 7:11 prophesies. "I beheld then because of the voice of the great words that the horn spoke: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame." The burning flame refers to the destruction of all the wicked at the end before God creates the new earth.

The Catholic Church is generally thought of as the Mother Church. It makes this claim itself:

I acknowledge the Holy Catholic Apostolic Roman Church for the mother and mistress of all churches. — Art. 10, Creed of Pope Pius IV. Double Bull of Pope Pius IV, Nov. 13 and Dec. 9, 1564, trans. in Philip Schaff, *The Creeds of Christendom*, New York: Harper, 1919, Vol. 1, p. 99.

With this in mind, and with the knowledge that an immoral woman in Bible prophecy is the symbol of a false church, consider Revelation 17:1-6: “And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying to me, Come hither; I will show you the judgment of the great whore that sits upon many waters.”

You will remember that water represents humanity. “Many waters” in this verse, therefore, refers to the many nations over which this prostitute, the papacy, has influence. In other words this false church is worldwide, having its organization in every nation. Continuing with verse two: “With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

Fornication in this verse is referring to spiritual adultery, the defiling of the pure doctrine of the Bible with pagan practices and beliefs. Here we see that the nations of the earth have willingly accepted this harlot’s doctrine. Fornication also refers to the illicit union of the church and the state (nation) in which the church uses the police power of the state to enforce its doctrine.

Continuing with verse three: “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.”

The cup filled with abominations and filthiness of her fornication and the wine mentioned in verse two represent the false, pagan doctrines that this church teaches. Verse two indicates that the entire world is drunk on this wine of the papacy. Practically the entire world has believed the lies and deceptions that the Roman Catholic Church has put forth as Bible truth. The world is so intoxicated on this wine of the papacy that people will not even listen to the truth, much less consider it. No wonder God warns us in First Peter 5:8 to be sober and not drunk on this wine of the papacy. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour.”

Don't misunderstand here. The Catholic Church is NOT a Christian religion. It is a strange combination of all the old pagan religions with a Christian facade. Just because they claim to be a Christian church does not make it so.

Continuing with Revelation 17:5, “And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” Notice that Babylon is a name that the Bible gives to the harlot and her family, and it represents this mother church and all the false daughter churches. The word “Babylon” means “confusion.” What better term to describe the religious situation in the world today? This harlot, the Catholic Church, is the mother of harlots; she has spawned many other churches that teach much of the same doctrine that this mother church teaches, and they all worship on Sunday instead of Saturday, God's holy Sabbath day of the fourth commandment.

Notice that the design on the Vatican 100 Lira coin displays a woman holding a cup in her hand with the symbol of the sun god in the cup. This is a rather graphic fulfillment of the prophecy in Revelation 17:4. It strongly implies that they know they are the great harlot of Revelation 17.



Remembering that the Catholic Church slaughtered hundreds of millions of God's true Christians during the dark ages, continue with verse six: "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

How many denominations are there of Christ's true church, the one that He Himself established? Ephesians 4:4-6 tells us that there is one — and only one — true church. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father

of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” The 500 or so church denominations we find in the world today are the daughter churches of this harlot and are not of God, and they do not serve God, although they think they do. What better way for the devil to keep people out of Christ’s true church than to have some 500 denominations, each claiming to be the true church? It is easy to see why those searching for the truth would give up in despair. Satan is clever enough to make sure that when a person gets into one of his counterfeit churches, that person feels as if he were in God’s church. Satan provides all kinds of spiritual “highs” to make people believe that their experiences are from God. They are drunk on the wine of Babylon. How thoroughly Satan has deceived the people of the world! How complete is their deception at the hands of this master liar and his ministers! But God will never accept any of Satan’s counterfeit religions.

When atheists and others write articles and books against Christianity and the Bible, they are writing against Babylon, the Catholic church and the Catholic religion, and against all the harlot daughters of Babylon, the Sunday-keeping churches. Very few people know what true Biblical Christianity is really like.

This is not to say, however, that people in these many false churches will not be saved if with all their heart they are following the Lord to the best of their knowledge. In John 10:14-16,26-28 Christ tells us that He has many of His true people scattered throughout all denominations. “I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, who 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. But you believe not, because you are not of my sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give to them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” Notice that Christ tells us here that there is ONE fold. He tells us that His sheep hear His voice and know Him. When the true Christians in the false churches hear the truth, they will abandon their church and join Christ’s true church so that they can more readily follow the Lord as the Bible requires. Those who are not of the Lord’s flock will not respond to the truth, to the Shepherd’s call, and will remain in the false churches. They will continue to ignore the law of God. They will continue to believe a lie, and they will eventually mock, ridicule, and even persecute God’s true people.

The vitally important message from God to His true Christians in all the false churches is found in Revelation 18:1-5. Christ tells His true people in all the denominations to come out of them, to have nothing more to do with them. “After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God has

remembered her iniquities.” God says, “Come out of her my people,” and be part of the true Christians who keep all of the commandments of God.

Again in Second Corinthians 6:14-18 God strongly pleads with His true people to come out of Babylon, to come out of the papacy and all her Sunday-keeping daughter churches and be separate. “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what concord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has he that believes with an infidel? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? for you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Come out from among them and be separated from them.

In these final days of earth’s history, the papacy has even managed to infiltrate the church organization that was God’s true church. The papacy has been able to place its people as leaders in this organization and, to a large extent, ministers in the pulpits, so that now no church denomination is following God as the Bible specifies.

God’s true people are now starting to meet in small groups in people’s houses, just as they did shortly after Christ was crucified. Romans 16:5 mentions one of these church groups meeting in a house. “Likewise greet the church that is in their house.” Please understand that the people constitute God’s true

church and not any organization or building. When Christ was on earth the denomination at that time was the Jewish organization, and the Jewish people were God's true church, but after they crucified Christ the true church consisted of true Christians and not the Jewish organization.

Some of the small groups of true Christians today, who keep all the commandments of God, publish magazines and books, and put out audio and video tapes that contain the accurate truth of the Bible, and some even have radio and television programs that proclaim the truth. Some have even started small independent church congregations and meet in a separate church building. It is the responsibility of each of us to study the Bible continually so that we will understand enough to be able to locate a group of people who are God's true church. We will see that just before the end, the entire world will be arrayed against the small groups of people that make up God's true church in an attempt to put them to death!

Perhaps you have been wondering why this book uses the *King James* version of the Bible and goes to the trouble of converting each Bible text into modern English when there are many translations available in modern English.

When the papacy first came to power, they kept what few copies of the Bible there were locked away from the people. They also made sure that the few copies available were in the obscure Latin language. They knew that if the people could read the Bible the papacy would be exposed as the great whore of Revelation that she is.

After printing became available and the papacy realized that Bibles would soon be translated into the languages of the common people, she attempted to keep Bibles from the people by making sure these translations came from corrupted Catholic manuscripts. With few exceptions, all the English translations of the Bible came from Catholic manuscripts such as the *Vaticanus Codex B* and the *Siniaticus*.

The *King James* version was translated from manuscripts that escaped Catholic influence. The *King James* version is the only English version that accurately shows all of God's principles. The *King James* version is the only English Bible you can trust. Only this version tells us exactly what Armageddon is, for example. Even the *New King James* version shows considerable adulteration from Catholic influence.

We saw earlier that the papacy will be destroyed. Referring to the papacy, we read in Revelation 18:21-24, "And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in you; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in you; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in you; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in you: for your merchants were the great men of the earth; for by your sorceries all nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." Notice that last sentence: "in her was found the

blood . . . of ALL that were slain upon the earth.” Since it came to power, the papacy, has been the instigator of all the wars the world has had. The world has never realized the far-reaching effects of the papacy. For instance, here is a quote by Abraham Lincoln about the Civil War:

This war would never have been possible without the sinister influence of the Jesuits. We owe it to Popery that we now see our land reddened with the blood of her noblest sons. Though there were great differences of opinion between the South and North, on the question of slavery, neither Jeff Davis nor any one of the leading men of the Confederacy would have dared to attack the North, had they not relied on the promise of the Jesuits, that, under the mask of Democracy, the money and the arms of the Roman Catholics, even the arms of France, were at their disposal if they would attack us. — Charles Chiniquy, *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome*, The Wickliffe Press, Protestant Truth Society, Wickliffe Avenue, 104 Hendon Lane, Finchley, London, N3., 1885, p. 388

CHAPTER 4
**THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

We must now show that the papacy is the most deadly enemy the United States will ever have to face. This fact is virtually unknown among the people. Using the utmost secrecy to conceal her plans, the papacy, through her facade of religion, has for many decades been infiltrating the United States in all levels of government. As a result, the United States will soon lose its constitution and become a tyrannical, persecuting power.

For many decades the papacy has been laying plans for the takeover of the United States. This goal of the papacy is clearly stated in Charles Chiniquy's book *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome*.

We are determined . . . to take possession of the United States, and rule them; but we cannot do that without acting secretly and with utmost wisdom. If our plans become known, they will surely be defeated. — Charles Chiniquy, *Fifty Years in the*

Church of Rome, The Wickliffe Press, Protestant truth Society, Wickliffe Avenue, 104 Hendon Lane, Finchley, London, N3., 1885, p. 373.

On page 374 of this book we read:

How sad will their awakening be, when, with our out-numbering votes, we will turn them, for ever, from every position of honor, power and profit! What will those hypocritical and godless sons and daughters of the fanatical Pilgrim Fathers say, when not a single judge, not a single teacher, not a single policeman will be elected if he be not a devoted . . . Roman Catholic? What will those so-called giants think of their matchless shrewdness and ability, when not a single Senator or member of Congress will be chosen, if he be not submitted to our holy father the Pope? What a sad figure those Protestant Yankees will cut when we will not only elect the President, but fill and command the armies, man the navies, and hold the keys of the public treasury?

Then, yes! then, we will rule the United States, and lay them at the feet of the Vicar of Jesus Christ [the pope], that he may put an end to their godless system of education, and sweep away those impious laws of liberty of conscience which are an insult to God and man!

. . . The American people must be very blind indeed, if they do not see that if they do nothing to prevent it, the day is very near when the Jesuits will rule their country, from the magnificent White House at Washington, to the humblest civil and military department of this vast Republic. — *ibid*, p. 374.

As we have seen, when they say Vicar of Jesus Christ, they mean the pope.

Here is a statement from the same book that shows the power these people have already amassed in the United States.

The Jesuits of the United States form one of the richest and most powerful corporations the world ever saw. — *ibid*, p. 375.

The papacy is by far the wealthiest institution on earth.

Jesus, the founder of Christianity, was the poorest of the poor. Roman Catholicism, which claims to be His church, is the richest of the rich. — Avro Manhattan, *The Vatican Billions*, Chick Publications, p. 17.

The Catholic church is the biggest financial power, wealth accumulator and property owner in existence. She is a greater possessor of material riches than any other single institution, corporation, bank, giant trust, government or state of the whole globe. — Jack Chick, *Smokescreens*, Chick Publications, Chapter 10.

Very few people know anything about the Jesuits because of their extreme secrecy. Here is a description of them from the book *The Great Controversy* that shows the abominable

character and deceptiveness of the pope's Jesuits.

Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.

When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed. It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying,

theft, perjury, assassination, were not only pardonable but commendable, when they served the interests of the church. Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations. They became servants to act as spies upon their masters. They established colleges for the sons of princes and nobles, and schools for the common people; and the children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of popish rites. All the outward pomp and display of the Romish worship was brought to bear to confuse the mind and dazzle and captivate the imagination, and thus the liberty for which the fathers had toiled and bled was betrayed by the sons. The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery. — E. G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pp. 234, 235, 1911, Pacific Press Publishing Assn.

Today the pope's Jesuits are not only entrenched at the highest levels of all branches and departments of the U.S. Government, but they are also entrenched at the highest levels of virtually all the major corporations and industries in the United States. The Jesuits are the major stockholders of many of the largest corporations. They own 51% of the stock in Bank of America for instance. And because the papacy is a so-called church, they pay not one penny of taxes. Because they are a so-called

church, they are able to operate internationally outside of the laws and legal proceedings everyone else must follow.

Here are a few of the Jesuit-controlled corporations that totally support their Jesuits in congress and the government: American Airlines, TWA, Anheuser Busch, AT&T, Bell Atlantic, Boeing, Cigna, Coca-Cola, Daimler Chrysler, Exxon, Shell, Ford Motor Company, General Electric, Hewlett-Packard, Home Depot, May Company, McDonald's, Motorola, Philip Morris, Price-Waterhouse, Rite Aid, RJR Nabisco, Sony Corp. of America, Texaco, United Parcel Service, Walt Disney Company, and Wells Fargo.

These corporations give their Jesuit senators and congressmen in both the Democratic and Republican parties many thousands of dollars for their election campaigns. These senators and congressmen are the most radical and dangerous this country has ever had. They do everything they can to pass laws and regulations prohibited

by our constitution, laws designed to destroy the United States, to eliminate freedom, and to convert the United States into a ruthless tyranny. They lie constantly to to deceive the people so they will go along with the laws and regulations they want to pass.

Everyone in high positions in the government takes a solemn oath to uphold and obey the Constitution, but nearly all of them totally ignore the Constitution. The president issues executive orders that are totally unconstitutional, and Congress passes laws that the Constitution specifically forbids. Our God-given Constitution is the reason the United States has become the greatest country in the world, but it is being thoroughly undermined today by the Jesuits in government as they work to destroy the United States.

The laws and regulations they pass are designed to export the industrial and manufacturing base of the United States to other countries. They are designed to destroy our energy base by

restricting oil prospecting, fuel production, and nuclear power plants. The Jesuits in the House, Senate and regulating agencies restrict the private use of land with nonsensical environmental rules and regulations. They pass laws and regulations about what is “proper” to be taught in schools so that children will grow up being extremely ignorant under the banner of being educated.

The Jesuits are not recognized by the general populace because of their treachery and secrecy. They tell no one that they are Jesuits. They even belong to other churches, other organizations, and other cultures, that they have infiltrated, to hide their identity and to control these organizations.

There are millions and millions of the pope’s Jesuits. They are everywhere. They are into everything. They are into every major organization, and control nearly every political organization and government in the world. Because of the Jesuits’ extreme secrecy, many

of these organizations and governments are totally unaware that they are being infiltrated and controlled.

It is easy to identify the Jesuits and the Jesuit puppets in the United States Congress, because they are the ones that continually try to get all kinds of laws passed that require exactly the opposite from what the Constitution says. They continually pass laws that restrict the liberty of the citizens of the country. They continually pass laws to regulate every aspect of life in the United States. They continually pass laws that restrict freedom of speech such as the Campaign Finance Reform Act. Incidentally, they always use names for these laws that will sound good to the American people, but rarely indicate what is in the law. They use every means they can to deceive the people of the country.

The Jesuits continually try to pass restrictive gun legislation. The second amendment to the Constitution says, “the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”

Every gun law that congress has ever passed is a direct violation of the United States' Constitution. Because of the crime and terrorism in our country today, and because of the government and media propaganda against guns, people are made to believe that these laws are necessary.

When the citizens of a nation are armed, where their right to own guns is not infringed, the crime rate is extremely low.

Every man in Switzerland, for instance, is required to have guns in his home, including assault rifles. Crime in Switzerland is almost non-existent. In states and cities in America that allow people to carry guns, the crime rate is extremely low.

During World War Two, Hitler wanted to invade Switzerland. The Swiss told him that he could send his army across the border, but none of his officers would return. Hitler gave the order to invade Switzerland several times, but

his officers refused to obey. Switzerland remained safely neutral all during the war because Hitler could not overcome the guns in the hands of Swiss private citizens. No dictator wants to be the dictator of a nation with 200 million guns around.

Christians generally do not want to have anything to do with guns, because a Christian would never take the life of another individual. It is not the USE of the guns that keeps the crime rate low; it is just the fact that the guns are there, and the criminals and would-be dictators know that the guns are there. That knowledge keeps them at bay.

In order to motivate the people of the United States to give up their guns, the Jesuits stage shootings periodically to show how “dangerous” guns are. These shootings occur in the most emotional places such as schools where children die. But Waco shows what will happen when only the government has guns. Some 86

children died a torturous death at Waco at the hands of the government.

The *USA Patriot act of 2001* is in almost total violation of the constitution, requiring many of the regulations Nazi Germany and communist Russia had. When all the requirements of this act are implemented, the citizens of this country will rue the day they ever allowed such a monstrosity to become law. Jesuits in the government were responsible for this act and forced its passage. They forced a vote on this act without giving the congressmen and senators an opportunity to read it! Why didn't the congressmen and senators have the good sense to vote "no" and defeat this act since they were never able to read it?

The *Homeland Security Act of 2002* is another act that was passed to take away freedom and security in the United States and is in total violation of the constitution. As all the requirements of these acts become implemented, the people of the country will learn first-hand

how it feels to have absolutely no freedom. These and other laws and regulations on the books will, when implemented, convert the United States into a more ruthless police state than was Nazi Germany or communist Russia and Red China.

Today, the United States is run and controlled by its most dedicated enemies. If you wonder at the things the government and the people in control of the government do that are so damaging to the United States, it is because they are our enemies and are determined to destroy the United States. Treason is running rampant throughout all levels and branches of the U.S. government today.

A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banners openly against the city. But the traitor moves among those within the gates freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears no traitor; he speaks in the accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their garments and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He

rots the soul of a nation; he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. — Marcus Cicero, speaking to Caesar, Crassus, Pompey and the Roman Senate.

Many wonder today why the Republican party does nothing to defeat the treasonous schemes of the Democrats. It is because the pope's Jesuits have thoroughly infiltrated the Republican party as well as the Democratic party. Many wonder why the news media lie so much to support and protect the Democrats. It is because the pope's Jesuits have thoroughly infiltrated the news media. The news media and schools and colleges, with their lies and propaganda, have so conditioned the people of the country that they are unable to recognize what has been done to them. Victory for the Jesuits seems very near. The Jesuits are like a cancer that has pervaded nearly every fiber of the society of the United States. We are being defeated by the enemy within.

For many years the Jesuits have prevented the United States from developing additional

sources of energy within its own territory. Exploiting the vast oilfields on the Alaskan north slope, that probably contain more oil than the entire middle east, is forbidden. New nuclear power plants, the safest source of electric energy ever discovered, are not permitted. There is no end to the lies people have been made to believe about Nuclear energy. The environment is used as the club to subdue the people of the country into going along with this idiocy. Modern technology is able to develop these sources of power without any damage to the environment. France gets 80% of its power from nuclear power plants without any problems. Needless to say, without sufficient energy, the United States will not be able to defend itself. All the papacy has to do is cut off the oil supply from the middle east.

The United States is now starting to feel the pinch of the energy shortage the Jesuits have created. People have experienced blackouts over large areas as power is shut off to stay within

the limits of generating capacity. Today, instead of constructing additional nuclear power plants, some of these plants are being dismantled! Will the people of the United States be able to wake up in time to prevent the coming national tragedy?

Not only in the United States is this treachery being perpetrated by the papacy, but they are secretly at work all over the world to subvert all the nations of the world. Charles Chiniquy continues:

Rome is in constant conspiracy against the rights and liberties of man all over the world; but she is particularly so in the United States. Long before I was ordained a priest I knew that my Church was the most implacable enemy of this Republic. My professors of philosophy, history, and theology had been unanimous in telling me that the principles and laws of the Church of Rome were absolutely antagonistic to the laws and principles that are the foundation stones of the Constitution of the United States.

1st. The most sacred principle of the United States Constitution is the equality of every citizen before the law. But the fundamental principle of the Church of Rome is the denial of that [e]quality.

2nd. Liberty of conscience is proclaimed by the United States a most sacred principle, which every citizen must uphold But liberty of conscience is declared by all the Popes and Councils of Rome, a most godless, unholy, and diabolical thing, which every good Catholic must abhor and destroy at any cost.

3rd. The American Constitution assures the absolute independence of the civil from the ecclesiastical or Church power; but the Church of Rome declares, through all her Pontiffs and Councils, that such independence is an impiety and a revolt against God.

4th. The American Constitution leaves every man free to serve God according to the dictates of his conscience; but the Church of Rome declares that no man has ever had such a right, and that the Pope alone can know and say what man must believe and do. — Charles Chiniquy, *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome*, The Wickliffe Press, Protestant truth Society, Wickliffe Avenue, 104 Hendon Lane, Finchley, London, N3., 1885, p. 375.

And when the papacy takes over there will be bloodshed.

The Church of Rome says that she has a right to punish with the confiscation of their goods, or the penalty of death, those who differ in faith from the Pope. — *ibid*, p. 376.

America simply has no idea of the terrible trouble and persecution that is coming soon at the hands of the papacy. The people of America

have forgotten the wanton cruelty and unrestrained butchery this unholy power demonstrated during the Dark Ages when it slaughtered over 150 million Christians because they wanted to worship God according to the Bible. Hitler's holocaust against the Jews was tiny compared to the papal holocaust against Christians during the Dark Ages, and the Jesuit-controlled news media never mention these atrocities.

The papacy's slaughter of Christians continues to this day. Since the papacy is a small country with little military capability, they always beguile other nations to do their fighting for them. Today the United States is their favorite bully. Thus, they are never directly involved, and people do not realize who is behind the wars, the trouble, and the terrorism. Avro Manhattan's book, *The Vatican's Holocaust*, describes in detail the papacy's continuing slaughter of millions of Christians in the 20th century. At the time of this writing, the

complete text of The Vatican's Holocaust is available on the internet for downloading at:

<http://www.reformation.org/holocaust.html>

The slaughter in Bosnia, Kosovo, Serbia, Croatia and others is a direct result of the Vatican's involvement in this area, but you will never hear about it because the Jesuit-controlled news media not only refuse to mention it but they lie about the situation to keep the papacy from being suspected of her true involvement.

The Jesuits seem to have a code that guides their every action. that code is: "Call your enemy what you are and always tell the exact opposite of the truth." This makes it very difficult to counter their lies and explain clearly and understandably what they are actually doing.

And now the world has terrorism to a degree that was unimaginable before the destruction of the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York City where nearly 4,000 people lost their lives. This terrorism is part of the plan the

Jesuits are implementing to scare the American people into giving up their freedoms, and it is working. The Bible says in Revelation 18:24 that the papacy is responsible for “. . . the blood of . . . all that were slain upon the earth.”

Evidence strongly indicates that Muslims hijacked the airliners and flew them into the towers. Thus we have rather strong evidence that the papacy's Jesuits have even been able to infiltrate the Muslims. Remember that the papacy and the Jesuits have been at this business for many hundreds of years. Remember, also, that we saw that no disguise is too difficult for them to assume.

Let us now consider some of the tactics the papacy is using to subvert the United States. Just because they call themselves a church does not mean that they are honest or honorable. Remember that Satan, the devil, gave the papacy their power and great authority (Revelation 13:2). The Catholics, through their Jesuits, are working to accomplish the exact

opposite from what the Catholic Church claims they stand for. For instance, the church claims to be against abortion, but their Jesuits, working in secrecy and masquerading as regular citizens in the government, work to pass laws and make judicial rulings permitting abortion. They have their right hand fighting their left hand to thoroughly confuse the people of the United States and to keep the people from ever connecting this evil conspiracy with them. Here is another example. The pope gets on television and, acting very piously, prays for peace, while his Jesuits are behind the scenes stirring up all kinds of wars, conflicts and terrorism in the world.

The papacy has made colossal fools of untold millions of people down through history, and it is still doing so today.

The Jesuits are making a dedicated effort in the United States to degrade the morality of the people of the country, to destroy family life, and to destroy all the traditional values that made

this country the greatest nation in the world. This is being done by the abominable subjects being taught in government schools and colleges. It is being done by history courses that teach from revisionist history books containing many more lies than the truth. It is being done with pornographic sex education courses in the schools. It is being done with the destruction of religious values and the law of God, the Ten Commandments. It is being done by television programs, where entertainment is watching people break God's law. The natural result is a drastic increase in crime. Acts of the most abominable and shocking character are daily perpetrated within this country. The murder of one and a half million unborn babies in this country each year is one result of the demoralization of this nation.

The Jesuits are also flooding the United States with aliens, most of which are Catholic. Not only are we being defeated by the Jesuit enemy within, we are constantly being invaded by an

army of aliens from without. These aliens dilute the traditional American society that understands our Constitution and how it works. This makes it much easier for the Jesuits in congress to pass the unconstitutional laws so damaging to the United States. And, of course, along with these aliens come the people who actually blow up the buildings.

There is talk in Washington of giving illegal aliens amnesty again, and also of converting our southern border into a “regional power block” where the area within 100 miles on either side of the border between Mexico and the United States would be administered jointly by Mexico and the U.S. The Jesuits are working to “eradicate the borders that separate Canada, Mexico, and the United States as part of a larger design to create a regional political and economic bloc duplicating the European Union.” — The New American, October 8, 2001.

There is also talk of putting Mexican citizens in Mexico on United States' Social Security payments. The purpose of this, along with all the wars and police-keeping actions the U.S. military is into and all the welfare the government pays for, is to completely bankrupt the United States.

Pushed by the Mexican government, the Bush administration is working on a Social Security accord that would put tens of thousands of Mexicans [in Mexico] onto the Social Security roster and send hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits south of the border. — Jonathan Weisman, *The Washington Post*, Dec. 19, 2002.

Since the Jesuits beguiled the United States into giving the Panama Canal to the Red Chinese, there are now over 200,000 Red Chinese in the Canal Zone. This portends extremely serious problems for both the United States and Panama. A large percentage of Panamanian citizens want the U.S. to come back and restore the Canal Zone as before. Incidentally, the treaty giving the canal to Panama was never properly ratified. There were two versions of the

treaty: an English version and a Spanish version. These two versions were *NOT* the same. The Senate ratified one version and the Panamanians ratified the other version. And the treason goes on and on.

The Bible predicts what is going to happen to the United States.

There are two beasts (powers) described in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation. The first has been shown to be the papacy, the Roman Catholic Church. The description of the second beast begins with Revelation 13:11. “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.”

The sea in Bible prophecy, you will remember, represents multitudes of people. The ascent of the first beast, the papacy, from the “sea” indicates that this power arose from the populated areas of Europe. The ascent of the second beast of Revelation 13 from the “earth”

indicates that this power had its beginning in a sparsely populated area of the globe.

The previous verse, verse ten, gives us an indication of the time when this second beast was arising, for it refers to the deadly wound of verse three that the papacy received in the year 1798. “He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword.” Verse eleven, then, describes the ascent of this second beast at that time.

What nation was coming to power in the world around 1798 in a sparsely populated area of the world when the papacy received its deadly wound? The only nation coming to power at that time was the United States of America. The North American continent was then a very sparsely populated area of the globe. Consider the beast that is used to represent the United States. It has two horns like a lamb. What beast other than a lamb has two small lamb-like horns? The obvious answer is the bison, or

buffalo, as it is more commonly referred to. The buffalo, whose habitat is the North American continent, appeared for many years as a symbol on United States nickels.

The two lamb-like horns of this beast symbolized the kind, gracious, and gentle nature of this country when it was young. That the horns had no crowns symbolized the great religious and political liberty available to all under the United States Constitution. The horns without crowns represented a nation without a king and a church without a pope. The powerful buffalo symbolized the superior strength of the United States. On American money the message of her trust in God was proclaimed, and the great blessing of God rested upon this country.

Alexis de Tocqueville, a young French philosopher of the last century, came to our shores to discover what magical quality enabled a handful of people to defeat the mighty British Empire twice in 35 years. He looked for the greatness of America in her fertile soil, her limitless forests and natural resources. He examined America's schools, her Congress and her unique Constitution without fully understanding the source of America's strength.

It was not, he said later, until he went to the churches of America and found congregations aflame with righteousness, that he began to comprehend the secret of this power. Upon his return to France, de Tocqueville wrote: “America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.” — Des Griffin, *Descent into Slavery?*, 1980, p. 267, Emissary Publications, 9205 S. E. Clackamas Rd., Clackamas, Oregon 97015, 503-824-2050, e-mail: midnight@midnight-emissary.com.

The United States was the champion of liberty and freedom throughout the world. Before this time no nation in history ever had a written constitution that guaranteed the liberty and freedom of its people. But the glorious beginning of this country was to be corrupted in later years. The gentle, gracious, freedom-loving character of the United States in its youth was later used as a facade to hide the character that this country subsequently developed. This facade has successfully kept hidden, even from most of its own citizens, the real character the United States developed in these last days as a result of Jesuit infiltration and subversion.

Revelation 13:11 tells us that this country will speak as a dragon. We saw that the dragon is Satan. How does the dragon speak? John 8:44 tells us, “You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” The devil is a liar. There is no truth in him. This great country, that began so beautifully by upholding the principles of morality and freedom, speaks, as Revelation 13:11 says, “as a dragon.” In these last days, the United States lies to the entire world, just as the dragon, the devil, does. The United States in these latter days deceives with a skill nearly equal to that of the devil himself, just as the Bible predicted, for the devil is using this country to play a major part in the disastrous events soon to take place. Most of its citizens readily believe the lies of this second beast, the United States.

Why does a country lie? Why does a person lie? Why does Satan lie? Lies are obviously used to deceive and to keep the truth from being known. Countries (and people) lie because a knowledge of their activities will hurt or embarrass them, or will prevent them from carrying out their sinister purposes. The fact that the United States speaks as the dragon shows that its government is engaged in criminal activities that its citizens and the rest of the world must not find out about. There are many thousands of examples of our government's lying that could be discussed, but only two well-known examples will be considered here.

Perhaps the best known example of the United States government's lies is our servicemen missing in action from the Vietnam and previous wars. Many very reliable reports of sightings have been documented, and photographs of men still alive have surfaced, but the government continues to lie about these men, claiming that they are all dead. How cruel

it is for our government to simply abandon these men to rot in communist prisons for so many years after they risked their lives fighting in a war many of them felt was unjustifiable.

The second example of the United States lying to the world is the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Many books have been written about the assassination that have put the lie to the official government version of what happened. The movie JFK very forcefully exposes the lies of the official government version of what happened and, along with many books on the assassination, shows that the assassination of President Kennedy was planned and organized at the highest levels of the U. S. Government. If the government has nothing to hide concerning this assassination, why were all the pertinent official documents of the assassination locked up until far into the twenty-first century? (Note: It is very unfortunate that the movie JFK used such revolting language and

depicted such abominable scenes to tell the story of the assassination.)

Motion pictures were taken of President Kennedy during the assassination by one of the bystanders, a Mr. Zapruder. These pictures, which were locked in a vault for five years after the murder, show that the Warren Report could not possibly be true. The first time the American public got a look at these pictures was in the movie JFK. Why were the American people not permitted to view Mr. Zapruder's film earlier? Because the people would realize that the Government was lying.

Later there was a congressional investigation of the assassination. The results of this investigation were also locked away so the citizens could not learn the truth about this murder. Why, unless the government has something to hide and has been lying to the people.

Presidential candidates and most other politicians running for office seem to be very proficient at lying. The news media lie almost continually to manipulate the people of the country.

Consider all the lies that were told about the Waco massacre and all the lies told about the many scandals of the Clinton administration. Other well-known subjects that the government continues to lie about are the destruction of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, and the destruction of the World Trade Center towers in New York City.

Because of all the trouble and crime in society that the papacy's subversion of the United States has caused, the papacy will use the backlash against the crime and trouble to have the government pass laws that enforce the papacy's policies. As people come to a general realization that civilization simply cannot ignore God and morality and have any semblance of order and happiness, they will insist that the

government pass laws to restore morality and decency in society. The French realized this after three and a half years of the unbridled excesses of the French Revolution. The French people found that they simply could not reject the Bible, and the government passed laws allowing the return of the Scriptures and religious freedom. Incidentally, the French Revolution was the result of the people of France rebelling against the iron handed rule of the papacy.

When the people of the United States, led by the papacy, become aware that the cause of all the trouble and problems in society is the disregard of religious morality, they will pressure Congress to pass laws supposedly to try to reverse decades of damage to the United States. Unfortunately these laws will be designed to legislate morality as defined by the papacy. If a society is going to have moral principles, it will be because of proper education, not legislation. These religious laws that the United States is

going to pass in the near future will cause the events of Revelation 13:12 to occur. “And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

Here we see that the United States will soon exercise all the power of the first beast, the papacy, and cause the people of earth to worship the papacy. What could the United States do that would force people to worship the papacy? In direct defiance of the Constitution, the United States will pass laws demanding obedience to papal religious requirements.

We have seen that Sunday observance was instituted by the papacy and that those who observe Sunday according to papal dictates instead of God’s Sabbath, Saturday, are worshiping the papacy. The United States, therefore, will pass laws requiring her citizens to observe Sunday as the day to be kept holy! (Remember that the pope’s Jesuits have been

infiltrating the U. S. Government and other organizations for many decades.) That such a law would be passed in America may seem very unlikely at this time; nevertheless this is Bible prophecy and it will, indeed, be fulfilled exactly as verse twelve indicates. Actually, such laws are not as farfetched as they might seem. Many states now have Sunday laws on the books. These laws, usually referred to as “blue laws,” demand the closure of certain businesses on Sunday.

Today the papacy and her many daughter religions, including non-Christian religions and the New Age movement, are working to consolidate the churches of the world into a single worldwide religion. Because of all the crime and violence in society and the world, and because of the increasingly heavy hand of government regulation and taxes, the people will come to realize that they need the restraints of religion in order to preserve freedom and order, and they will combine the false religions

of the world into a vast one-world ecumenical religion that the Bible refers to as the false prophet. Revelation 16:13,14 and other verses mention this false prophet. “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [Satan], and out of the mouth of the beast [the Catholic Church], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [ecumenical protestantism]. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, that 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.”

The Sunday law will be one of the results of this false ecumenical religion. The people will mistakenly pressure government to go against the first amendment to the Constitution and legislate religious doctrine — in this case false religious doctrine.

The last issue of contention in this world will be over religion, specifically over which is the proper day on which to worship — Saturday, God’s holy Sabbath day, or Sunday, the day set

up by the papacy — and we will soon witness religious persecution worse than the world has ever seen.

Because of its position of leadership that the United States enjoys in the world, and because of the Jesuit influence, the rest of the world will follow its example and will also pass religious laws requiring Sunday observance. The papacy will be the driving force behind this great Sunday movement. Satan and the papacy know that the scheme to establish a political New World Order through the United Nations to take over the world will not work. Through use of the trouble caused by trying to institute the New World Order, trouble caused by atheism, liberalism, socialism, radicalism, and terrorism, they are conditioning the world for these worldwide religious laws, especially the Sunday laws.

Continuing with the prophecy, Revelation 13:13 shows that the United States will dazzle the world with its great feats. “And he does great

wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.” Has the United States ever made fire come down from heaven in the sight of the whole world? During the Second World War this country dropped atomic bombs on two cities in Japan, and fire, indeed, came down from heaven. The reference to “great wonders” refers to the exalted level of technological excellence this country enjoys and the scientific marvels this country has accomplished.

Further describing the United States, Revelation 13:14 says, “And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles that 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, that had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

An image is a copy, a duplication. The first beast, the papacy, is a union of church and state; the armies and police power of the state carry out the demands and dictates of the church as in

the Dark Ages. This union of church and state will be duplicated by the United States.

Catholics and other religious denominations in the United States will join together in a great ecumenical alliance and will pass religious laws including the national Sunday law. When this happens, the United States will repudiate its glorious beginning of total civil and religious freedom and will become a union of church and state in a vain attempt to dictate morality to its citizens. The United States will use its police power to enforce obedience to the doctrines and dictates of this great ecumenical alliance, thus becoming the image of the beast. We see this beginning to happen today as the so-called religious right becomes more powerful.

Before the end comes, this country will repudiate every principle of its Constitution. The injunction of the first amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the government from making any religious laws will not prevent this prophecy from being realized, and the fires of

religious persecution will again be kindled. Those who insist on keeping God's Sabbath day, Saturday, holy according to the Fourth Commandment will suffer severe persecution, as the following verse shows.

Revelation 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." Thus, we see that in America the true Christians who continue to keep Saturday, God's Sabbath day, holy will be in danger of losing their lives. As impossible as this sounds to us today, remember that the unconditional prophecies of the Bible never fail. Many of us will live to witness this persecution, that will eventually become so severe that it will be a matter of life or death, and many people will be killed. ". . . The time will come, that whoever kills you will think that he does God service." (John 16:2)

We have recently seen the colossal abuse of governmental power against a religious sect in Waco, Texas. Consider how much of our Constitution had been repudiated in that fiasco. Without due process of law and without a trial, many people including women and young children were murdered in this despicable abuse of power by our government, that was shockingly similar to the Gestapo tactics used in Hitler's Germany. Virtually every thing the government and the news media said about this sect and the military operation in Waco was a lie, told to try to justify the government's actions. Before the government was finished with this operation, they tried to bulldoze all the evidence into oblivion.

Satan is planning to cause unbelievable trouble on the earth. This trouble will take many forms, from calamities of nature to political and civil unrest. The increase in the frequency and severity of earthquakes, hurricanes and tornadoes testifies that this trouble is already

starting. Eventually the people who keep God's Sabbath day holy will be blamed for this trouble. The claim will be made that God is angry because this small group of people refuses to obey the Sunday law. People will claim that the trouble is the result, and if the world were rid of the Sabbath-keepers the trouble would cease. Thus the Sabbath-keepers, God's true people, are to be killed.

Satan has been trying for nearly 6,000 years to get mankind to break God's laws. He has tried enticement with sinful pleasures. He has tried deception to convince mankind that the wrong way is the correct way. He has infiltrated his ministers (Jesuits) into the churches. He has used force. He used communism in an attempt to remove all traces of the Word of God from the earth. But no matter what he has done, there have always been a few people who have been true to God. In these last days of earth's history the devil is getting desperate, for he knows that he is going to die, and he can see that his end is

very near. “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.” (Revelation 12:12).

Once more, in desperation, Satan is going to employ force, this time to a degree never before attempted, in an effort to exterminate every one of Christ’s true Sabbath-keeping Christians.

Tactics that the United States will use in this religious persecution to suppress liberty of conscience are described in Revelation 13:16,17: “And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” The mark of the beast; what is it?

Great economic pressure will be brought to bear on the people who remain true to God and who continue to observe Saturday, His holy Sabbath day. These people will be totally isolated

economically from society. They will not be able to hold a job; they will not be able to buy groceries; they will not be able to sell anything in order to obtain food or anything else they need unless they reject God and start keeping Sunday. They will be under extreme pressure to yield their faith to the papacy and to the devil, for the entire world will be arrayed against them. Imagine what life will be like for these people who refuse to receive the mark of the beast. This will be a time of severe trouble, and many who are not sincere will succumb to this extreme economic pressure. Then, since some will remain true to God and continue to obey His Fourth Commandment and keep Saturday, His Sabbath day, holy, the ultimate punishment will be decreed: these people shall be put to death.

On the other hand, God's warning against receiving the mark of the beast is the most severe warning given in the entire Bible. It is found in Revelation 14:9-11. "And the third

angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, that is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

Those who receive the mark of the beast will continue to lead normal lives for a short time before the time of trouble begins. They will be able to go to work and buy the necessities and comforts of life, but they will not be able to face the Lord Jesus when He returns to this earth.

What is the mark of the beast? Let us ask the beast what his mark is.

Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [from Saturday to Sunday] was her act. And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters. — C. F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.

Sunday is our MARK of authority . . . The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact. — *Catholic Record*, September 1, 1923 (Ontario).

Sunday observance is the mark of the beast. Thus if you insist on keeping God's Sabbath day holy, you will be able neither to buy nor to sell. You will be completely cut off from any means of support for yourself and your family. This religious persecution will be very bloody. Many of God's true people will lose their lives in this bloody turmoil, but this time the Lord will not tolerate a wholesale slaughter of His people. He will come and put an end to Sunday-keeping and religious persecution forever. And when He comes, those who have disregarded His law will finally learn that God means exactly what He says.

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