The Mystery of Revelation 17

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A Study Showing the Imminent Return of 

Jesus

Including Revelation 12 and 13

Applying the Consistent Interpretive Principles of Daniel

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Preface

In August 2009 a Bible study group was initiated, committed to understand God’s plan as revealed in His Word. As we read, studied and discussed scripture, I realized a need to create a chart chronicling how the Bible, with 40+ writers over 1,600 years, has foretold events throughout history with 100% accuracy. Answer: One divine Author. This led me to an in-depth study of the prophecies including the books of Daniel and Revelation.

The outcome has been the greatest blessing and it’s my desire to share a summary of the results in light of God’s sacrifice for each one; the good news of the gospel and revelation of Jesus Christ.

The books of Daniel and Revelation dovetail with all the rest of the Bible and testify of God’s love for every person who has ever lived. They contain detailed events designed to remove fear of the future coupled with a significant sense of urgency to fully commit our lives to Christ and to share the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-13.
“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”  John 3:16-17 NKJV

How will God get the attention of 7.86* billion people, all of which He died for, in order for each to make an **informed decision** of Whom they will Worship?

*As of Dec 2017. Increasing, net of deaths, by 6.9 million per month.

http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/
“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

2Thess 2:3-4

This Bible study reveals the man of sin who is:

• The son of perdition
• The lawless one
• The beast
• The “8th” king (but belonging to the “7”)

The “666” man ...is alive today and will take his throne soon!

“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”

2Thess 2:8
Relationship with Christ

• The Most Important Understanding about our Salvation:
  – We believe eternal life is a gift from God in Christ Jesus and we are justified by His grace and His faith who paid the price; death, for our transgressions

Romans 3:21-26; 4:4-5,25; 6:23; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7 (Is 53; Eze 36:25-27; John 3:3-8,16; 16:8; Rom 5:6-10; 8:1-4, 14-17; 1Cor 15:3-4,20-22; 2Cor 5:14-15,19-21; Gal 1:4; 3:13-14,26; 4:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Col 1:13-14; Heb 8:7-12; 1Pet 1:23; 2Pet 1:3-4; 1John 2:2; 4:10)

• God “sent his angel to show his servants” the future (Rev 22:6) “Do not despise prophecies.” 1Thess 5:20
  – Purpose: To share the vital necessity of a character transforming relationship with Christ, namely the Gospel of His sacrifice for all who call Him Lord and Savior (Ps 1:1-2; Matt 20:25-28; Luke 19:17-20; John 20:21; Rom 12:2; 2Cor 3:17-18; Gal 5:22-25; Eph 5:19-21; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14; Col 2:6; 1Thess 5:16-23; Heb 10:25; 2Pet 2:9; 3:18; 1John 4:4)
Principles of Bible Study

• Paul’s counsel to Timothy:
  – \(16\) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, \(17\) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2Tim 3:16-17 (Ps 119:105; Prov 30:5-6; Is 8:20; John 17:17; 1Thess 2:13; Heb 4:12)
  – for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2Pet 1:21

• Bible versions:
  – Use versions with the closest translation to the original language
    • Recommend comparing NKJV (used here), NASB95, KJV, ESV, and NIV
  – Concordance sources: www.abibleconcordance.com; www.blueletterbible.org

• Use of Expository study methods (versus Thematic study)
  – This method explores the literal meaning of each word in Scripture and its relationship to other words in its context (exegesis)
Principles of Interpretation

• It’s important to be consistent by using the same principles, pattern, and understanding of the Book of Daniel for the prophecies in Revelation (Num 12:6; 2Chron 20:20; Joel 2:28-29; Amos 3:7; Acts 2:14-21; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8-9)

• Every word deserves careful consideration
  – “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.” Is 28:10,13

• Like Daniel’s visions were to Daniel, Revelation is future to John’s time
  – “…I will show you things which must take place after this.” Rev 4:1
  – “…to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.” Rev 22:6
  – “Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7 (Isaiah 42:9; Hosea 12:10)

• The Historicist method of interpretation alone provides consistent meaning with the Biblical theme from Genesis to Revelation

• Much in Revelation is symbolic; identified based on context
  – Look for definitions and correlations elsewhere within Daniel and Revelation first, then the Bible as a whole; then in history
    Like Daniel 2,7,8,9 & 10-12, the principle used is “repeat and enlarge”
“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Revelation 1:3
Daniel the Prophet

- **Jesus** counseled, “...when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by **Daniel the prophet**, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand),...” Matt 24:15

✓ It is imperative to understand the prophecies of **Daniel** before studying **Revelation**, therefore a brief review of pertinent points to the study of Revelation 17 in the image dream of Daniel 2 and the dreams of the beasts in Daniel 7 & 8 follows>>>
You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

- This “Stone” cut out without hands is Jesus (Deut 32:3-4,15,18,30; 1Sam 2:2; 2Sam 22:2-3,32,47; 23:3; Ps 18:2,46; Is 8:13-15; 28:16; Matt 21:42-44; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Rom 8:33; 1Pet 2:3-8)
  - False gods are also referred to as “rocks” (Deut 32:31,37)
- This “Stone” being “cut out” of the “Mountain” of God (Dan 2:44-45), represents Jesus performing the pre-advent “investigative” judgment initiated on the day of atonement in 1844; Oct 22 (Eze 9:4-7; Dan 7:9-10,13; 8:13-14,26; 9:24; Rev 11:1-2)
  - “...while a Stone” implies process and time (1844 to 20xx)
  - “cut” gēzar (Aramaic): “to cut; determine” (Dan 9:24a)
DANIEL 2:34  (2 of 2)

• You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

  – The “Stone” striking the feet as well as the toes of the image represents Michael (Jesus) (Ps 95:1; 144:1a; Is 28:16; 1Pet 2:4-8) standing up from the judgment seat, being given the “kingdom” (the saints) (Dan 7:14; 12:1a) and leaving the Father’s presence in the Most Holy Place in the heavenly Sanctuary (Rev 15:8)

  • Breaking the iron (political kingdoms) and clay (religious “kingdoms”) refers to the completion of the investigative judgment after which the 7 last plagues kill large percentages of the wicked (Ps 9:19; Dan 12:1b; Rev 11:18a; 14:17-20; 16:1-21; Jer 25:33; Is 34:1-8; 66:15-17)
“Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”
DANIEL 2:45

• “Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”
Stone: Scriptural Analysis

• The Hebrew word for “Stone” (‘eben, Strong’s H68, 247x) corresponds to Aramaic (‘eben, Strong’s H69, 8x [6x in Daniel; 2x in Ezra])
  – “Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.” Ezra 5:8 KJV
  – “In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house” Ezra 6:3-4 KJV (Ps 87:1)

✓ Is it possible that “three rows” of “great Stones” in building the “foundation” of the “house of God” is spiritually significant; or just a coincidence?
Daniel 2:34-35,45

• Who is represented by the “Stone/Rock”?
  
  - 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected; Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” Matt 21:42-44 (Ex 17:6; 33:22; Ps 89:26; Is 44:8; Matt 7:24; Acts 4:8-12; 1Cor 10:4; Eph 2:20; 1Pet 2:4-8)

Answer: Jesus

And if Jesus was “cut out of the mountain without hands...
What is “Mountain” a symbol of?”
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

- The Hebrew word “har” appears 546 times in the Bible; translated “mountain” or “mount” 485 times and “hill,” “hill country,” and “promotion” 61 times)

✓ The following slides show representative texts where the word “mountain” or “hill” is used as a symbol for false gods or the Godhead
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

• “Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel’s table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.” 1Ki 18:19-20KJV
  – In the showdown with the prophets of Baal and Asherah on Mount Carmel, Elijah represented God to these false “prophets.” During the time of the end, the third “Elijah” message will be given to the world. In this Old Testament story, Ahab is a symbol for the kings of the nations under the influence of Satan, Jezebel is a symbol for the papal system, and the wicked prophets symbolize apostate Protestantism, together the counterfeit trinity.

• “And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.” 1Ki 19:8KJV
  – Elijah’s experience, as with Moses, is a clear allusion to total reliance on God, as well as to the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness
Hill: Scriptural Analysis

• “Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. ...I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.” Ps 2:6; 3:4KJV
• “LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? Ps 15:1KJV
• “Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? Ps 24:3KJV
• “O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.” Ps 43:3KJV
• “A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan. Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it forever.” Ps 68:15-16KJV
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

- References in Psalms about seeking refuge in God’s mountain:
  - “In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?” Ps 11:1 KJV
  - “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.” Ps 48:1-3 KJV (re. Mount Zion: Ps 74:2; 78:54, 68-69; Job 37:22; Is 14:13; Eze 1:4; Dan 11:44)
  - “The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.” Ps 72:3 KJV
  - The “Mountain of God” is contrasted here: “Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.” Ps 76:4 KJV
    - Inferring that the Godhead is a Mountain (Acts 17:29; Rom 1:20; Col 2:9)
  - “His foundation is in the holy mountains.” Ps 87:1 KJV
  - “They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.” Ps 125:1-2 KJV
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

• References in Isaiah about seeking refuge in God’s mountain:
  – “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” Is 2:2-3KJV (re. “refuge”: Is 4:2-6)
  – God stands in rebuke of “…all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up” Is 2:14KJV
  – “And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem…. Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.” Is 8:14,18KJV (Is 31:4; 37:31-32)
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

- References in Jeremiah of the symbol, *mountain*:
  - 25 Addressing Babylon: “Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.... 44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.... 47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.... 52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.” Jer 51:25,44,47,52KJV
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

- References in Ezekiel of the symbol, *mountain*:
  - Describing *Satan*: “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the *holy mountain of God*; thou hast walked up and down in the *midst of the stones of fire*. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane *out of the mountain of God*: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the *stones of fire*.“ Eze 28:14-16KJV  (Gen 15:17; Ex 3:2-3; 19:8; 24:7; 40:28; Deut 4:12,15, 33,36; 5:4,22,26; 9:10; 10:4; Dan 2:34-35,45)
  - Ezekiel’s contemporary, *Daniel* had received the dream of the *Stone* being “carved”: *Jesus*
  - *Lucifer* was one of the “*covering* angels, a protector of God’s law
  - *Lucifer* was cast out of the *Holy Mountain of God*
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

• References in Daniel of the symbol, *mountain*:
  – “And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the **holy mountain of my God**” Dan 9:20KJV (Dan 9:16)
  – The king of the north: “And he shall plant the **tabernacles of his palace** between the **seas** in the **glorious holy mountain**” Dan 11:45aKJV

• **Spiritually** symbolic of the **papacy** obstructing true worship between people (seas) and God the Creator (**Holy Mountain/Triune God**) through a forced, **counterfeit “sanctuary” of worship** (Ps 77:13; Eze 14:6-7; 28:2; 39:11; 43:12; Dan 2:35,45; 8:11; Joel 2:32; **Matt 24:15**; **2Thess 2:3-4**; Rev 13:15b; 17:15)
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

- Other references of the symbol, *mountain*:
  - “1But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. 2And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.... 7And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.” Mic 4:1-2,7KJV
  
- “Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.” Mic 6:1-2
  
- “In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.” Zeph 3:11KJV
Mountain: Scriptural Analysis

• Other references of the symbol, *mountain*:
  
  – Spiritual, end time symbolism: “Go up to the *mountain*, and bring wood, and *build the house*; and *I will take pleasure in it*, and *I will be glorified*, saith the LORD.” Hag 1:8KJV
  
  – “Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; *I am returned unto Zion*, and *will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem*; and *Jerusalem* shall be called *a city of truth*; and *the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.*” Zech 8:2-3KJV
    
    • “...and the name of the city from that day shall be, *The LORD is there.*” Eze 48:35b

  – “And I hated *Esau*, and laid *his mountains* and *his heritage* waste for the *dragons of the wilderness.*” Mal 1:3KJV (Rev 17:3)

  – Addressing Christ’s Transfiguration: “And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when *we were with him in the holy mount.*” 2Pet 1:18KJV
    
    • A reference of being in God’s presence
Babylonian Culture

• Babylon used the Sexagesimal (base 60) numeral system
  – Nebuchadnezzar built the image he dreamed, 60x6 cubits (Dan 3:1)
  – Currently used to measure time, angles & geographic coordinates

• Babylon built a Ziggurat as a temple for their “gods”
  – Served as a substitute for a “mountain” to worship idols

• Babylonians wore amulets (medallions) to “protect” the wearer from harm
  – Ancient astrology divided the constellations into a 36 grid star calendar, each representing a “deity” or god
  – Amulets were created containing the numbers 1-36 and worn by pagan priests
    • Interestingly, 1+2+3...+34+35+36 = 666
Daniel 7 (553 BC, 50 Years after Dan 2)

- The leopard beast had 4 heads
  - Greece was split between Alexander’s 4 generals in 301 BC, still known as Greece, then fell sequentially

(use same principle for Rev 17:10-11)

- 4th Beast with iron teeth, “10” horns, a little horn (uprooting 3 horns) with eyes and a mouth (Horns: Hab 3:4 KJV)
  - Note Dan 1:20 indicating that Daniel and his friends were “10” times better than all the magicians and astrologers (symbolic of their superiority)

- Dan 7:17 – The 4 beasts are 4 kings
  - These “kings of the earth” are civil representing lines of kings (Rev 17:2,18)
Daniel 8 (551 BC, 2 Years after Dan 7)

- **The ram with 2 horns** (the Bear “body” of Dan 7:5)
  - The horns represent Media and Persia (Dan 8:20)
    - The higher of the 2 horns that “came up last”: Persia (Dan 8:3)
  - Who is the ram body? Assyria, where the Medes and Persians arose from, later conquering (Dan 8:3, 20)

- **The goat with 1 large horn** (the Leopard “body” of Dan 7:6)
  - which was broken and replaced by 4 horns
    - Who is the goat? Greece, with Alexander (331 BC) as the prominent horn replaced by 4 generals (301 BC) (Dan 8:5-8, 20-22)

- **A small horn grew horizontally, then vertically**
  - See Dan 8:9-12, 23-25, compare to Dan 7:8, 20-21, 24-25 (the “different” king)
Identity of the Little/Talking Horn

The reformers; Wycliffe, Luther, Calvin, and the Wesleys all taught that the little horn/antichrist/sea beast power was the Roman Catholic papal system, which is unquestionably foretold in Daniel, 2 Thessalonians 2, and Revelation. This approach is known as historicism (prophecy assigned to actual events)

– Response: Priest Luis De Alcasar created the concept of preterism
  • Biblical prophecy has already taken place

– Response: Priest Francisco Ribera created the concept of futurism
  • Biblical prophecy is assigned to the future, right before the second coming

The membership of the Roman Catholic Church has and continues to be made up of faithful people, many of whom have submitted to and had their characters transformed by Jesus. Many will come out of “Babylon” to follow Jesus.
Revelation (AD95-96)

• The Apostle John received the Revelation visions while on Patmos
  • John was exiled in AD95 during the reign of Emperor Domitian. His exile ended upon the accession of Emperor Nerva in AD96.
  • Jerusalem had been destroyed 25 years earlier in AD70
  • Revelation is written using chiastic structures: a chiasm is a repetition of similar ideas in the reverse sequence
  • Events in Revelation are built by progressive repetition adding detail like Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, & 11-12
  • The visions were not given in chronological order
Overview

The Book of Revelation

Revelation 1-14 is mirrored...
- Rev 1:1-8 Introduction
- Rev 1:9-3:22 7 Churches
- Rev 4:1-8:1 7 Seals
- Rev 8:2-11:18 7 Trumpets
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...by Revelation 15-22
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Cosmic Controversy and Fall of Babylon

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Revelation contains **7 Throne scenes** that provide a view of the **Sanctuary in Heaven**:

1. **Introduction of the 7 seals**  (Rev 4:1-5:14)
2. **Introduction of the 7 trumpets**  (Rev 8:2-6)
3. **Introduction of the cosmic controversy in Rev 12**  (Rev 11:19)
4. **Introduction to the 7 plagues**  (Rev 15)
5. **Introduction to the fall of symbolic Babylon**  (Rev 16:17-17:3a)
6. **Introduction to the Second Advent**  (Rev 19:1-10)
7. **Introduction to the New Earth**  (Rev 21:5-11a)
Revelation 12

A Summary of the Cosmic Controversy Between Christ and Satan
Revelation 12:1a

- Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.
  - Heaven: This is the “first heaven”; earth atmosphere (Deut 11:17; 28:12; Judg 5:4; Neh 9:6; Acts 14:17)
    - Second heaven: Planets/stars (Ps 19:4,6; Jer 8:2; Is 13:10)
    - Third Heaven: Where the Godhead is located (Deut 10:14; 1Ki 8:30,37; 2Cor 12:2)
  - Woman: “For your Maker is your husband” Is 54:5 “I have likened the daughter of Zion to a lovely and delicate woman.” Jer 6:2 (Is 51:16) “For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” 2Cor 11:2 (Luke 18:19-21; Eph 5:25-27; Rev 19:7)
    - This pure woman symbolizes God’s true church, one that holds 100% of the Bible as His Word (Prov 31:10-31; Matt 16:18; Acts 2:47; 9:31; 1Tim 3:15; Heb 10:25, Rev 12:17; 14:12)
  - Clothed with the sun: “Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.” Ps 104:2 (Gen 1:16; Jud 5:31; Ps 18:28,30; 84:11; 89:35-37; Song 6:10; Is 9:2; 60:1-3; 61:10; Hab 3:4; Mal 4:2)
    - The light of Christ’s Righteousness (will be obscured at the end: Is 8:22; Joel 2:10)
Revelation 12:1b

• Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

  – Moon: Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” John 8:12  The moon, representing the reflected knowledge of Christ foreshadowed in the sanctuary services, showing the way to salvation. (2Chr 2:4; 8:13; Ps 81:3) His Word, the Bible, testifies of Him. (John 5:39)
    • Truth will be obscured and many religious leaders will fall away (Joel 2:10)
  – Under her feet: The sanctuary services make up the foundation of God’s true church. “Feet” represent the carrying forward of the gospel (Is 62:7; Eph 6:15)
    • Secondarily a sign of subjection (1Ki 5:3; Ps 47:3) and since the moon rules the night (darkness), it may also represent evil/Satan’s domain who advocates attaining righteousness by works, not by faith in Christ
  – On her head 12 stars: The 12 sons/tribes of Jacob; then the 12 apostles (Gen 37:9-10; Rev 21:12)
Revelation 12:2

• Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.
  – She: Jesus was born of God’s chosen people, Israel (Gen 12:1-3)
  – Cried out: Speaking of John the Baptist; He said: “I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the Lord,”’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” John 1:23
  – Labor and in pain: Jesus was born into the pain of deep apostasy of His chosen people (Is 59:9-15; 60:1-3; Joel 2:17)
Revelation 12:3

• And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.
  
  – Fiery red: The color of sin (Is 1:18)
    • The same word used for the color of the 2nd seal horse in Rev 6:4
  
  – Dragon: Satan (Rev 9:1-2; 11:7; 12:9; 20:2)
    • Secondarily, the dragon represents pagan Rome and any nations/kings who enforce legislation contrary to God’s Law as agents of Satan
  
  – 7 heads and 10 horns: Satan is the power behind the sea beast in Rev 13:1 and the scarlet beast in Rev 17:3 but different than the Daniel 7 beast*. Differences include the “little horn,” the 7 heads, a “tail,” 7 diadems (crowns denoting ruling powers)
  
  – Diadems (crowns), meaning Satan controls the 7 heads with “crowns”
    • Satan worked directly with Imperial/pagan Rome

* The Revelation 13 “sea” beast has a blasphemous name on its heads, indicating they lead a religious power not a civil authority (Rev 13:1; 17:3)
Revelation 12:4-5

4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

– The dragon’s tail convinced 1/3 of God’s angels to align their allegiance with the devil (Is 14:12-15; Eze 28:1-19; Jude 6; Rev 12:7; 20:2)
  • The continuum of time is represented by the dragon and the prophetic beasts, starting with the tail, progressing to the body, the heads, and then the horns, just as it is with the beasts of Daniel 7 & 8

– Woman: Jesus was born in the lineage of the Jewish people God chose to represent Him, to share the gospel to all nations; Israel

– Devour: Reference to Herod’s attempt to kill Jesus (Gen 40:1-21; Eze 29:2-3; Matt 2:10-18; 14:3-11; Mark 6:16-28)

– Child: Jesus returned to heaven after His sacrifice/resurrection (Acts 1:9-11)

– Rod of iron: Christ to receive an uncontested throne (Ps 2:9; Dan 7:14; Rev 2:27; 19:15)
Revelation 12:6

- Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.
  - **Woman:** God’s pure people, His “bride” (Is 54:5; Jer 6:2; Eze 16:8-14; Hos 2:19-20; Acts 5:29; 2Cor 11:2; Eph 5:23-27)
  - **Fled:** Saints went into hiding in remote caves, mountainous regions
  - “Place”, Greek; “topos”: 3rd use (of 7) of “place” and consistently symbolic (Rev 2:5; 6:14; 12:6,8,14; 16:16; 20:11)
  - **1,260 days** (42 months; time, times, and half a time):
    - Prophecy found in 7 verses: Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5
    - Rome was captured on 3/12/538 allowing Emperor Justinian to place his code, *Corpus Juris Civilis*, into effect. **Christianity was declared the state religion**, uniting the Roman Catholic Church with Byzantium (Eastern Rome)
    - French Revolution: General Berthier took Rome, declaring an end to the papacy on 2/15/1798, ending oppression of the saints over the past 1,260 years
    - Napoleon had **Pope Pius VI** imprisoned 5 days later, on 2/20/1798 in France
Revelation 12:7-9

- 7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

  - **Michael: Jesus, the Archangel** (Josh 5:15; Dan 10:13,21; 12:1; 1Thess 4:15-16; Jude 9)
  - **Dragon: Lucifer/satan/devil/serpent** led a rebellion, relying on deceit, and swept 1/3 of the angels with him  (Is 14:12; Eze 28:12-17; 2Cor 11:14; Rev 20:2)
  - “Place,” Greek; “topos”: 4th use (of 7) of “place” and consistently **symbolic**  (Rev 2:5; 6:14; 12:6,8,14; 16:16; 20:11)
  - **Cast out:** This occurred sometime before creation however **Satan** was initially permitted to represent earth at heavenly counsels  (Job 1-2; Luke 10:18; 2Pet 2:4)

  - This indicates there are other worlds created by God in the universe
Revelation 12:10

• Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

  – Loud voice in heaven: Human, since it refers to “our God” and “our brethren”, likely one of the 24 elders (Rev 4:4,10; 5:8,14; 11:16; 19:4)
    • The 24 elders may include Enoch, Moses, Elijah and those raised with Jesus (Matt 27:50-53; Eph 4:8; Is 26:19)
  
  
  – Accuser: Satan (1Chron 21:1; Zech 3:1; Job 1:6; Ps 109:6)
  
  – Brethren: People with God’s character who spread the Gospel; the three angels’ messages (Matt 28:19-20; Rev 14:6-12)
  
  – Cast down: We see Satan cast down in stages; ¹out of heaven, ²at Christ’s resurrection; ³at the close of the pre-advent investigative judgment (future inability to kill saints; Dan 12:1b), when he is ⁴confined to the “bottomless pit” at Christ’s return, and finally ⁵to the lake of fire (Rev 20:1-3,7,10)
Revelation 12:11

- And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death (“when faced with death” NASB).
  - **Blood of the Lamb**: Our justification by Jesus and His sacrifice for sin (Is 53:11; John 1:29; 1Cor 15:3; Gal 1:4; 1Pet 2:24; 1John 2:2; Rev 1:5; 5:6,9-14)
  - **Word of their testimony**: Our witness of Jesus through baptism (Mark 16:15-16); sharing the gospel (Mal 3:16; Matt 10:32-33); and sanctification apparent in our lives through the ongoing transformation of character (2Cor 3:2-6)
  - **Faced with death**: A reference of God’s people standing firm in the face of adversity and martyrdom (Jer 12:5; 1Cor 10:13; Heb 12:4)
Revelation 12:12

- Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

  - Heaven dwellers: Those who believe in Christ our Savior and have their characters transformed by Him (John 3:18; 1:14; Ps 90:1; 91:9-12; Rev 7:15; 13:6; 21:3)
  - Woe: Likely a reference to the 3rd Woe/7th Trumpet of Rev 11:14-15a that got worldwide attention on 9/11/2001 and on 8/7/2014 (Dan 11:40-43)
  - Earth and sea inhabitants: Everyone, including the saints will suffer. Those who “dwell” on the earth believe in their own strength and power and **think, strategize, focus and invest in earthly success** (Rom 1:25)
    - Earth alludes to the people who follow the **earth beast image** of Rev 13:11-17; the **false prophet** of Rev 16:13; 17:12-17; 19:20
    - Sea alludes to those who follow the **sea beast** of Rev 13:1-10
    - Note the geographic distinction citing “inhabitants of the earth” in Rev 8:13
    - Revelation references to “earth dwellers”: 1:7; 2:13; 3:10; 6:10; 11:10; 13:8,12,14; 14:6; 17:8; 18:2
Whirlwind of the North

- **08/07/2014:** “Pope Francis appealed to world leaders on Thursday to help end the crisis in northern Iraq after a sweeping advance by radical Islamic state militants forced thousands of residents of Iraq's biggest Christian town to flee their homes. "His Holiness addresses an **urgent appeal to the international community to take action to end the humanitarian tragedy now underway,** to act to protect those affected or threatened by violence and to provide aid, especially for the most urgent needs of the many who have been forced to flee and who depend on the solidarity of others," the Vatican said in a statement.”
  

- **08/18/2014:** “Pope Francis, ISIS, and the **Last Crusade**” “*Is the Pontiff of Peace advocating war? No, but the self-proclaimed “Caliph” Ibrahim wants his fight to be a **true holy war on both sides**, and his strategy seems to be succeeding.*”
  “Pope Francis is walking a knife edge—or perhaps, better said, the blade of a crusaders’ sword—as he tries to mobilize support for Christians and other minorities victimized by the ferocious partisans of the so-called Islamic state.”
  

- **08/18/2014:** “**Pope Francis Endorses Use Of Force Against ISIS In Iraq**”
  

Revelation 12:13

• Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.
  – **Dragon:** Lucifer lost his place as a “covering” angel in heaven (Gabriel may also be a covering angel) (Eze 28:14-16; Dan 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:11-19,26-38)
    • “Covering” refers to the angels whose role was to protect God’s law in the Ark of the Covenant, in heaven
  – **Cast out:** After sin, Satan and his legions “dwelled” (physically and mentally plotting to deceive) on earth, however continued to attend heavenly counsels according to Job 1 & 2. After instigating the crucifixion of Christ, Satan was barred from heaven.
  – **Woman:** People from throughout the earth with God’s indwelling Spirit and transformed characters, His pure church (Is 54:5; Jer 6:2; Acts 5:29; 2Cor 11:2; Eph 5:23-27)
  – **Male Child:** Jesus (1Tim 2:5)
Revelation 12:14

- But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.
  - **Woman:** People from throughout the earth with God’s indwelling Spirit, His pure church (Is 54:5; Jer 6:2; Acts 5:29; 2Cor 11:2; Eph 5:23-27)
  - **Two eagle’s wings:** Speed and protection (Ex 19:1-5; Ps 57:1b; 63:7; Deut 28:49; Matt 23:37)
  - **Wilderness:** God’s people hid in remote caves, mountainous regions
  - **“Place,” Greek; “topos”:** 5th use (of 7) of “place” and consistently symbolic (Rev 2:5; 6:14; 12:6,8,14; 16:16; 20:11)
  - **Nourished:** Avoiding false doctrine (Is 8:20; Matt 24:14; John 5:39)
    - The “feast” of Ex 5:1 was nourishment from God’s Word (Jer 15:16; 23:4)
  - **Time and times and half a time** (360+[360x2]+180=1,260): Referencing the 538-1798 (1,260 years) persecution of God’s people (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5) (the “tribulation” of Matt 24:21, Mark 13:19-20) (Dan 4:16,23-25,32)
  - **Serpent:** “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan,” Rev 20:2 (Gen 3:1-5)
1. The Roman Catholic Church was declared the state religion, compelling matters of conscience.

2. Jesus described the tribulation of the saints in Matt 24:21,29; Mark 13:19-20,24-25.

3. Napoleon had General Berthier arrest Pope Pius VI on 2/20/1798.

4. In Biblical time prophecy, 1 day = 1 year. Jewish years had 360 days (Num 14:34; Eze 4:6).

5. Prophecy in Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5 as Time, times, and half a time, 42 months.

6. The mystery 666 man is announced to the whole world by the 4th & 5th angels (Rev 14:14-19; 18:1-4).

7. After Michael (Jesus) finishes the Investigative Judgment (Dan 7:9-10; 12:1), the 7 plagues (Rev 16) fall.
Revelation 12:15

• So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.
  
  — Flood (of water): “Then he said to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.” Rev 17:15
  
  • Armies were sent to persecute the saints (Ps 124:4; 74:3; Eze 29:3)

✓ Satan and his agents, the papal system and Islam, persecuted God’s commandment keeping people, pursuing them into many lands throughout the 1,260 years of tribulation (538-1798)

   o The 3 “ woes” (Rev 8:13-9:21; 10:7; 11:14-18) refer to the 3 holy wars between apostate Christianity (king of the north) and Islam (king of the south)
      
      ① Arab Islam (612 – 1499) Dan 11:25-28; Rev 9:1-12

✓ *The king of the north responded with the Iraq invasion in 2003; Pope Francis added the “Christian” component on 8/7/2014
Revelation 12:16

• But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

  – Earth: Territories/nations (influenced by the **papal power**) that blocked armies sent to persecute God’s people during the reformation
    • Note Dan 7:3,7,17,19
    • **United States** (Rev 13:11) constitution guarantees **religious freedom** (1st amend)
  – Woman (pure): People from throughout the earth with God’s indwelling Spirit, His pure church (Is 54:5; Jer 6:2; Acts 5:29; 2Cor 11:2; Eph 5:23-27)
  – Flood: Many Protestants wished to control worship, enacting Sunday (Blue) laws. These matters of conscience initially failed to impact the Constitution and Bill of Rights of the USA, however **the repudiation of these rights** **began on a national level with the marriage ruling on June 26, 2015**. The flood comes with an overwhelming delusionary influence that transformed the pure woman into a **harlot** and **mother of harlots**. (Rev 2:23; 17:5)
Revelation 12:17a

- And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring
  - Woman: The Christian church; all those who claim to know Jesus
  - Enraged: Alludes to the time of the end, including Jacob’s trouble (Jer 30:7; Dan 12:1b)
  - Dragon goes to war (rallying a counterfeit “trinity”): (Rev 16:13-14)
    1) the abyss/bottomless pit beast has spread atheism, evolution, secularism, and sexual immorality since the French Revolution (Rev 11:7-13)
    2) the sea beast persecutory powers for matters of conscience will return with the “8th king,” imminently (Rev 13:1-10; 17:1-11,18)
    3) the earth beast receives persecutory powers for matters of conscience (Rev 13:11-17; 17:12-17); effective 6/26/2015*
  - Rest of her offspring (“remnant of her seed” KJV): A remnant; spiritual Israel with the sanctuary message (Gen 3:15; Joel 2:32; Mic 2:12; Rom 9:27; Gal 3:16; 2Tim 3:12)
    - Those whose characters have been transformed by Christ (Song 6:9-10)
*U.S. Supreme Court overturned God’s institution of marriage between a man and woman (linked to the 7th day Sabbath) (Gen 1 & 2)
Revelation 12:17b

- who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1) **Those who keep the 10 commandments** *(New Covenant: Jer 31:31-33; Heb 10:16)*
   - “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” Rev 14:7
   - “**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day...Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.**” Ex 20:8,11

2) **Those who have the faith of Jesus** *(Rev 14:12)*

3) **Those who understand prophecy and the truth about God’s character**
   - “For the **testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**.” Rev 19:10 *(Rev 22:6; John 14:9)*

Revelation 13

The Sea Beast,
the
Earth Beast,
and the
666 man
Revelation 13:1  (1 of 2)

- Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

  - **Sea**: This beast arises from a populated area. “Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.””  
    Rev 17:15  (Dan 7:2-3)
    - The masses (“gentiles” of Rev 11:2) are hostile to the saints
    - The descriptor, “beast”, is consistently associated with laws in conflict with God’s Law resulting in religious persecution of God’s people  
      (Dan 7 & 8; Rev 11:7)

  - **Beast**: The same as the “little horn,” represents the Catholic Church  
    (Dan 7:8,11,24b-26a; 8:10-12,23b-25; 11:30-39 as “king of the North”)

  - **7 Heads**: Controlling leaders of the “beast body”; the sea beast/papacy
    - Consistent with the Greek empire symbolized by the leopard beast (with 4 heads) of Dan 7:6,17

  - **“10” Horns**: Related to and deriving power from the sea beast/papacy
    - Horns denote either civil or religious powers  
      (Deut 33:17; 1Ki 22:11; 2Chron 18:10; Ps 75:10; 92:10; Eze 29:21; 34:21; Dan 7:7-8,20,24-25; Dan 8:3,6-7,20; Hab 3:4; Zech 1:18-21; Rev 5:6)
Revelation 13:1 (2 of 2)

• Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

  – Crowns: The sea beast/papacy will have mastery over the “10” kings
    • Unlike the Rev 12:3 dragon with crowns on its “heads.” With the rise of the papacy, Satan now works through the sea beast’s heads to “control” the “horns” with ten crowns. (Rev 17:12-17)

  – A blasphemous “name” on the 7 heads: Blasphemy: claiming to be God on earth (John 10:33); the power to forgive sin (Matt 9:3; 26:65; Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21); a “persecutor” (1Tim 1:13) actions of the papacy. “Name” represents character (Rev 14:1).
    • These heads then, are not civil authorities. They are leaders of a singular religious power that channeled military power from civil kings (Dan 8:23-24)

  – The blasphemous name on the 7 heads replace the crowns on the Rev 12:3 dragon, denoting spiritual domination

✓ Blasphemy is committed “by indulging in...words of criticism” (Ms95-1906.27) (Eccl 5:2; Eph 4:29; Col 3:13; 1Cor 13:1-8; Phil 2:1-11; Rom 2:1-4; 14:4; Matt 7:1-2; Gal 5:13-15; James 5:9)

✓ A blasphemous religious entity, the source of strategy and power of the 7 heads and 10 horns, is the dragon (Satan) of Rev 12:3. Compare the scarlet beast of Rev 17:3.
The Beast of Dan 7 versus Rev 12, 13 & 17

• The Bible tells us:

✓ God is the owner and strategic ruler of all civil kingdoms
  – 2Ki 19:15; 2Chr 20:6; 36:23; Ezra 1:2; Ps 50:10-12; Is 37:16; Jer 18:7-10;
    Dan 2:21,37-38,47; 4:17; 5:18-21,26; Rev 1:5

✓ Satan influences operations of civil kingdoms through the minds of men (a spiritual empire) as a result of Adam’s sin
  – Matt 4:8-9; Luke 4:4-6; 2Cor 4:3-4

Therefore, the 4th beast of Daniel 7:7,19,23-24 is a civil power like its predecessors. The dragon of Rev 12:3 is Satan. The sea beast of Rev 13:1 is the papal church with a name of blasphemy* on each “head” (pope). The scarlet beast of Rev 17:3 with blasphemous* name(s) covering its body represents apostate religious entities deriving enforcement powers from all the nations, influenced by the dragon.

*Claiming the power to forgive sin, to represent God, a “persecutor” of God’s people
Revelation 13:2

- Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

  - The sea beast was *like* (having the characteristics of) the Daniel 7 beasts, listed intentionally in reverse order (looking back in time from AD95):
    - Leopard: Greece was fast, cunning, calculating and stealthy
    - Bear: Medo/Persia used great deadly force and absolute, unchangeable laws
    - Lion: Babylon spoke with great authority with power over the earth (Dan 2:37-38)

✓ Literally, Satan gave the blasphemous sea beast/papacy the city of Rome when Emperor Constantine moved the capital to Constantinople in AD330, giving the Bishop of Rome power. Papal Rome ruled Europe from 538-1798, combining civil and religious authority (an abomination), persecuting matters of conscience it called heresy. (“miry clay” of “feet” of Dan 2:41)

✓ Spiritually, pagan practices and holidays were integrated into the papacy (Compare Dan 7:8,11,20-21,25; 8:9-12,19,23-25; 11:23-45)
Revelation 13:3

- And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.
  - 1 of the 7 heads was wounded: As foretold in the 1,260 day/yr prophecy (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5), Pope Pius VI was imprisoned on Feb 20, 1798, and the persecuting power of the sea beast/papacy ceased (the tribulation was cut short) (Matt 24:21-22; Mark 13:19-20; Rev 13:10)
  - Very soon, when the beast regains its persecuting power, its wound will be fully healed and, once again, the kingdoms of the world will follow (Eze 43:8)
    - The “beast” designation is linked to the mixture of church and state, an “abomination” which always results in persecution for matters of conscience
    - Rev 17:1-11 provides details surrounding the next phase of the papacy

On the United Nations adoption of Agenda 2030:

“The world is at a crossroads. The enormity of the challenges that we and our planet face is daunting. We must have the resolve to overcome them. How political leaders respond to the crises that threaten us has perhaps never been as important to our future as now,” said Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President Saber Chowdhury. (Sep 2, 2015)

Revelation 13:4

- So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”
  - Worship the **dragon**: Obedience to **Satan** (1Ki 9:6; 2Chr 7:19; Matt 15:9)
  - Gave authority: Confirmation that **Satan** controls the **sea beast/papacy**, its “**heads**,” and its “**horns**”
  - “Earth dwellers” will worship **Satan** by honoring the **sea beast/papacy** through Sunday worship: “Sunday is our MARK of authority...the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.” The Catholic Record of London, Ontario, Canada, September 1, 1923
  - Who is able: The **sea beast** will be perceived to be on high moral ground

- Parallel behaviors and reactions during the **Bottomless Pit/Abyss Beast** (Satan’s dwelling place) of Rev 11:7-10 (Rev 9:1-2; 17:8)
  - Literally: France outlawed Christianity for 3.5 Yrs (11/26/1793 - 6/17/1797)
  - Spiritually: Immorality, Atheism, and Secularism introduced (Rom 1:18-32)
Revelation 13:5

- And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

  - **Rev 13:5-7** provides additional details of the tribulation (538-1798)
  
  - Mouth speaking great (**“arrogant”** NASB, **“proud”** NIV) things: “I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.” Dan 7:8

  - Blasphemies: The sea beast/papacy claims the pope to be the Vicar of God, or God’s representative on earth with the power to forgive sins by its priests substituting for Christ’s intercessory work in heaven (Heb 9:11-15)
    - In addition, the papal church inserted itself as judge

  - 42 months: The sea beast/papacy exercised persecutory (1Tim 1:13) power for (42x30 = 1,260 days/years) (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5)

  - **Note the parallel of the Reign of Terror and the 2 witnesses** (Rev 11:7-10)
    - lying dead for 3.5 Days. France banned Christianity for 3.5 Years. Also, God withheld rain for 3.5 years while Jezebel and Ahab opposed Elijah. (1Ki 17:1; 21:25; James 5:17)
Revelation 13:6

- Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
  - **Opened his mouth:** A precursor to important speech (Matt 5:2; Acts 10:34)
  - **Blaspheme His name:** “He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of his sanctuary (miqdash) was cast down.” Dan 8:11 (Explanation: Next 2 slides)
    - Behaviors of the sea beast (little/talking horn): Dan 7:25
  - **Dwell in Heaven:** “Make the Most High your dwelling place...” Ps 91:9-12 (Ps 90:1; John 1:14; Rev 7:15; 12:12; 21:3)
    - **Parallel to 2Thess 2:3-4** “…the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

✓ **The beast/papacy** claims it is the true church and that the true church is the false church. He claims to switch places with God, acting like, and substituting himself, for Jesus.
Daniel 8:11a

- He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.

  - He, him: The little horn in its papal phase AD538 – 20xx
  - Exalted, “magnified” KJV: He took God’s responsibilities, (forgiveness of sin; practice of the Eucharist: turning the symbolism of the last supper into the actual body and blood of Christ; “Transubstantiation”) (Dan 7:8,11,20-21,25; 8:25; 11:21-22; Rev 13:6)

- Paganism was exalted by:
  - turning the fertility goddess Estere into Easter,
  - the belief that spirits came back to their tombs, became Halloween (Holy Evening), [http://www.angelfire.com/ok/KatyBug/](http://www.angelfire.com/ok/KatyBug/)
  - holy fir tree became hot crossed buns
  - Christmas: Adoption of the sun god, Deus Sol Invictus (AD274-324)*

- Holidays of the winter solstice, spring equinox, Sunday: “Christianized”
  - Prince of the host: Christ, Messiah, the Prince of the saints (Dan 9:25)

*http://www.hope-of-israel.org/cmas1.htm
Daniel 8:11b

- He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily *sacrifices* were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.
  - By him: The *little horn/papacy*
  - Daily, Hebrew “tamiyd”, “continually” or a “continuation”: *Roman paganism was continued under the guise of Christianity* (Dan 11:31)
  - Sacrifices: Added in error by translators in Dan 8:11,12,13; 11:31; 12:11
  - “Taken away”, Hebrew “ruwm,” “to raise up, to exalt, to extol”: Roman paganism was “lifted up,” replacing true Biblical worship
  - His sanctuary: “miqdash” means “secular fortress/temple.” The “little horn” adopted pagan practices and traditions into *its* worship practice

✓ Dan 8:11b literally, “…by the papacy, pagan practices were continued and exalted, and the place of his temple was cast down”

*“The mighty Catholic Church was little more than the Roman Empire baptized.”*

Alexander Clarence Flick, *The Rise of the Medieval Church*, p. 148
Revelation 13:7

- It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

✓ Fulfilled during the 1,260 years, and, to occur again in the near future
  - The sea beast/papacy persecuted God’s people for 1,260 years (538-1798), the tribulation period of Matt 24:21-22,29; Mark 13:19-20,24
  - The “little, talking horn” of Dan 7:8,21,24,25; 8:9-12,23-25 is the papacy
  - Papal territory included all of the former Roman empire that had been “given” to the papal church
    - Rise of the papacy without its own army: (North) Constantine (306-337) established civil law on 3/7/321 to rest on the “venerable” day of the sun. He moved the capital from Rome to Byzantium, renaming it Constantinople in 330 (Istanbul). This vacuum of power in Rome essentially left it to the papal church. Later the papacy would use a forged document, the Donation of Constantine, to assume more power.

✓ Today the Vatican is the smallest international state by area and population

- The Ostrogothic siege was broken 3/12/538, allowing Justinian to place his code, Corpus Juris Civilis, into effect. Christianity was declared the state religion, uniting church and state, an “abomination.”
Revelation 13:8-9

• 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

✓ Fulfilled during the 1,260 years, and, to occur again in the near future
  – All who dwell: To think, strategize, focus and invest in earthly success
    • Worship him: The papacy established Sunday as its sacred day of worship
  – All, in choosing to ignore God’s 10 commandments, worship the sea beast
    • “Remember the Sabbath day…” (Ex 20:1-17; Deut 5:6-22; Matt 5:17-19)
  – Book of Life: (Ex 32:33; Neh 13:14; Ps 56:8; 139:16; Eccl 12:13-14; Is 4:2-3; 43:25; 65:6-7; Eze 9:3b; 13:9b; 18:24; Dan 12:1; Mal 3:16; Matt 10:32-33; 12:36-37; Luke 10:20; 20:35-36; John 5:29; 1Cor 4:5; Phil 4:3; Heb 12:22-23; James 2:12; Rev 3:5; 17:8; 20:12,15; 21:27) make it abundantly clear that God’s law defines and records sins of those who have not accepted Christ’s robe of righteousness (Is 61:10)
    • Is this the Rev 5:1-9 scroll with 7 seals (as Satan’s claims against the saints)?
    • Implying a “remnant” are written in the book (Deut 7:7; Luke 13:23; Rev 12:17)
  – Lamb slain: Jesus was foreordained as the Lamb to save us (1Pet 1:19-21)
  – Ear, hear: An emphatic command for all to pay close attention (Eze 12:2)
Revelation 13:10

- He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

✓ Fulfilled during the 1,260 years, and, to occur again when Jesus returns
  - The papacy teaches a corrupted system of worship, leading people into the captivity of sin (Rom 7:23; 2Tim 3:6)
  - Sword: The papacy persecuted people who refused to follow its pagan practices (Dan 8:23-25)
  - Napoleon declared an end of the papacy on 2/15/1798, arresting Pope Pius VI on 2/20/1798. In 1799, Pius VI died in prison, in Valence France.
    • 2/15/1798 is the date of moving from the beast body to the heads (Rev 17:9)
  - Patience and faith of the saints: Those that resist defilement and ask for Christ’s sanctifying, character transforming, power (Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; 9:30; Gal 3:11; Phil 3:9; Heb 10:38)
    • “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” Rev 14:12
Christ versus Antichrist

- Jesus came out of water (baptism)
- Jesus ministry included miracles
- Jesus ministry lasted 3.5 years*
- Jesus suffered a deadly wound*
- Jesus resurrected after 3 days*
- Jesus accused of blasphemy
- Jesus protects His people
- Jesus has a right to accept worship
- Jesus represented by a Lamb

- Beast came out of water
- Beast given power
- Beast had power 3.5 symbolic yrs
- Beast suffered a deadly wound
- Beast’s head lives on
- Beast has blasphemy on its heads
- Beast persecutes the saints
- Beast requires worship
- Beast shown as a terrible animal

*Note the parallels between Jesus and the 2 witnesses (Old and New Testaments) of Rev 11:3-12

The sea beast/Antichrist is a deceptive power within Christianity. He misleads many people through false, non-Biblical doctrines, claiming to be God, claiming the power to forgive sins, having a priesthood, changing times and law.
Revelation 13:11

- Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.
  - **Beast like** a lamb: A Christ **like** nation came out of the earth: The United States of America arose peacefully
  - Earth: Territory ruled by an empire. Protestants fled, many to America starting in the early 1600’s to escape persecution in Europe. (Rev 12:16)
    - The U.S. then freed itself from British rule (Nations arise from the “earth”: Dan 7:3,7,17,19)
  - Two horns (however no crowns/kings): **Religious and civic freedoms** have given the United States unprecedented power and success in all of history. God has richly rewarded the U.S. (Protestantism and Republicanism)
  - Spoke (eff 6/26/2015): Through legislation urged by apostate Christians, the U.S. will compel all to honor the **dragon (Satan)** overriding God’s law, soon including mandating Sunday sacredness and worship (Ps 119:126; Rev 11:7-8)

✔ John was shown a **time continuum** of this earth beast through to when God’s people will be prevented from all commerce
Revelation 13:12

- And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
  - First beast: Sea beast/papacy given authority by the Rev 12 dragon
    - Reference to the first “beast” indicates Sunday legislation is initiated in Europe before the U.S., though it rapidly follows
  - Worship: The U.S., urged by Apostate Protestant leaders, will compel all to worship on Sunday, both beast’s declared sacred day
    - The abomination of desolation (Eze 7:26; Dan 8:13; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)
  - Deadly wound: Since religious persecution ended in 1798 with the deadly wound to 1 of the 7 heads of the sea beast/papacy, the wound will be fully healed when the beast/papacy regains persecutory powers to enforce its doctrines, including its change of the times and laws
    - “…And shall intend to change times and law…” Dan 7:25 (Prov 28:9)
      - The 2nd Commandment about idol worship: eliminated (Col 3:5)
      - The 7th day Sabbath of the 4th Commandment: “7th day” eliminated
      - The 10th Commandment is divided into 2 commandments
Abomination: Daniel 11:45a

- And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

- During the last days of the Time of the End (1844 to date), after the threat of (South) radical Islam is eliminated, the (North) Christian alliance/papacy takes control of both Jerusalem and the temple, possibly moving its center of religious authority to Jerusalem (Dan 8:9)
  - The papal alliance will control both literal Jerusalem and spiritually represent apostate Christianity
  - Literally “…he sits as God in the temple of God…” of 2Thess 2:4 may refer to the papacy making Jerusalem (glorious holy mountain) its worship center (Rev 11:8)
    - Spiritually symbolic of the papacy obstructing true worship between people (seas) and God the Creator (Holy Mountain/Triune God) through a forced, counterfeit “sanctuary” of worship (Ps 77:13; Eze 39:11; Dan 2:35,45; 8:11; Joel 2:32; Rev 13:15b; 17:15)

✓ At this time the 5th angel of Rev 14:18 (Jesus, Himself), corresponding with the warning voice of Rev 18:4, makes a final plea to accept salvation through Him before the pre-advent investigative judgment closes and the 7 plagues begin (Dan 7:9-10; 13-14; 26; 12:1; Rev 15:8)
Abomination of Desolation

◆ An abomination of desolation took place at the temple in AD70 (Matt 24:15; Mark 13:14; Luke 16:15; Rev 17:4, 5; 21:27)

◆ An abomination of desolation, the combining of geopolitical and spiritual powers was first set up by King Clovis of France in AD508 when he “took away/exalted” pagan practices (continual) declaring his people “Christian.” Receiving the title “Roman Patricius and Consul” from the Greek Emperor Anastasius after a theological and literal victory over the Arian Visigoths, this combined geopolitical and the spiritual powers of the Catholic Church. (http://www.patmospapers.com/daniel/in508.htm)

◆ The abomination of desolation of the combining of geopolitical and spiritual powers to enforce Sunday sacredness is the final signal to flee to the mountains (Matt 24:15-22; Mark 13:14-20; Luke 17:31-32; 21:20-24)
Revelation 13:13  (1 of 3)
• He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.
  - He: U.S. apostate Protestant leaders will call fire down from heaven in a bid to convince all that God is working through them, blessing Sunday sacredness
    ① A satanic counterfeit of Elijah (Mal 4:5-6) on Mt Carmel (located above the valley of Megiddo, the work of the “3 frogs,” Rev 16:12-16) with the opposite outcome; a counterfeit revival/“latter rain” (1Ki 18:16-45; 2Cor 11:14)
    ✓ A “false trinity” Elijah opposed Elijah: Ahab¹, Jezebel², and the false prophets³ of Baal
    ① There will be a call for reconciliation and restoration in the true spirit of Elijah by a “remnant,” the true “latter rain” (Deut 11:1-17; Is 58:12; 60:1-3; Eze 43:2; Hos 6:3; Joel 2:1-32; Hab 2:3,14; Mal 3:7-16; 4:5; Acts 1:14; 2:1-4,17,21; 3:19-20)
  - Fire: As the Lord’s fire is a symbol for the Holy Spirit (1Ki 18:24,37-40; Matt 3:11; Acts 2:1-4), Satan’s fire is a symbol of “unclean spirits” including false worship and false revivals (Luke 10:18; Rev 16:13-14)
    • Watch for literal and spiritual fulfillments
Revelation 13:13  (2 of 3)

- He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

- Those believing Satan’s original lie that people or their souls go to live in heaven when they die, are susceptible to evil angels/spirits impersonating loved ones, providing credible yet satanic counsel, and performing real miracles/healings. This is incompatible with Scripture. (Gen 3:4; Eccl 9:5-6,10; 12:7)

- In Feb 2015, people who believe the Bible is literal were labeled as extremists, fundamentalists, and potential terrorists, by the United States, following a similar statement made by Pope Francis 11/28/2014


  "Fundamentalism is a disease that is found in all religions. We Catholics have some," he said. "I can say this because it is my church." "Religious fundamentalism isn't religion, it's idolatry," he told the press. Ideas and false certainties take the place of faith, love of God and love of others. "You cannot cancel a whole religion because there is a group or many groups of fundamentalists at certain moments of history,' the pope said.” (http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2015/pope-says-he-was-surprised-by-crowds-joy-in-africa.cfm)

- Satan will provide a counterfeit of the Holy Spirit
Revelation 13:13  (3 of 3)

• He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.
  – In Elijah’s day, this was preceded by **3.5 years of no rain**  (1Ki 18:44; James 5:17)
  – Jerusalem was attacked by Gaius Cestius Gallus on 11/17/AD66 (Feast of Tabernacles), however withdrew 5 days later. Titus resumed the siege **3.5 years** later, a few days before Passover in AD70.  (Matt 24:15-16; Luke 21:20-21)
    ✓ ([http://www.studylight.org/encyclopedias/bri/g/gaius-cestius-gallus.html](http://www.studylight.org/encyclopedias/bri/g/gaius-cestius-gallus.html))
  – Referring to the doom of the whole world, Ellen White was shown:
    • “The Saviour’s prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem **is to have another fulfillment, of which that terrible desolation was but a faint shadow.**”  {GC 36.2}

✓ Father¹, Mother², Daughters³
“It is no time now for God’s people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. **As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us.** It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. **Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory in giving the warning to the world.** God has a work for His colaborers to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained; new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where the people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. **For this very purpose, God has entrusted a capital to His stewards.** Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into heaven.”  {5T 464.3}
Revelation 13:14a

• And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast,
  
  – He: **Apostate Protestants** influencing and integrating into the earth beast/US government becoming the **false prophet** (Rev 16:13; 19:20)
    
    • This process is already at work, likely moving rapidly after any of several potential significant events that would trigger a populous movement demanding legislation, triggering the U.S. to restrict religious freedoms
  
  – Those who dwell on earth: To think, strategize, focus and invest in worldly success...“**Make the Most High your dwelling place...**” (Ps 91:9-12)
  
  – Signs: **“For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”** Matt 24:24
    
    • Compare 2Thess 2:9; Rev 16:13-14; 19:20
Revelation 13:14b

- telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. (“...they should make an image...”)

KJV Indicating that the legislative power lies with the people...unquestionable describing the United States of America

- Image: A copy of the powers and methods of persecution soon to be enacted by the sea beast/papal beast in European governments (Rev 17:12)
  - The parallels to Daniel 3 are remarkable
- Beast: The papal church system
- Wounded: 1 of the 7 heads was wounded: As foretold in the 1,260 day/year prophecy (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5), Pope Pius VI was imprisoned on Feb 20, 1798, and the persecuting power of the sea beast/papacy ceased (the tribulation was cut short) (Matt 24:21-22; Mark 13:19-20)
- Sword: Refers to the light of God’s Word, revealing truth, purpose, and intent (Matt 10:34; Eph 6:17; 2Tim 3:15-17; Heb 4:12; Rev 1:16; 2:12,16; 19:15)
Revelation 13:15

- He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.
  
  - Granted power to give breath: Legislation enabling persecution of God’s people (those believing in the literal Bible have already been labeled extremists and fundamentalists) will be passed (John 16:33; Acts 5:29; 2Tim 3:12)
  
  - Worship the image: Dan 6x (3:5,7,10,12,14,18); Rev 6x (13:15; 14:9,11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4)
  
  - Image of the beast speaking: Rule of law granting broad authority and punishments, up to and including death, for any who do not claim Sunday as sacred and worship on the 1st day. The church/state “beast” in Europe will be in operation by this time. (Literal: Dan 3:1; Spiritual: Dan 7:25)

  ✓ http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2017/05/16/lets-be-honest-catholic-teaching-doesnt-always-forbid-the-death-penalty/

- Islam holds Friday, the 6th day as sacred, the likely initial target of Sunday legislation in Europe (Dan 11:40-43)

- Believers in Christ, keeping the 7th day Bible Sabbath as sacred, will be “caught in the middle” (John 14:6; Rev 14:6-7,12)

  ✓ The “king of the north” (apostate Christianity) will persecute these
Revelation 13:16  (1 of 2)

- He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,
  - He: Earth beast/apostate Protestants (U.S. empowered) will join with the sea beast/papacy (initially, Europe empowered) to pass legislation (spreading internationally) preventing non-conforming people anywhere in the world from conducting commerce of any kind without an identifier associated with consent of Sunday sacredness
Revelation 13:16 (2 of 2)

- He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,
    - **Forehead**: Refers to people who really believe the Catholic Church did have the authority to change the time and laws (Dan 7:25) *(Eze 9:3-6; Zech 5:3c,4c; Rev 7:2-3; 14:7,11,12)*
    - **Hand**: Refers to people who don’t agree with the beast, however decide to go along because of fear of persecution or peer pressure *(Zech 5:3b,4b)*
      - They will have compelling reasons based on their “need” to continue commerce instead of exercising complete faith in God *(Eccl 9:10; Lk 9:57-62)*

✓ "Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change *(Saturday Sabbath to Sunday)* was her act... And the act is a **MARK** of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things." H.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 of London, Ontario Sept 1, 1923.
Revelation 13:17

• and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
  - **Buy or sell:** Commerce is targeted in order to compel people to rely on themselves, their own decisions, to provide for daily needs  *(Hab 3:17-18)*
    - “They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.”  *Ps 37:19*
    - “He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure.”  *Is 33:16*
    - “And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.”  *Dan 12:1c*
  - **Number of “his” name:** 666, according to the next verse

- ✓ Those with God’s seal, realizing that assets will be confiscated, will invest in the spread of the gospel before Sunday legislation goes into effect
- ✓ Compare the practice in Exodus 13:3-16 designed to memorialize the Lord’s deliverance of His people from Egypt so that “…the Lord’s law may be in your mouth…” *(verse 9)*
1) Climate change legislation has multiplied with 10 Acts passed between 2005 and 2010. Earth is God’s dominion and the United States has usurped God by these Acts. (Is 3:12b) (https://www3.epa.gov/climatechange/EPAactivities/economics/legislativeanalyses.html)

2) On 6/26/2015, U.S. Supreme Court overturned God’s institution of marriage between a man and woman (linked to the Sabbath at creation)
   - On 9/3/2015 the first person (Kim Davis) was jailed for her convictions
   - “Then marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity.”...“He enunciated the law of marriage for all the children of Adam to the close of time. That which the eternal Father Himself had pronounced good was the law of highest blessing and development for man.” {AH 340.4}
   - “The Sabbath and the family were alike instituted in Eden, and in God’s purpose they are indissolubly linked together.” {CG 535.3}

3) Sunday sacredness legislation will soon be passed with the United States placing itself between the people and God (Dan 11:45)
Revelation 13:18

- Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

  - **Wisdom/understanding (Luke 11:49)**: The angel indicates this number...
    - Will be challenging to interpret
    - Will take a precise mathematical calculation; “count” KJV
      - Greek “πσῆφιζω” used elsewhere only in Luke 14:28, cost of a “tower”
    - Will be identified by those with understanding (Deut 4:6; Job 28:28; Ps 19:10; 111:10; 119:99,104,169; Prov 1:7; 9:10; 14:33; 15:14,33; 17:24; Jer 3:14-15; Dan 9:22; 10:11-12; Matt 24:15; Mark 7:14; Luke 24:49; 1Cor 2:6-7; Eph 1:16-18; 3:3-4; Col 2:2-3; 2Tim 2:7; James 1:5; 1John 5:20)

  - **Beast**: This “beast,” an individual, is further described in Rev 17:8,11

  - **Number of a man**: The number 666 will identify an individual man*
    (2Thess 2:3-4)
    - (Solomon received 666 talents of gold in one year: 1Ki 10:14; 2Chr 9:13)

* This identification is consistent with Matt 24:36, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only”, and likely will be the trigger for the loud cry of the 4th angel of Rev 14:15; 18:1, “After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory”

God wants us to know the specific events near to His return (John 14:29)
“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

DEUTERONOMY 29:29
Revelation 17

The Scarlet Beast, the Mystery Woman, and the “10” Apostate Kings
Revelation 17

- Revelation 17 builds on a correct understanding of the whole Book of Daniel, and the previous chapters of Revelation
- Revelation 17:1-11 is an extension of Rev 13:1-10
- Revelation 17:12-18 is an extension of Rev 13:11-18

✓ The following interpretation is held by a small number of individuals and no organizations that I am aware of, yet
✓ This vital prophecy was recently understood, and it is likely that this message is what suddenly opens the door for the fourth angel with the third angel message “illuminating” the earth (Rev 18:1)
Historical Summary of the Preceding 1,260 Years of Tribulation

Revelation 17:1

• Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,
  – One angel: Likely the 6th angel of Rev 16:12-16 who dried up the symbolic waters of the Euphrates (the support of spiritual Babylon, Rev 17:16,18) sent to further explain how “Babylon the Great” would be destroyed
  – Great harlot: The Roman Catholic Church system (papacy), NOT the membership (Ex 34:15-16; Judg 8:27; Is 1:21; Jer 3:6,8; Eze 23:19; Nah 3:4; 1Cor 6:15-16)
    • The “great harlot” is the “sea beast” of Rev 13:1-10
  – Sits on many waters: People of all the earth (Is 17:12; Jer 51:13; Zech 5:6-11; Rev 17:15)
Historical Summary of the Preceding 1,260 Years of Tribulation

Revelation 17:2

• with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

  – Kings of the earth: Political leaders of nations  (Dan 7:17,24a; Rev 17:18; 18:3)
  
  – Fornication (3rd of 6 references: Rev 2:21; 14:8; 17:2,4; 18:3; 19:2): European kings united with the papacy 538-1798 to legally persecute “heretics” of the church  (Is 23:17; Eze 16:15; James 4:4)
  
  – Wine: False doctrine  (Ps 60:3; Is 28:7; Jer 25:15-18; 51:7; Dan 5:2-4,23; Zech 5:3-4; Col 2:22-23; Rev 18:3)
    • Many will apostatize demonstrated by the parable of the evil servant, who begins to get drunk  (Matt 24:49; Luke 12:45)
    • This is fermented wine causes those who drink to “forget the law” Prov 31:4-7
      – The Hebrew word used for “law”, chaqaq, is defined, “to cut out, decree, inscribe, set, engrave, portray, govern”
      – God’s law, the Ten Commandments, will be forgotten  (Ex 24:12; 25:16,21; 34:1,28)
Revelation 17:3a

- So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
  - Carried me away: John is taken forward in time to see what happens after the 1,260 days/years ended on 02/15/1798
  - Wilderness is similar to “bottomless pit;” “prison” (Rev 17:8; 20:1-3,7)
    - Not combined (fornicating) with the nations (kings), the papacy no longer is able to persecute “heresy”
  - Woman (mentioned 6 times: Rev 17:3,4,6,7,9,18): The great harlot, representing the papacy, is sitting on the beast’s 7 heads, full of “names of blasphemy,” a church and state combination (Rev 17:1,9)
    - The “body” of the beast represents 538-1798; the “heads” 1798 and forward
  - Scarlet Beast: This represents the woman fornicating with kings (nations), working together to persecute “heretics” of the papacy
    - Now pictured in the wilderness after 1 of 7 heads suffered the seemingly fatal wound in 1798. Wilderness; the beasts’ non-persecutory phase. (Rev 12:3)
  - The color of sin (Is 1:18; Rev 7:14), this beast is a composite of powers
Revelation 17:3b

• So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

  – Names of blasphemy: Separate names for civil “kings” who killed saints
    • The body of the scarlet beast is covered with blasphemous names (along with the heads [Rev 13:1,5]), but none on its “horns”

  – Blasphemy: The papacy claims the pope is the Vicar of God, or God’s representative on earth, having the power to forgive sins with its priests substituting for Christ’s intercessory work in Heaven (Heb 8-10; Rev 5:9)
    • Paul was a “blasphemer” by the act of persecuting God’s people (1Tim 1:13)
      ✓ The Catholic Church is the only power in all earth’s history to claim to represent God on earth as well as the power to forgive sin

  – 7 Heads: Leaders (popes) having power over the nations (Rev 13:3b)
  – Horns: The papacy will have mastery over these apostate Protestant kings (Rev 17:12)
Revelation 17:4a

- The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

  - Woman: One of the women, masquerading as the Christian church, has become a harlot (6 articles of dress mentioned here and in Rev 18:16)
    - “For your Maker is your husband” Is 54:5  “For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ” 2Cor 11:2 (Rev 12:1)
    - This woman claims to be a queen, not of earth, meaning a religious power (Rev 18:7)
  - Purple/scarlet: Official colors worn by cardinals and officials of the papal church
    - “Scarlet” and “fine linen” are obtained from “merchants” (Rev 18:11-19,23b)
    - Purple is associated with royalty (authority), scarlet with sin; co-existing
    - These colors were the product of Thyatira, from “madder” roots (Rev 2:19)
  - Gold, precious stones, pearls: These counterfeits are imitations of the City of God (Rev 21:18-21)
    - “Fine linen” is added in Rev 18:16; called “righteous acts” in Rev 19:8. Pope Francis has worked to address financial improprieties and sexual misconduct.
Revelation 17:4b

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  - **Golden cup:** Catholic churches and clothing are richly appointed *(Dan 11:38)*
    - The papal church is like literal Judah; apostate spiritual Jerusalem *(Jer 4:30-31)*
    - This “cup”* contains the “wine” or results of iniquity and wickedness *(Ps 11:6; 75:8; Is 51:17,22-23; Jer 49:12; Rev 16:19)* The Papal church makes “kings” drunk.

  - **Abominations:** Unbiblical doctrines, religious traditions, and beliefs.
    “Babylon was a **golden cup** in the Lord’s hand, That made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; Therefore the nations are deranged.” Jer 51:7 *(Is 5:11-12; 21:9; 66:3-4; Jer 16:18; 25:15-16,28; 51:51,57; Eze 5:6-11; 11:18,21; 18:10-13; 23:31-34; Dan 5; Matt 15:1-9; 23:27-28; Mark 7:1-8; Luke 5:37-38)* “...you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition...in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” Matt 15:6,9

  - **Fornication:** Illicit relationships with nations/governments *(4th of 6)*

*Jesus drank a bitter cup making those who believe in Him, righteous *(Ps 116:13; Matt 20:22-23; 26:27-29,39,42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; John 18:11)*
Revelation 17:5 (1 of 4)

- And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,

  - Forehead: Mind, seat of learning; character (Eze 3:4-9; Rom 7:25)
  - Mystery: The angel indicates the woman and beast are symbolic and will be challenging to identify, therefore not popularly accepted (Rev 10:7; 13:18)
  - Babylon: The papal system is spiritual Babylon (See: Rev 17:18-18:3)
    - “Babylon” is identified six times in Revelation (Rev 14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:2, 10, 21)
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS

Mother of Harlots: The great harlot, the Roman Catholic Church, is the mother of apostate Protestant churches who follow and teach non-Biblical doctrines (Deut 4:2; Prov 30:6; Eze 16:26,33,41; 43:7-9; Matt 5:17-18; 24:35; Luke 16:17; 1Cor 6:16; Rev 22:18-19)

The Thyatira church era of Rev 2:23 describes this same relationship

The “fathers/husbands” of these harlot “daughters” are the kings of the earth

The Papacy lost her “daughters” to the reformation beginning on 10/31/1517

The Papacy lost her “husbands” in 1798, the end of 1260 years of spiritual adultery

The Papacy recovered her “daughters” (apostate Protestants) on 10/31/2017

Apostate Protestants will help reconcile the Papacy to the kings of the earth

The Papacy will very soon, recover her “husbands” with Sunday legislation ushering in earth’s final crisis (Rev 18:7-9) {GC 444.1-445.1}

To supposedly bring back morality, family values, and environmental restoration
Revelation 17:5  (3 of 4)

• AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

  – Abominations: Unbiblical doctrines, religious traditions, and beliefs; and the mixing of church and state, resulting in religious persecution (e.g. Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Matt 24:15-16; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20-21)
    • The adulterous, counterfeit “marriage supper” symbolized by (Matt 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24; Rev 19:9):
      – Pharaoh’s birthday restoration of the Chief Butler serving “wine” (Gen 40:1-21)
        » Killing the Chief Baker, (bread of life) symbolizing John the Baptist
      – Herod’s birthday gift to the adulterous Herodias (Mark 6:16-28; Matt 14:3-11)

✓ Joseph, John the Baptist, and the last day remnant all have the gift of prophecy  (Rev 19:10)
Satan has formed a “false trinity” to oppose God and His people throughout history as the dragon, the beast, and the image/false prophet beast:

- Counterfeit “family”: Father (kings/nations committing fornication), Mother (papal church, the adulteress), Daughters (apostate Protestants)

- Elijah opposed by Ahab, Jezebel, and the prophets of Baal (450) and the groves/Asherah (400) (1Ki 18:19)
  - The “third Elijah” message is to be spread by God’s remnant people

- John the Baptist opposed by Herod, Herodias, and Salome (father: Philip) (Mark 6:16-28; Matt 14:3-11) (Note Genesis 40:1-22: Butler providing wine lived) {DA 221.1-222.1}
  - It is unlawful for church and state to unite (Is 3:12)
  - The “mother” and “daughter” conspire to kill God’s chosen, effective 10/31/2017
  - 10/31/2017 is the equivalent of placing John the Baptist into prison to await execution. The end time remnant, true protestants, have been marginalized. The execution happens on Herod’s birthday, a symbol for Sunday worship enforcement tied to family values and protecting the environment.
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The ‘pure woman’, the ‘scarlet woman’, the ‘talking horn’, the ‘little horn’ (when growing vertically), the ‘sea beast’ with ‘10’ horns, and the two types of ‘clays’ are religious in nature.

1 The King of the North = apostate Christians (those who renounce God’s law) and ‘Christian’ nations. An imposter of the true King of the North (Is 14:13).

2 The scarlet beast with blasphemous names represents the empowering nations being directed by religious authorities, both papal and apostate Protestant.
Revelation 17:6

- I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.
  - **Woman:** Apostate, **papal** church claimed to represent Christ but denied His Word
  - **Drunk:** The papal church lost control of the nations, stripped of legal authority over God’s people *(Jer 13:13)*
  - **Blood of saints:** **Persecution** by the **sea beast/papacy** *(538-1798)* *(Dan 7:21)*
    - Much of the literal persecution was performed by civil authorities (the “beast”), under pressure from the papacy, and will be repeated *(Rev 16:6)*
  - **Blood of martyrs** (Greek word for “witness”): End time witnesses for Jesus are, and will continue, to suffer persecution *(Rev 12:17; 13:15-16)*
Revelation 17:7

- But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

  - **Mystery:** The angel tells John the formula with *the intent that it will be understood*. “but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel*, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.” *Rev 10:7* *(Rev 11:14-19; 13:18)*

  - “Beast that carries”: Governments’ legislative and prosecutorial powers

  *The 7th angel is the 3rd Woe; the 3rd holy war between radical Islam and apostate Christianity: 9/11/2001* *(Dan 11:40a; Rev 11:14-15a)*


    ✓ **Spiritually,** Satan will appear as “Christ” an “angel of light” *(Matt 24:23-25; 2Cor 11:14)*, calling for a new world order and unity of Sunday sacredness

  - 7 Heads: Leaders of the papacy; popes

  - “10” Horns: Kings without a kingdom, yet *(explained in Rev 17:12-17)*

  ✓ **The following understanding was first postulated in the 1990’s...**
Consistent Interpretive Rules: Daniel & Revelation  (1 of 2)

• **Prophetic earthly “beasts”** are *persecuting* powers as a *king, kingdom, or nation*  
  (Is 30:6; 56:9; Jer 12:9; Eze 34:5-8,25-28; Dan 7:3-7,11-12,17,19,23; 8:4; Zeph 2:14; 1Cor 15:32; Rev 6:8; 11:7; 13:1-18; 14:9,11; 15:2; 16:2,10,13; 17:1-17; 19:19-20; 20:4,10)

• **“Blaspheme”** are evil acts and speech *against God*, in the name of religion  
  (Eze 20:27; 35:12; 2Tim 3:2; Rev 2:9; 13:1,5-6; 16:9,11,21; 17:3)

• **“Heads”** are kings, kingdoms, or nations, as well as divisions, or lines, of the animal they are described on (either political or religious)  

• **“Horns”** represent “power” as kings, kingdoms, or nations (either political or religious)  
  (Ex 27:2; 30:10; 37:25; 1Sam 2:1,10; 2Sam 22:3; 1Ki 22:11; Ps 18:2; 75:4-5,10; 89:17,24; 112:9; 132:17; 148:14; Jer 48:25; Lam 2:3,17; Eze 29:21; 34:20-21; Dan 7:7,8,11,20,21,24; 8:3,5-9,20-21; Amos 6:13; Mic 4:13; Hab 3:4; Zech 1:18-21; Luke 1:69; Rev 5:6; 9:13; 12:3; 13:1,11; 17:3,7,12,16)

• **“Kings of the earth”** (or equivalent) is a line of *political leaders*  
  (Ps 2:2; 89:27; Is 13:1-5; 24:21; Lam 4:12; Eze 26:7; 27:33; Dan 2:21,37,44,47; 7:17,24; 8:20; 10:13; Acts 4:26; Rev 1:5; 6:15; 16:14; 17:2,18; 18:3,9; 19:19; 21:24)
Consistent Interpretive Rules: Daniel & Revelation  (2 of 2)

- “Kings” refers to a line of religious heads/leaders  (Rev 16:12; 17:10,12)


  - Jesus, on many occasions, went “into a mountain” to pray  (Matt 8:1; 14:23; 15:29; 17:1,9; 28:16; Mark 3:13; 6:46; 9:2,9; Luke 6:12; 9:28; John 6:3,15)
The angel reveals the mystery:

Revelation 17:8a  (1st Sequence)

• The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

- Beast: The sea beast/papacy, will instigate civil persecuting powers
  1. “Was”: Refers to the 1,260 years of persecution (538-1798)
  2. “is not”: Refers to the scarlet beast/papacy in the “wilderness” of its non-persecutory phase (religious teachings not enforced via civil law)

• Bottomless pit/abyss: The earth, Satan’s domain; wilderness, prison (Eze 31:14-18; Luke 8:31; Rev 9:1,2,11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1-3,7)

3. Ascend...to perdition: The beast (so designated as regaining religious persecutory powers*) as both a king and a kingdom (Dan 7:17) will “go to perdition” at Christ’s second coming (2Thess 2:3-8; Rev 17:11)

*Persecution for not acknowledging a law of Sunday sacredness, associated with environmental stewardship, family values, and nationalist allegiance.
The angel reveals the mystery:

Revelation 17:8b (2nd Sequence)

• The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

– Those who dwell: To think, strategize, focus and invest in earthly success


– Beast: The last pope leading the papacy; a persecutor, using civil powers

1 “Was”: Past tense, referring to Pope Benedict XVI (2005-2013)

2 “is not”: Refers to Benedict XVI in a “wilderness of retirement” at the Vatican (2013 to 20xx)

3 “yet is” (NASB: “…will come”, NIV: “…yet will come”): Refers to Pope Benedict returning to office, obtaining persecutory powers once again, after which time he will “go to perdition” (2Thess 2:3-8; Rev 17:11)
The angel continues with the formula:

**Revelation 17:9**

- “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. (“mountains of prey” Psalm 76:4)
  - The angel gives the key to those seeking wisdom in God’s Word (Rev 13:18)
    - Wisdom is granted to those departing from evil and honoring God (Job 28:28)
  - The woman (papacy) is sitting on the 7 heads/mountains. The beast and papacy timeline progressed from the “body” to the “7 heads” just as Greece (the leopard of Daniel 7:6) progressed from the “body” to the “4 heads” and the goat’s large horn (of Daniel 8:8) became 4 horns
    - The woman moves from the “waters” controlled by the beast “body” to the “heads” on 2/15/1798 (Rev 13:3,10; 17:1)
  - The “beast” persecutory powers were removed in 1798, leaving just the “7 heads” that the woman has moved from the “waters,” to sit on
  - Mountains: “And I will repay Babylon And all the inhabitants of Chaldea For all the evil they have done In Zion in your sight,” says the Lord. “Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, Who destroys all the earth,” says the Lord. “And I will stretch out My hand against you, Roll you down from the rocks, And make you a burnt mountain” Jer 51:24-25

- The “woman” is symbolic Babylon, Satan’s counterfeit “city” (Rev 17:18-18:3)
Apply Babylonian Cultural Attributes to Spiritual Babylon

- Babylon used the Sexagesimal (base 60) numeral system
  - Still used to measure time, angles & geographic coordinates
- Babylon built a Ziggurat as a Temple for “gods”
  - This was a substitute for a mountain to worship idols
- Babylonians wore “amulets” (medallions) to protect the wearer from harm
  - Babylonian astrology divided the constellations into a 36 grid star calendar, each representing a “deity” or god
  - Amulets were created containing the numbers 1-36 and worn by pagan priests

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylonian_star_catalogues
Amulet Honoring 36 “gods”

Each row and column add to 111, (6 x 111 = 666) therefore, 1+2+3...33+34+36 = 666

http://www.666numberofthebeast.com
Who are the Heads/Leaders of the Roman Catholic Church?

• Popes: The Catholic Church lists 266 popes starting with Peter through Pope Francis
  • [http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12272b.htm](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12272b.htm)
    - How does a pope choose his name?
      “...a pope usually chooses to honor a predecessor or someone he admires.”
    - Of the 82 different names taken by popes, 46 are unique meaning only one pope has used the name (incl Peter & Frances)
    - The remaining 36 pope names have been taken by two or more popes, qualifying them to be “mountains of gods” just as the Godhead/Trinity is the Mountain of Dan 2:35,45
Who are the Heads/Leaders of the Catholic Church since 1798?

• Pope taken names since 2/15/1798 (# of times a name has been used by popes), First and Last year used:

1. Pius (12) AD140-1958
2. Leo (13) AD440-1903
3. Gregory (16) AD590-1846
4. Benedict (14)¹ AD575-1922 (Benedict XVI 2005-2013)*
5. John (21) AD523-1963
6. Paul (6) AD757-1978
7. John Paul (2) 1978-2005
   – Francis (1)* 2013-20xx

* A pope name is counted by the Vatican if in good standing, after death

¹The Papacy skipped Benedict X. Benedict IX was elected and served 3 different terms; counted as 1 pope
Who are the Heads/Leaders of the Catholic Church since 1798?

- Using the Babylonian Mathematical System:
  1. Pius (12) $1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12=78$
  2. Leo (13) $1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13=91$
  3. Gregory (16) $1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16=136$
  4. Benedict (14) $1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14=105$
  5. John (21) $1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19+20+21=231$
  6. Paul (6) $1+2+3+4+5+6=21$
  7. John Paul (2) $1+2=3$
  
  Francis (1) *

Total: 665

* A pope name is counted by the Vatican *if in good standing, after death*
The angel continues with the formula:

Revelation 17:10  (3rd Sequence)

• There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. (ESV: “...they are also seven kings…”)
  – The 7 kings are religious and synonymous with the 7 mountains (representing lines of “gods”) and the 7 heads (lines of popes) from Rev 17:9  (Blasphemous, Rev 13:1)
  – “Five have fallen” (name last used in [year]): Pius [1958], Leo [1903], Gregory [1846], Benedict [1922]*, John [1963]
  – “One is”: John is being shown this vision as present tense...as if he was shown the vision during the reign of the 6th head/mountain/king, Pope Paul VI, during his reign (1963-1978)
  – “the other has not yet come...continue a short time”: Popes John Paul I & II were in power a total of 26 years (1978-2005), by far the shortest time a pope name was in use in the history of all 36 pope “mountains” or “lines” (John was shown this 7th “king” as future to his vision time)

*Pope Benedict XVI is living therefore not counted  DOB 4/16/1927
The angel concludes the **mystery** formula:

**Revelation 17:11**  (4<sup>th</sup> Sequence)

- The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.
  - **The beast:** Now identified as an individual man (claiming to be God on earth), is **Benedict** (Ratzinger), who will return to the **papal throne**
  ① **“Was”: Past tense**, referring to **Pope Benedict XVI** (2005 - 2013)
  ② **“is not”:** Refers to **Benedict** in “retirement” at the Vatican (2013 - 20xx)
  ③ **“is himself also the eighth”**: Refers to **Pope Benedict XVI**, being **“of the seven”**, coming back to office. **He will change his taken name**, likely when the **papacy initially obtains the power to persecute in Europe.**
    (Matt 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26)
  - **Perdition:** The **beast, a man, (the 8<sup>th</sup>, the last pope)**, will be destroyed by Christ’s second coming **(2Thess 2:3-8, Rev 17:8)**

*Pope Francis will be **deposed**. Pope Benedict XVI will reclaim the papal throne and change his name from Benedict to a **new, unique name.**
Revelation 17:8 & 17:11

• Throughout Revelation, John has been shown different parts of history and future from different time perspectives. There is a dual application between “beast” appearing twice in Rev 17:8 and in Rev 17:11 as the “8th.”
  1. “was”: Refers to both the persecuting papacy and Pope Benedict XVI
  2. “is not”: Refers to both the scarlet beast and papacy in the wilderness of its non-persecutory phase and Pope Benedict XVI in “retirement”
  3. “yet is” (NASB: “…will come”, NIV: “…yet will come”): Refers to both the papal system and the pope (the 8th), obtaining persecutory powers, after which time the papal system will be destroyed during the 6th plague (Dan 7:11-12; 11:45; Rev 16:12-16; 17:16; 18:9-24), just before Christ’s return

• The angel is showing John the scarlet beast/papacy and the pope as the present tense, meaning from a perspective of after 1798, but before the beast/8th pope regains persecutory powers

• Rev 17:10 also has a past, present, future sequence
Perdition

• 2 Thess 2:3-8

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

– Who “restrains” then is “taken out of the way”? Pope Francis
– Son of perdition: Linked with the beast that “goes to perdition” in Rev 17:8 & 11. This is the last pope, the “8th king,” the “666 man,” the “lawless one,” who will die by, and at, Christ’s second coming. (Rev 19:11-21)
The Role of Pope Francis

• Pope Francis is fulfilling a Biblical reference that the papacy will “clean up” some of the embarrassing visible problems the church has had in the past:
  
  – Compare the description of dress in Rev 17:4 to Rev 18:16. The one additional item listed is “fine linen” which is described as “righteous acts” in Rev 19:8
  – Note the sequence of the vision; these “righteous acts” shown to John occur after the “7 heads” of Rev 17:9-10 have fallen (after 2005)

• 2Thess 2:7 indicates that the pope we know as Francis will fight his removal without success and will be deposed, with Benedict XVI reclaiming the papal throne
  
  – Pope Francis cannot die in office or resign as that would add to the prophetic count of 666. He will be designated as an “anti-pope.”
  – The revealing of the lawless one (of 2Thess 2:8) will likely be the catalyst for the illuminating angel of Rev 18:1-3, the remnant giving the 3 angels’ messages in great power
The Persecuting Beast is the 8th

• Pope Benedict XVI, being one of the 7 “kings,” is the beast, the “8th,” completing the 666 count:

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6. Paul (6) 1+2+3+4+5+6 = 21
7. John Paul (2) 1+2 = 3
8. New, Unique Name* 1 = Total: 666

* Benedict XVI will change his name to a new name, never before used by a pope. His name will not be counted in the Benedict line of pope names.
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A Benedict IX was elected three times and served as pope three separate terms, is counted as one pope. The papacy skipped Benedict X, so the count is 15 individuals in the Benedict line.

B Notice John XXIII. The papacy skipped John XVI and John XX thus, there are only 21 popes in the line using the name of John.

C Paul line: the “one is” of Rev 17:10, since ‘five have fallen’. This is the present tense from which John was shown this vision.

D John Paul line: the one “not yet come” of Rev 17:10. He “must continue a short time”. The John Paul line was in power 26 years, by far the shortest of all pope lines.

E In order for Pope Francis (3/13/2013 to date) not to add to the count, he will be deposed (2Thess 2:7). Benedict XVI (DOB 4/16/1927) will return to office (“is of the seven” Rev 17:11). Soon after, possibly coinciding with regaining the power to persecute those who worship the Creator according to the 4th commandment, he will change his name to a unique name, signaling the beast’s return (Rev 17:8). He will die at Christ’s second coming according to 2Thess 2:1-17; Rev 19:20.
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**Persecution Phase**

- 8 = 36

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*The pope 'counts' are added just as Babylon 'added' their 36 gods on amulets using their base 60 numerical system (1+2+3…+34+35+36=666).

For pictures of amulets with numbers 1-36 arrayed to add to 666 see: [http://historical.benabraham.com/html/babylonian_solar_cult.html](http://historical.benabraham.com/html/babylonian_solar_cult.html)

*As of 2015, the Vatican lists 266 individual popes, with 82 papal names used (including Peter). Including Pope Francis, there are 46 names used only once and since not repeated, do not qualify as 'mountains of gods'. 36 pope names are used by multiple popes (mountains of gods), 29 before 2/15/1798, 7 after. Benedict XVI (2005-2013) is the '666 man' and will die under a different name, proving the line actually fell in 1922.*
666 Calculation Summary

• Pope Francis will be **deposed**
  – His taken name was not one “of the seven” (since 1798), so he cannot be the 8th. **He will become an “anti-pope”**.

• Pope Benedict XVI will **reclaim** the papal throne
  • Benedict IX reclaimed the throne from Sylvester III in 1045
  – Ratzinger will change his name to a **new, unique name**
  – The Benedict name is “of the seven” heads (since 1798)
  – He will be killed by **Christ’s** second coming
    • **He will not** die a natural death (DOB 4/16/1927) **(2Thess 2:1-12)**
    – He **becomes** the **beast**, the “8th.” **(Rev 17:11)** He completes the 666 count, “…the number of a **man**” **(Rev 13:18)**
  – As the “8th,” he completes the Babylonian numerical system of gods: 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8 = 36
Revelation 17:12

• “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.
  – “10” horns are “10” religious kings: The present tense that John is seeing this vision is during the reign of the 6th head (Rev 17:10: Pope Paul VI, 1963-1978). This means that the “10” kings had not yet received a kingdom during the reign of Pope Paul VI. They receive power “with the beast” when he returns as the “8th king,” the 666 man.
  - Imminent, after the papacy obtains persecutory powers granted in Europe, likely associated with religious tests to identify Islamic terrorists (Dan 11:40-43)
  - The “10” horns/kings are on the blasphemous, scarlet beast with papal heads, meaning these horns are religious in nature. They are the daughters of the great harlot (the papacy) of Rev 17:5 (Rev 2:23)
  - Receive authority: The “10” horns represent apostate Protestant leaders fornicating with the nations to persecute along with the beast/8th king
  - One hour: A brief time (prophetic time of a day = year = 15 days) (See EGW, Great Controversy, pg 635, “...a simultaneous movement for their destruction.”)

* “10” is a symbolic number representing all apostate Protestant churches. These are synonymous with the brittle clay of the 10 toes of Dan 2:41-45. KJV & ESV
Revelation 17:13-14

• 13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

– Of one mind: Apostate Protestants hold common non-Biblical doctrines and a common purpose of eliminating literal Bible believing (fundamentalists), Ten Commandment keeping people now (as of early 2015) referred to as “extremists” by the United States (Rev 12:17; 14:12; 19:10)

– Power and authority: Apostate Protestant leaders will give the powers to persecute in the United States of America to the papal “beast”
  • They too, become persecuting “beasts” (Dan 7:12)

– These will make war: The apostate Protestants (harlot daughters)/USA earth beast and the papal harlot mother will try to exterminate 7th day Sabbath keeping saints (Rev 12:17)

– Called, Chosen and Faithful: Those who seek to win souls to Jesus (Rev 19:6-9)
Revelation 17:15

• Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.
  – The harlot: Roman Catholic Church system (Zech 5:7-8)
  – Sitting on the waters: Presiding over people of the earth (those who dwell: To think, strategize, focus and invest in the world)
    • A direct reference of the Rev 17:1 harlot mother as the sea beast of Rev 13:1, correlating the sea beast with incorporating civil persecution by the nations, the scarlet beast of Rev 17:3 (Ps 124:4; 144:7)
    • “Woe to the multitude of many people Who make a noise like the roar of the seas, And to the rushing of nations That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!” Is 17:12
    • “O you who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come…” Jer 51:13 (Jer 50; 51)

✓ The alternative of being an “earth dweller” is to “dwell” in/on Heaven
  • “Make the Most High your dwelling place…” Ps 91:9-12 (John 1:14; Rev 7:15; 12:12; 13:6; 21:3)
Revelation 17:16

- And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.
  - “10” horns: Apostate Protestants will realize too late that the papacy has deceived them. They will destroy the Roman Catholic Church organization. (Jer 50:9; Eze 16:2,14-16,26-28,35-40; Dan 7:11-12; 11:45b; Mark 6:26, Rev 16:10; 18:9-24)
    - Notice Dan 7:11-12 describes the papacy being destroyed, AFTER WHICH, the rest of the beast’s (apostate protestant “horns” that persecute are now also called “beasts”) lives are prolonged for a “season and a time”
  - Desolate: Like literal Babylon, spiritual Babylon will never arise again (Jer 50:3,39-40; Rev 18:22)
  - Burn her with fire: Only a harlot, that was the daughter of a priest [Lev 21:9], was to be burned (Jer 50:32; 51:25; Eze 28:7; Rev 18:8)
  - Our Priest is Jesus, husband of the pure woman (church) of Rev 12

✓ The destruction of the papal system corresponds with the 6th plague where the Euphrates “waters” dry up (support withdrawn) for spiritual Babylon (Rev 16:12,19; Jer 50:3)
Revelation 17:17

- For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.
  - Apostate Protestants, with controlling power in the United States legislative, judicial, and executive branches, will provide these powers in support of the scarlet beast/papacy (empowered by all the rest of the world’s governments), in the common pursuit of eliminating God’s people who keep the 7th day Sabbath commandment and have not taken the mark of the beast or his image (declaring Sunday sacredness), in order to buy and sell (Rev 11:19; 13:14-17; 14:6-12)
    - Words of God fulfilled: Refers to when the apostate Protestants realize they have been deceived and withdraw from their alliance with the beast
Revelation 17:18

- And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.
  - **Woman:** The *great harlot mother* first seated on “many waters” (Rev 17:1), seated on the 7 heads of the scarlet beast, (Rev 17:9), then on the “waters” (Rev 17:15), is *spiritual Babylon, part of (Satan’s counterfeit trinity)* (Rev 18:1-3; 16:13-14)
    - Great city: Babylon, the symbol for Rome. Ezekiel 26:17 refers to the “renowned city who was strong at sea”
    - Zech 5:6-11 addresses a woman (apostate Christian church) being “measured” (ephah), established on her “base” of Babylon (Shinar)
  - Reigns: The Catholic Church deceives the nations, once again, with the “wine” of false doctrine, influencing them to do her bidding
  - Kings of the earth: Political leaders (Dan 7:17,24a; Rev 17:2; 18:3)
Call to Personal Action

- “24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” Heb 10:24-26
  (Repent: 2Chron 6:37-39; Eze 14:6; Matt 3:2; Luke 24:47; Acts 17:30)

- The **Bridegroom** of Matt 25:1-13 is returning from the wedding, soon. Prepare by storing oil (The Spirit) in our lamps now:
  1. Accept and invite **Jesus** daily (the Altar of Sacrifice)
  2. Wash in the baptism of the Spirit (the Laver)
  3. Keep a prayer in mind, constantly (the Golden Altar of Incense)
  4. Read God’s Word daily (the Table of Showbread)
  5. Share the gospel of **Jesus**; the 3 angels’ message (the Lampstand)
  6. Dwell on the goodness of His law (the Ark of His Covenant)
Call to Public Action

- The 4th angel of Rev 14:15, the illuminating angel of Rev 18:1-3, is the proclamation of the interpretation of the mystery of Rev 17:8-11. God’s remnant will repeat the 2nd and 3rd angel messages (Rev 14:8-13) with much greater power than during the “midnight cry” in 1844. (Hab 2:14)
  - 1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.
  - 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.” Rev 18:1-3

- This is a warning for all of God’s people to come out of spiritual Babylon, the counterfeit trinity (spiritualism, the papacy, apostate Protestants/false prophet) (the abyss beast, the sea beast, the earth beast)
7 “So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.

8 When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.  

9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.” Ezekiel 33:7-9  (Is 62:6; 1Tim 5:20)
Our Mission as the Remnant

• “Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Rev 19:10
  – The understanding of prophecy is a call to action; to share the gospel of everlasting life through a relationship with Jesus, proclaiming the 3 angels’ message of Rev 14:6-12

• “...obey God’s commandments” (Rev 12:17) and “Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” (Rev 14:7)

• “...Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer.” Is 56:6-7

• “Be holy...blameless” (1Pet 1:16-19; 2Pet 3:10-14)
Final Plea before Michael Stands

- The 5th angel of Rev 14:18 (Jesus, Himself), corresponds with the warning voice of Rev 18:4:
  - And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”

  Rev 18:4  This plea, not heard by many (not a loud voice), is for His people to leave the great, spiritual city of Babylon to escape the plagues.

  - Speaking of the 2 Witnesses, “…And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.” Rev 11:12

- The Word/witness of the Old and New Testaments, including the law and the prophets, are known to all, so that each one will make an informed decision on Whom to Worship

  - This is the very last warning to accept salvation through Jesus Christ before the pre-advent “investigative” judgment closes (Dan 12:1), followed by the plagues of Rev 16 (Rev 14:17-20; Eze 9:5-10)
### The Tribulation

**538-1798**

- Little Talking horn of Dan 7:8,20,24-25
- Little horn of Dan 8:9-12, 23-25
- King of the North of Dan 11:23-39
- Sea Beast of Rev 13:1-10
- First Persecution Phase of the Catholic Church

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### 2,300 Day/Year Prophecy

**457BC - 1844**

- Justinian Code effective in Rome - 538
- The Roman Catholic Church was declared the state religion, compelling matters of conscience.
- Jesus described the tribulation of the saints in Matt 24:21,29; Mark 13:19-20,24-25.
- Napoleon had General Berthier arrest Pope Pius VI on 2/20/1798.
- In Biblical time prophecy, 1 day = 1 year. Jewish years had 360 days (Num 14:34; Eze 4:6).
- Prophecy in Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5 as Time, times, and half a time, 42 months.

### 1,260 Day/Year Prophecy

**4,5**

- Jesus Second Coming
- Jesus Begins Judgment Ministry - 1844
- Great Awakening - 3 Angels Message (Rev 14)

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**Time of the End**

- Papacy declared dead - 1798
- Time of the End
- Mystery Revealed - 4th & 5th angels
- Judgment Ends - Michael stands up
- The Tribulation
37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt 24:37-39

Just as the Antediluvians needed to be on Noah’s Ark to be saved, at the Time of the End, God’s people will rely on the Ark of His Covenant, having the Law written on their minds and be saved by His Grace, through His Mercy

Jer 31:33-34
“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.” John 14:29

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20
Additional Information

I am indebted to Tim Roosenberg who has studied Daniel 11-12 since the early 2000’s and has dedicated his ministry to providing people with knowledge of the times that we live through seminars and his website; [http://www.islamandchristianity.org](http://www.islamandchristianity.org)

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For an excellent verse by verse commentary see: [http://www.bibleexplained.com](http://www.bibleexplained.com)

For a deep perspective of how Revelation represents the spiritual fulfillment of much of the Old Testament see: Louis F. Were, The Certainty of the 3rd Angel’s Message, 1945

Ellen Gould White was a prolific author and an American Christian pioneer. Along with other Sabbatarian Adventist leaders such as Joseph Bates and her husband James White, she formed what became known as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Smithsonian magazine named Ellen G. White among 100 Most Significant Americans in an acknowledgement of her influence on religion. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen_G._White](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen_G._White)
“In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; **new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new.** When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began “at Moses and all the prophets” and “expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.” Luke 24:27. But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. **He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old.** For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form.” {COL 127.4}
Ellen White Comments  Daniel & Revelation

✓ “The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched. If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches, and many more would believe the message. We have no time to lose; God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Advance new principles, and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways. But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope, “the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star.” {TM 118.1}
“We do not go deep enough in our search for truth. Every soul who believes present truth will be brought where he will be required to give a reason of the hope that is in him. The people of God will be called upon to stand before kings, princes, rulers, and great men of the earth, and they must know that they do know what is truth. They must be converted men and women. God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth. The universe is looking upon the controversy that is going on upon the earth. At an infinite cost, God has provided for every man an opportunity to know that which will make him wise unto salvation. How eagerly do angels look to see who will avail himself of this opportunity!

When a message is presented to God’s people, they should not rise up in opposition to it; they should go to the Bible, comparing it with the law and the testimony, and if it does not bear this test, it is not true. God wants our minds to expand. He desires to put His grace upon us. We may have a feast of good things every day, for God can open the whole treasure of heaven to us.”—The Review and Herald, February 18, 1890. {TM 119.1}
“All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past, has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation, the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.” {1MR 47.2}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 12:1

✓ “Jesus had called His disciples that He might send them forth as His witnesses, to declare to the world what they had seen and heard of Him. Their office was the most important to which human beings had ever been called, and was second only to that of Christ Himself. They were to be workers together with God for the saving of the world. As in the Old Testament the twelve patriarchs stand as representatives of Israel, so the twelve apostles were to stand as representatives of the gospel church.” {DA 291.3}
“The line of prophecy in which these symbols are found begins with Revelation 12, with the dragon that sought to destroy Christ at His birth. The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. But the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.” {GC 438.2}
Ellen White Comments
Rev 12:10

✓ “Is there no law of kindness to be observed? Have Christians been authorized of God to criticize and condemn one another? Is it honorable, or even honest, to win from the lips of another, under the guise of friendship, secrets which have been entrusted to him, and then turn the knowledge thus gained to his injury? Is it Christian charity to gather up every floating report, to unearth everything that will cast suspicion on the character of another, and then take delight in using it to injure him? **Satan exults when he can defame or wound a follower of Christ. He is “the accuser of our brethren.” Shall Christians aid him in his work?**” {ST 95.2} “God’s all-seeing eye notes the defects of all and the ruling passion of each, yet He bears with our mistakes and pities our weakness. He bids His people cherish the same spirit of tenderness and forbearance. True Christians will not exult in exposing the faults and deficiencies of others. They will turn away from vileness and deformity, to fix the mind upon that which is attractive and lovely. **To the Christian every act of faultfinding, every word of censure or condemnation, is painful.**” {ST 95.3}

✓ “Not one soul that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection will Christ permit to pass under the enemy’s power.” {ST 470.2}
Ellen White Comments

✓ “We must work while it is day, and watch constantly. **Our hearts must be imbued with the love of Christ. Then we can obey.** Then we shall be prepared to reach out after others. If Christ is in our hearts, we shall reveal this to those whom we are trying to help, and they will be drawn to Him.” {Ms28-1886.8}  
“Christ is soon to come the second time. Of this we should often talk. **It should be the uppermost thought in our minds...**” {Ms28-1886.9} “In order for us to be like the Saviour, we must be changed. Now is the time for us to bring into the daily life the virtues of Christ’s life. We have no time to lose. **Should we fail in our character building, we shall lose eternal life.**” {Ms28-1886.11} “All who will can be overcomers. Let us strive earnestly to reach the standard set before us. Christ knows our weakness, and to Him we can go daily for help. **It is not necessary for us to gain strength a month ahead. We are to conquer from day to day.**” {Ms28-1886.12} “This earth is the place of preparation for heaven...” {Ms28-1886.13}
Ellen White Comments

✓ “We become overcomers by helping others to overcome, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The keeping of the commandments of God will yield in us an obedient spirit, and the service that is the offspring of such a spirit, God can accept…” {Lt236-1908.12}

✓ “The Lord has shown me that great interest should be taken by Sabbathkeepers to keep up their meetings and make them interesting. There is great necessity of more interest and energy being manifested in this direction. All should have something to say for the Lord, for by so doing they will be blest. A book of remembrance is written of those who do not forsake the assembling of themselves together, but speak often one to another. The remnant are to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Some expect to overcome alone by the blood of the Lamb, without making any special effort of their own. I saw that God has been merciful in giving us the power of speech. He has given us a tongue, and we are accountable to Him for its use. We should glorify God with our mouth, speaking in honor of the truth and of His unbounded mercy, and overcome by the word of our testimony through the blood of the Lamb.” {EW 114.2}
“The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction will reach its culmination in the time of trouble.” {GC 623.3}

“Satan has come down in great power, knowing that his time is short. His angels are busy, and a great share of the people of God suffer themselves to be lulled to sleep by him. The cloud again passed over, and settled upon the church. I saw that it would be only by earnest effort and persevering prayer that this spell would be broken.” {1T 178.4}

“Especially will his power be exercised upon the remnant. He will war against them, and seek to divide and scatter them, that they may grow weak and be overthrown. The people of God should move understandingly, and should be united in their efforts. They should be of the same mind, of the same judgment; then their efforts will not be scattered, but will tell forcibly in the upbuilding of the cause of present truth. Order must be observed, and there must be union in maintaining order, or Satan will take the advantage.” {1T 210.2}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 12:12

✓ “We are not doing a twentieth part of what we might do if we were awake. The work is retarded by love of ease and a lack of the self-denying spirit of which our Saviour has given us an example in His life. Co-workers with Christ, men who feel the need of extended effort, are wanted.” {3T 407.1}

✓ “…it is by means of corrupt teachers that the enemy will assail the faith of the church. “For such are false apostles,” he says, “deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness.” {5T 297.2}

✓ “God’s people will not find their safety in working miracles, for Satan will counterfeit the miracles that will be wrought. God’s tried and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18. They are to take their stand on the living word: “It is written.” This is the only foundation upon which they can stand securely.” {9T 16.1}
“The **synagogue of Satan** is intensely active, and in this age the deceiving power of the enemy is working in the most subtle way. **Every human mind that is not surrendered to God and is not under the control of the Spirit of God, will be perverted through satanic agencies.**” {RH April 14, 1896, par. 1} “Who are those that refuse to hear the voice of Christ!—They are those who do not hear and practise his word. They are those whose hearts were crowded and overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and the cares of this life; who are eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage. They are those who will not receive the message of warning for these last days.” {RH April 14, 1896, par. 3} “Those who love and keep the commandments of God are most obnoxious to the **synagogue of Satan**, and the powers of evil will manifest their hatred toward them to the fullest extent possible...The forces of darkness will unite with human agents who have given themselves into the control of Satan, and **the same scenes that were exhibited at the trial, rejection, and crucifixion of Christ will be revived. Through yielding to satanic influences, men will be transformed into fiends...” {RH April 14, 1896, par. 7}
Ellen White Comment

Rev 12:17

“He who came to redeem the lost world was opposed by the united forces of the adversaries of God and man. In an unpitying confederacy, evil men and evil angels arrayed themselves against the Prince of Peace. Though His every word and act breathed of divine compassion, His unlikeness to the world provoked the bitterest hostility. Because He would give no license for the exercise of the evil passions of our nature, He aroused the fiercest opposition and enmity. So it is with all who will live godly in Christ Jesus. Between righteousness and sin, love and hatred, truth and falsehood, there is an irrepressible conflict. When one presents the love of Christ and the beauty of holiness, he is drawing away the subjects of Satan’s kingdom, and the prince of evil is aroused to resist it.

Persecution and reproach await all who are imbued with the Spirit of Christ. The character of the persecution changes with the times, but the principle—the spirit that underlies it—is the same that has slain the chosen of the Lord ever since the days of Abel. As men seek to come into harmony with God, they will find that the offense of the cross has not ceased. Principalities and powers and wicked spirits in high places are arrayed against all who yield obedience to the law of heaven. Therefore, so far from causing grief, persecution should bring joy to the disciples of Christ, for it is an evidence that they are following in the steps of their Master.” {MB 29.2-3}
“Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master’s will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom should have acted their faith. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart.” {5T 213.2}

“As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. Those who will be true to God and to duty will be menaced, denounced, and proscribed. They will “be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends.” {5T 472.2}
“The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ’s righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.” {5T 81.1}
Ellen White Comment

Rev 12:17

“When trees without fruit are cut down as cumberers of the ground, when multitudes of false brethren are distinguished from the true, then the hidden ones will be revealed to view, and with hosannas range under the banner of Christ. Those who have been timid and self-distrustful will declare themselves openly for Christ and His truth. The most weak and hesitating in the church will be as David—willing to do and dare. The deeper the night for God’s people, the more brilliant the stars. Satan will sorely harass the faithful; but, in the name of Jesus, they will come off more than conquerors. Then will the church of Christ appear “fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.” {5T 81.2} Note: Song of Songs 6:9-10
“Obedience is the test of discipleship. It is the keeping of the commandments that proves the sincerity of our professions of love. When the doctrine we accept kills sin in the heart, purifies the soul from defilement, bears fruit unto holiness, we may know that it is the truth of God. When benevolence, kindness, tenderheartedness, sympathy, are manifest in our lives; when the joy of right doing is in our hearts; when we exalt Christ, and not self, we may know that our faith is of the right order. “Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.” 1 John 2:3. {MB 146.3}

“He who becomes a partaker of the divine nature will be in harmony with God’s great standard of righteousness, His holy law. This is the rule by which God measures the actions of men. This will be the test of character in the judgment.” {COL 314.2}
“God requires perfection of His children. His law is a transcript of His own character, and it is the standard of all character. This infinite standard is presented to all that there may be no mistake in regard to the kind of people whom God will have to compose His kingdom. The life of Christ on earth was a perfect expression of God’s law, and when those who claim to be children of God become Christlike in character, they will be obedient to God’s commandments. Then the Lord can trust them to be of the number who shall compose the family of heaven. Clothed in the glorious apparel of Christ’s righteousness, they have a place at the King’s feast. They have a right to join the blood-washed throng.” {COL 315.1}

“Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” {TM 38.2}
“They might have honestly believed that they had done all that was necessary, but their sincerity would not have saved them. **All who failed to heed the Lord’s directions would lose their first-born by the hand of the destroyer.** By obedience the people were to give evidence of their faith. So all who hope to be saved by the merits of the blood of Christ should realize that they themselves have something to do in securing their salvation. While it is Christ only that can redeem us from the penalty of transgression, **we are to turn from sin to obedience. Man is to be saved by faith, not by works; yet his faith must be shown by his works.** God has given His Son to die as a propitiation for sin, He has manifested the light of truth, the way of life, He has given facilities, ordinances, and privileges; and **now man must co-operate with these saving agencies; he must appreciate and use the helps that God has provided—believe and obey all the divine requirements.**” {PP 278.2-279.1}
Ellen White Comment  Rev 12:17; 14:12

✓ “The law was not spoken at this time exclusively for the benefit of the Hebrews. God honored them by making them the guardians and keepers of His law, but it was to be held as a sacred trust for the whole world. The precepts of the Decalogue are adapted to all mankind, and they were given for the instruction and government of all. Ten precepts, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, cover the duty of man to God and to his fellow man; and all based upon the great fundamental principle of love. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” Luke 10:27. See also Deuteronomy 6:4, 5; Leviticus 19:18. In the Ten Commandments these principles are carried out in detail, and made applicable to the condition and circumstances of man.” {PP 305.2}

✓ For a comprehensive, yet succinct discussion of the relationship of God's Law and grace, as well as the Old and New Covenants the following sermon starts at about minute 4:50 and is about 54 minutes.

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Bible Commandment Texts  Rev 12:17; 14:12

- “I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.” Ps 40:8
- “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” Matt 5:17-18
- “If you love Me, keep MY commandments.” John 14:15
- “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” John 14:21
- “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” John 15:10
- “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who 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, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.” 1John 2:3-5
- “Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.” 1John 3:24
“Disobedience has closed the door to a vast amount of knowledge that might have been gained from the Scriptures. Understanding means obedience to God’s commandments. The Scriptures are not to be adapted to meet the prejudice and jealousy of men. They can be understood only by those who are humbly seeking for a knowledge of the truth that they may obey it. Do you ask, What shall I do to be saved? You must lay your preconceived opinions, your hereditary and cultivated ideas, at the door of investigation. If you search the Scriptures to vindicate your own opinions, you will never reach the truth. Search in order to learn what the Lord says. If conviction comes as you search, if you see that your cherished opinions are not in harmony with the truth, do not misinterpret the truth in order to suit your own belief, but accept the light given. Open mind and heart that you may behold wondrous things out of God’s word. Faith in Christ as the world’s Redeemer calls for an acknowledgment of the enlightened intellect controlled by a heart that can discern and appreciate the heavenly treasure. This faith is inseparable from repentance and transformation of character. To have faith means to find and accept the gospel treasure, with all the obligations which it imposes. “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3. He may conjecture and imagine, but without the eye of faith he cannot see the treasure. Christ gave His life to secure for us this inestimable treasure; but without regeneration through faith in His blood, there is no remission of sins, no treasure for any perishing soul.” {COL 112.2-5}
“Another deception was now to be brought forward. Satan declared that mercy destroyed justice, that the death of Christ abrogated the Father’s law. Had it been possible for the law to be changed or abrogated, then Christ need not have died. But to abrogate the law would be to immortalize transgression, and place the world under Satan’s control. It was because the law was changeless, because man could be saved only through obedience to its precepts, that Jesus was lifted up on the cross. **Yet the very means by which Christ established the law Satan represented as destroying it. Here will come the last conflict of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. That the law which was spoken by God’s own voice is faulty, that some specification has been set aside, is the claim which Satan now puts forward. It is the last great deception that he will bring upon the world. He needs not to assail the whole law; if he can lead men to disregard one precept, his purpose is gained. For “whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” James 2:10. **By consenting to break one precept, men are brought under Satan’s power.** By substituting human law for God’s law, Satan will seek to control the world. This work is foretold in prophecy. Of the great apostate power which is the representative of Satan, it is declared, “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.” Daniel 7:25. **Men will surely set up their laws to counterwork the laws of God. They will seek to compel the consciences of others, and in their zeal to enforce these laws they will oppress their fellow men.” {DA 762.5-763.2}
Ellen White Comment  Rev 12:17; 14:12; 19:10

✓ “The law and the prophets are God’s appointed agencies for the salvation of men. Christ said, Let them give heed to these evidences. If they do not listen to the voice of God in His word, the testimony of a witness raised from the dead would not be heeded.” {COL 265.2}

✓ “The great sin of the Jews was their rejection of Christ; the great sin of the Christian world would be their rejection of the law of God, the foundation of His government in heaven and earth. The precepts of Jehovah would be despised and set at nought. Millions in bondage to sin, slaves of Satan, doomed to suffer the second death, would refuse to listen to the words of truth in their day of visitation. Terrible blindness! strange infatuation!” {GC 22.2}

✓ “No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God’s law is no longer binding upon men.” {GC 584.1}
“Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God’s law and persecuting His people, were presented to John. The war is carried on till the close of time. The people of God, symbolized by a holy woman and her children, were represented as greatly in the minority. In the last days only a remnant still existed. Of these John speaks as they “which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” {ST November 1, 1899, par. 3}

“Satan is striving to gain every advantage. He desires to secure, not only students, but teachers. He has his plans laid. Disguised as an angel of light, he will walk the earth as a wonder-worker. In beautiful language he will present lofty sentiments. Good words will be spoken by him, and good deeds performed. Christ will be personified, but on one point there will be a marked distinction. Satan will turn the people from the law of God. Notwithstanding this, so well will he counterfeit righteousness, that if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. Crowned heads, presidents, rulers in high places, will bow to his false theories.” {FE 471.3}
“The spirit of persecution manifested by paganism and the papacy is again to be revealed. Prophecy declares that this power will say “to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast.” [Revelation 13:14.] The image is made to the first or leopard-like beast, which is the one brought to view in the third angel’s message. **By this first beast is represented the Roman Church, an ecclesiastical body clothed with civil power,** having authority to punish all dissenters. **The image to the beast represents another religious body clothed with similar power.** The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. Here is to be found an image of the papacy. When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution, as were God’s ancient people...Persecution always follows religious favoritism on the part of secular governments.” {4SP 277.2}
“The standard of the golden rule is the true standard of Christianity; anything short of it is a deception. A religion that leads men to place a low estimate upon human beings, whom Christ has esteemed of such value as to give Himself for them; a religion that would lead us to be careless of human needs, sufferings, or rights, is a spurious religion. In slighting the claims of the poor, the suffering, and the sinful, we are proving ourselves traitors to Christ. **It is because men take upon themselves the name of Christ, while in life they deny His character, that Christianity has so little power in the world. The name of the Lord is blasphemed because of these things.**” {MB 136.4}

“The special characteristic of the beast, and therefore of his image, is the breaking of God’s commandments. Says Daniel, of the little horn, the papacy: “He shall think to change times and the law.” Daniel 7:25, R.V. And Paul styled the same power the “man of sin,” who was to exalt himself above God. One prophecy is a complement of the other. Only by changing God’s law could the papacy exalt itself above God; whoever should understandingly keep the law as thus changed would be giving supreme honor to that power by which the change was made. Such an act of obedience to papal laws would be a mark of allegiance to the pope in the place of God.” {GC 446.1}
“That afternoon [November 2] he [Elder Bourdeau] had us accompany him to the Cathedral [in Valence, France] and look upon the bust of Pius VI who was noted in prophecy, who was led into captivity and died in captivity. Here was the one marked in history who received the deadly wound. His heart is encased in the marble monument beneath where the bust is located. We felt rather solemn as we looked upon the monument of this man noted in prophecy.” —Letter 110, 1886, p. 2. (To W. C. White and wife, November 4, 1886.) {8MR 354.1} Released June 21, 1978.
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✓ “Power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.” And, says the prophet, “I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death.” And again: “He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.” The forty and two months are the same as the “time and times and the dividing of time,” three years and a half, or 1260 days, of Daniel 7 - - the time during which the papal power was to oppress God’s people. This period, as stated in preceding chapters, began with the supremacy of the papacy, A.D. 538, and terminated in 1798. At that time the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, “He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity.” {GC 439.2}
“In the prayer of Moses our minds are directed to the heavenly records in which the names of all men are inscribed, and their deeds, whether good or evil, are faithfully registered. The book of life contains the names of all who have ever entered the service of God. If any of these depart from Him, and by stubborn persistence in sin become finally hardened against the influences of His Holy Spirit, their names will in the judgment be blotted from the book of life, and they themselves will be devoted to destruction. Moses realized how dreadful would be the fate of the sinner; yet if the people of Israel were to be rejected by the Lord, he desired his name to be blotted out with theirs; he could not endure to see the judgments of God fall upon those who had been so graciously delivered. The intercession of Moses in behalf of Israel illustrates the mediation of Christ for sinful men. But the Lord did not permit Moses to bear, as did Christ, the guilt of the transgressor. “Whosoever hath sinned against Me,” He said, “him will I blot out of My book.” {PP 326.3} Exodus 32:32-33
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✓ “The books of record in heaven, in which the names and the deeds of men are registered, are to determine the decisions of the judgment.” {GC 480.2}

✓ “The book of life contains the names of all who have ever entered the service of God” {GC 480.3}

✓ “Every man’s work passes in review before God and is registered for faithfulness or unfaithfulness. Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered with terrible exactness every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heaven-sent warnings or reproves neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results, all are chronicled by the recording angel.” {GC 482.1}
“As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God’s remembrance.” {GC 483.1}

“All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of heaven; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God, their sins will be blotted out, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life.” {GC 483.2}
“Though professing to be followers of the Lamb of God, men become imbued with the spirit of the dragon. They profess to be meek and humble but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by their actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be. This lamb-like power unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. And Satan unites with Protestants and Papists, acting in consort with them as the God of this world, dictating to men as if they were the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled as he pleases. If men will not agree to trample under foot the commandments of God, the spirit of the dragon is revealed. They are imprisoned, brought before councils, and fined. “He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.” “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 Satan usurps the prerogatives of Jehovah. The man of sin sits in the seat of God, proclaiming himself to be God, and acting above God.” {Mar 191.2}
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✓ “The Lord of heaven permits the world to choose whom they will have as ruler. Let all read carefully the thirteenth chapter of Revelation, for it concerns every human agent, great and small. Every human being must take sides, either for the true and living God, who has given to the world the memorial of Creation in the seventh-day Sabbath, or for a false sabbath, instituted by men who have exalted themselves above all that is called God or that is worshiped, who have taken upon themselves the attributes of Satan, in oppressing the loyal and true who keep the commandments of God. This persecuting power will compel the worship of the beast by insisting on the observance of the sabbath he has instituted. Thus he blasphemes God, sitting “in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:4). {3SM 424.1}
“Through the great powers controlled by paganism and the papacy, symbolized by the dragon and the leopard-like beast, Satan for many centuries destroyed God’s faithful witnesses. Under the dominion of Rome, they were tortured and slain for more than a thousand years; but the papacy was at last deprived of its strength, and forced to desist from persecution. [Revelation 13:3, 10.] At that time the prophet beheld a new power coming up, represented by the beast with lamb-like horns. The appearance of this beast and the manner of its rise seem to indicate that the power which it represents is unlike those brought to view under the preceding symbols. The great kingdoms that have ruled the world obtained their dominion by conquest and revolution, and they were presented to the prophet Daniel as beasts of prey, rising when the “four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.” [Daniel 7:2.] But the beast with horns like a lamb is seen “coming up out of the earth;” [Revelation 13:11.] signifying that instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented arose in territory previously unoccupied, and grew up gradually and peacefully.” {4SP 276.2} See also, GC 440.1-441.2
“Here is a striking figure of the rise and growth of our own nation. And the lamb-like horns, emblems of innocence and gentleness, well represent the character of our government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. The Christian exiles who first fled to America, sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance, and they determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation. Millions from other lands have sought our shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.” {4SP 277.1}

“Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.” {GC 441.1}
“...when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon’s voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, was symbolized by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea, but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which is symbolized. The “two horns like a lamb” well represent the character of the United States Government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation. Those who first found an asylum on the shores of America rejoiced that they had reached a country free from the arrogant claims of popery and the tyranny of kingly rule. They determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty.” {ST November 1, 1899, par. 4}
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✓ “It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. ... The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, “his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.” ... In both the Old and the New World, the papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church.” {GC 578.3}
“The “speaking” of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak “as a dragon” and exercise “all the power of the first beast” plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopardlike beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns “causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast” indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy. {GC 442.1} “Such action would be directly contrary to the principles of this government, to the genius of its free institutions, to the direct and solemn avowals of the Declaration of Independence, and to the Constitution. The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result—intolerance and persecution. The Constitution provides that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” and that “no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.” Only in flagrant violation of these safeguards to the nation’s liberty, can any religious observance be enforced by civil authority.” {GC 442.2}
“I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw the mother of harlots, that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, Protestant sects, were next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints. I saw that as the mother has been declining in power the daughters have been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once manifested by the mother.” {1EGWLM 244.1} {SpM 1.4} October 23, 1850

“Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh shall be slain, and the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast, and then Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints. But before their decrees bring forth or bear fruit, the saints will be delivered by the voice of God.” {1EGWLM 245.2}
“The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. God designed that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He designed that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges.” {Ms17-1906.1} “But the enemy of all righteousness has designs upon God’s purpose for this country. He will bring in enterprises that will lead men to forget that there is a God. Worldliness and covetousness, which is idolatry, will prevail through the working of the archdeceiver, till the law of God, in all its bearings, shall be made void.” {Ms17-1906.2}
“When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result....” {LDE 131.1} “The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy....” {LDE 131.2} “In the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.”—The Great Controversy, 445, 448, 449 (1911). {LDE 131.3} “When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.”—Testimonies for the Church 5:451 (1885). {LDE 131.4}
“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” {GC 588.1}

“By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.” {CM 151.4}

“The word of God plainly declares that his law is to be scorned, trampled upon, by the world; there will be an extraordinary prevalence of iniquity. The professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin, and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony.” {1888 901.7}
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✓ “Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath, will bring about a national apostasy from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded. The religion of the Papacy will be accepted by the rulers, and the law of God will be made void.”—Manuscript 39, 1906, 1. (“The Law of God,” 1906.) {7MR 192.1}

✓ “As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example.”—Testimonies for the Church 6:18 (1900). {LDE 135.1}

✓ “Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.”—Testimonies for the Church 6:395 (1900). {LDE 135.3}

✓ “[ 2 Thessalonians 2:7, 8; Ezekiel 28:2, 6-10 quoted.] The time is fast approaching when this scripture will be fulfilled. The world and the professedly Protestant churches are in this our day taking sides with the man of sin.... The great issue that is coming will be on the seventh-day Sabbath.” (The Review and Herald, April 19, 1898). {4BC 1162.9}
“God’s people will not find their safety in working miracles, for Satan will counterfeit the miracles that will be wrought. God’s tried and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken of in Exodus 31:12-18. They are to take their stand on the living word: “It is written.” This is the only foundation upon which they can stand securely. Those who have broken their covenant with God will in that day be without God and without hope.” {9T 16.1}
“Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured.” {GC 581.1}

“God’s word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. ... Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution.” {GC 581.2}
“The words, “Thou art this head of gold,” had made a deep impression upon the ruler’s mind. Verse 38. The wise men of his realm, taking advantage of this and of his return to idolatry, proposed that he make an image similar to the one seen in his dream, and set it up where all might behold the head of gold, which had been interpreted as representing his kingdom.” {PK 504.1}

“The symbolic representation by which God had revealed to king and people His purpose for the nations of earth, was now to be made to serve for the glorification of human power. Daniel’s interpretation was to be rejected and forgotten; truth was to be misinterpreted and misapplied. The symbol designed of Heaven to unfold to the minds of men important events of the future, was to be used to hinder the spread of the knowledge that God desired the world to receive. Thus through the devisings of ambitious men, Satan was seeking to thwart the divine purpose for the human race. The enemy of mankind knew that truth unmixed with error is a power mighty to save; but that when used to exalt self and to further the projects of men, it becomes a power for evil.” {PK 505.1}
“Satan has taken the world captive. He has introduced an idol sabbath, apparently giving to it great importance. He has stolen the homage of the Christian world away from the Sabbath of the Lord for this idol sabbath. The world bows to a tradition, a man-made commandment. As Nebuchadnezzar set up his golden image on the plain of Dura, and so exalted himself, so Satan exalts himself in this false sabbath, for which he has stolen the livery of heaven.” {RH March 8, 1898, par. 13}
“The lawmaking powers will be against God’s commandment-keeping people. Every soul will be tested. Oh that we would as a people be wise for ourselves and by precept and example impart that wisdom to our children.” {1MR 48.1}

“Every position of our faith will be searched into and if we are not thorough Bible students, established, strengthened, settled, the wisdom of the world’s great men will be too much for us. The world is busy, anxious, and devoted. All are in the pursuit of some course that God has no part in. Evil is eagerly pursued as though it were righteousness, error as though it were truth, and sin as though it were holiness. Darkness is thickening, covering the earth, and gross darkness the people, and shall God’s peculiar people at such a time as this be asleep? Shall those who hold the truth be silent as if paralyzed?” Letter 65, 1886, p. 3. (To a “Sister,” December 31, 1886.) {1MR 48.2}

“Saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they (KJV) should make an image to the beast.” Here is clearly presented a form of government in which the legislative power rests with the people, a most striking evidence that the United States is the nation denoted in the prophecy.” {GC 442.3} (See GC 443-445)
“As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour’s advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: “Christ has come! Christ has come!” The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion.” {GC88 624.1}
“Any fallacy is likely to be received by a people who make void the law of God. There is a crisis just ahead of those who are acting on a short-sighted policy. The rulers of the land will take their position above the great Creator of the world. The claims of a false sabbath will be brought to the front, and the rulers and the people will act upon the principle of a short-sighted policy. The false sabbath, the first day of the week, will be accepted, and the rulers will unite with the man of sin to restore his lost ascendancy. Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath will bring about a national apostasy from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded. The religion of the Papacy will be accepted by the rulers, and the law of God will be made void.” {20MR 14.2}
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✓ “The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected.” {GC88 592.3}

✓ “The change from earth to heaven will not change men’s characters; the happiness of the redeemed in heaven results from the characters formed in this life, after the image of Christ. The saints in heaven will first have been saints on earth.” {2MR 233.2}

✓ “As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. Our people are not half awake to do all in their power, with the facilities within their reach, to extend the message of warning.” {6T 18.2}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 13:14
✓ “He [Satan] has power to bring before men the appearance of their departed friends. The counterfeit is perfect; the familiar look, the words, the tone, are reproduced with marvelous distinctness....” {TA 263.2} “Many will be confronted by the spirits of devils personating beloved relatives or friends, and declaring the most dangerous heresies. These visitants will appeal to our tenderest sympathies, and will work miracles to sustain their pretensions. We must be prepared to withstand them with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything, and that they who thus appear are the spirits of devils.” {TA 263.3} “Just before us is the “hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” All whose faith is not firmly established upon the Word of God will be deceived and overcome.”—The Great Controversy, 552, 560. {TA 263.4} “Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world, and second the testimony of religious teachers, that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.”—The Great Controversy, 591. {TA 264.1}
“In this time of prevailing iniquity, the Protestant churches that have rejected a “Thus saith the Lord,” will reach a strange pass. They will be converted to the world. In their separation from God, they will seek to make falsehood and apostasy from God the law of the nation. They will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendency of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. The Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the protection of the state. The protest of Bible truth will no longer be tolerated by those who have not made the law of God their rule of life.” {RH December 21, 1897, par. 14}

“Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested.” {GC 593.1}
“...in the effort to secure complete uniformity, it will be only a step to the resort to force. {GC 444.3} When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.” {GC 445.1}

“The “image to the beast” represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. {GC 445.2}

“Since those who keep God’s commandments are thus placed in contrast with those that worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, it follows that the keeping of God’s law, on the one hand, and its violation, on the other, will make the distinction between the worshipers of God and the worshipers of the beast. The special characteristic of the beast, and therefore of his image, is the breaking of God’s commandments.” {GC 445.3-446.1}
“To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for Sunday laws. But those who fear God, cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield will be fought the last great conflict in the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Today, as in the days of Esther and Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.” {PK 605.3}
“I saw the nominal church and nominal Adventists, like Judas, would betray us to the Catholics to obtain their influence to come against the truth. The saints then will be an obscure people, little known to the Catholics; but the churches and nominal Adventists who know of our faith and customs (for they hated us on account of the Sabbath, for they could not refute it) will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics as those who disregard the institutions of the people; that is, that they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday.” {SpM 1.5}
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“Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward, and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week, instead of the seventh day, shall be slain. And the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast. And the Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints. But before their decree bring or bear fruit, the saints will be delivered by the Voice of God. Then I saw that Jesus’ work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head.” {SpM 2.1}
“By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.” {ST 451.1}

“I was shown that God’s people, who are His peculiar treasure...The words and commands of God, written in the soul, are spirit and life, and there is power in them to bring into subjection and enforce obedience. The ten precepts of Jehovah are the foundation of all righteous and good laws. Those who love God’s commandments will conform to every good law of the land. But if the requirements of the rulers are such as conflict with the laws of God, the only question to be settled is: Shall we obey God, or man?” {1T 361.2}
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“The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb, but as speaking like a dragon.” —Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 117 (1896). {Ev 197.2}

“(Revelation 13:11-17; Revelation 16:13-16). A Confederacy of Satan’s Forces—[Revelation 17:13, 14 quoted.] “These have one mind.” There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan’s forces. “And shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.” {7BC 983.6}

See Letter to Edson and Emma: www.egwwritings.org {Lt18-1900.1-16}; “ten horns” {Lt18-1900.14}
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✓ “The dignitaries of Church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth, and in order to secure public favor, legislators will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost this nation so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet’s words: “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” [Revelation 12:17.] {4SP 410.1} “Our land is in jeopardy. The time is drawing on when its legislators shall so abjure the principles of Protestantism as to give countenance to Romish apostasy. The people for whom God has so marvelously wrought, strengthening them to throw off the galling yoke of popery, will by a national act give vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, and thus arouse the tyranny which only waits for a touch to start again into cruelty and despotism. With rapid steps are we already approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall seek the support of the secular power, thus following the example of that apostate church, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will there be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin.” {4SP 410.2}
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✓ “Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. **Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority.** They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. **Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment keepers will be misrepresented and condemned. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst construction will be put upon their motives.**” {GC 592.1}

✓ “Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines. Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience.” {GC 443.3}
It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy—the beast. Said Paul: “There” shall “come a falling away, ... and that man of sin be revealed.” 2 Thessalonians 2:3. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.” {GC 443.4}

- 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- 1 Timothy 4:1
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11
“It will not do to encourage the people to do manual work on Sunday. Sunday-keeping is not yet the mark of the beast, and will not be until the decree goes forth causing men to worship this idol sabbath.” {Ms118-1899.3}

“John was called to behold a people distinct from those who worship the beast and his image by keeping the first day of the week. The observance of this day is the mark of the beast.”{Lt31-1898.18}

“If the light of truth has been presented to you, revealing the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and showing that there is no foundation in the Word of God for Sunday observance, and yet you still cling to the false sabbath, refusing to keep holy the Sabbath which God calls “My holy day,” you receive the mark of the beast. When does this take place? When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labor on Sunday and worship God, while you know that there is not a word in the Bible showing Sunday to be other than a common working day, you consent to receive the mark of the beast, and refuse the seal of God.”—The Review and Herald, July 13, 1897. {Ev 235.2}
“Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief. {GC 625.3} As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places...” {GC 625.4}
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✓ “The beast with lamb-like horns commands “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.” [Revelation 13:16, 17.]

This is the mark concerning which the third angel utters his warning. It is the mark of the first beast, or the papacy, and is therefore to be sought among the distinguishing characteristics of that power. The prophet Daniel declared that the Roman Church, symbolized by the little horn, was to think to change times and laws, [Daniel 7:25.] while Paul styled it the man of sin, [2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.] who was to exalt himself above God. Only by changing God’s law could the papacy exalt itself above God; whoever should understandingly keep the law as thus changed would be giving supreme honor to that power by which the change was made.” {4SP 279.1}
“True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ’s righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.” {5T 81.1}

“Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour.” {5T 216.2}
“If we are living amid those fearful perils described in the word of God, should we not be awake to the realities of the situation? Why keep so silent? Why make of the least importance the things that are of the greatest interest to every one of us? The Bible should be our dearest treasure and should be earnestly studied and zealously taught to others. How can this marvelous indifference continue upon those who have had light and knowledge?” {ST 525.3} “Prophecy and history should form a part of the studies in our schools, and all who accept positions as educators should prize more and more the revealed will of God. They should, in simplicity, instruct the students. They should unfold the Scriptures and show by their own life and character the preciousness of Bible religion and the beauty of holiness; but never, for one moment, let the impression be left upon anyone that it would be for his profit to hide his faith and doctrines from the unbelieving people of the world, fearing that he might not be so highly honored if his principles were known.” {ST 525.4}
“To defy the Sunday laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. Give them no occasion to call you lawbreakers. If they are left to rein up men who fear neither God nor man, the reining up will soon lose its novelty for them, and they will see that it is not consistent nor convenient for them to be strict in regard to the observance of Sunday. Keep right on with your missionary work, with your Bibles in your hands, and the enemy will see that he has worsted his own cause. One does not receive the mark of the beast because he shows that he realizes the wisdom of keeping the peace by refraining from work that gives offense, doing at the same time a work of the highest importance.” {9T 232.3} “When we devote Sunday to missionary work, the whip will be taken out of the hands of the arbitrary zealots who would be well pleased to humiliate Seventh-day Adventists. When they see that we employ ourselves on Sunday in visiting the people and opening the Scriptures to them, they will know that it is useless for them to try to hinder our work by making Sunday laws.” {9T 232.4}
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✓ “We ought now to be heeding the injunction of our Saviour: “Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not.” It is now that our brethren should be cutting down their possessions instead of increasing them. We are about to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Then let us not be dwellers upon the earth, but be getting things into as compact a compass as possible.” {5T 152.1} “The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save him that hath the mark of the beast... Now is our opportunity to work.” {5T 152.2}

✓ “Trial and persecution will come to all who, in obedience to the Word of God, refuse to worship this false sabbath. Force is the last resort of every false religion. At first it tries attraction, as the king of Babylon tried the power of music and outward show. If these attractions, invented by men inspired by Satan, failed to make men worship the image, the hungry flames of the furnace were ready to consume them. So it will be now.” {ST May 6, 1897, par. 16}
“A time is coming when the law of God is, in a special sense, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God’s people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin.” {RH December 18, 1888, Art. A, par. 6}
The warfare against God’s law, which was begun in heaven, will be continued until the end of time. Every man will be tested. Obedience or disobedience is the question to be decided by the whole world. All will be called to choose between the law of God and the laws of men. Here the dividing line will be drawn. There will be but two classes. Every character will be fully developed; and all will show whether they have chosen the side of loyalty or that of rebellion. Then the end will come. God will vindicate His law and deliver His people. Satan and all who have joined him in rebellion will be cut off. Sin and sinners will perish, root and branch, (Malachi 4:1),—Satan the root, and his followers the branches. The word will be fulfilled to the prince of evil, “Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; ... I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.... Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.” Then “the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be;” “they shall be as though they had not been.” Ezekiel 28:6-19; Psalm 37:10; Obadiah 1:16.” [DA 763.3-4]
“Babylon is also charged with unlawful connection with the “kings of the earth.” By departure from the Lord and alliance with the heathen the Jewish church became a harlot, and Rome, seeking the support of worldly powers, receives a like condemnation.” {HF 237.5}

“Babylon is “the mother of harlots.” Her daughters must be churches that cling to her doctrines and follow her example of sacrificing truth in order to form an alliance with the world. The message announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the judgment, it must be given in the last days. Therefore it cannot refer to the Roman Church alone, for that church has been in a fallen condition for centuries.” {HF 238.1}
“The theory of eternal torment is one of the false doctrines that constitute the wine of the abominations of Babylon.” {FLB 176.4}

“If we turn from the testimony of God’s word, and accept false doctrines because our fathers taught them, we fall under the condemnation pronounced upon Babylon; we are drinking of the wine of her abomination.” {GC 536.3}

“The inhabitants of the Noachian world were destroyed, because they were corrupted through the indulgence of perverted appetite. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed through the gratification of unnatural appetite, which benumbed the intellect, and they could not discern the difference between the sacred claims of God and the clamor of appetite. The latter enslaved them, and they became so ferocious and bold in their detestable abomination that God would not tolerate them upon the earth. God ascribes the wickedness of Babylon to her gluttony and drunkenness.” {HR October 1, 1872, Art. A, par. 5}
“Eternal torment is one of the false doctrines, the wine of abominations (Revelation 14:8; 17:2), which Babylon makes all nations drink. Ministers of Christ accepted this heresy from Rome as they received the false sabbath. If we turn from God’s Word and accept false doctrines because our fathers taught them, we fall under the condemnation pronounced on Babylon; we are drinking of the wine of her abominations.” {HF 331.1}

“A large class are driven to the opposite error. They see that Scripture represents God as a being of love and compassion and cannot believe that He will consign His creatures to an eternally burning hell. Holding that the soul is naturally immortal, they conclude that all mankind will be saved. Thus the sinner can live in selfish pleasure, disregarding the requirements of God, and yet be received into His favor. Such doctrine, presuming on God’s mercy but ignoring His justice, pleases the carnal heart.” {HF 331.2}
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 ✓ “Men are binding themselves together in bonds of union to show their disloyalty to the God of heaven. The first day of the week is to be exalted and presented to all for observance. Shall we be partakers of this cup of abomination?” {RH April 15, 1890, par. 12}

 ✓ “True sanctification is found in yielding the will to the will of God, in rendering obedience to his commandments, and in making his standard of righteousness the aim of our life. If men would consent to follow the Lord fully, if they were not confused with the wine of Babylon, they would see that to tamper with the Lord’s standard, to depart from his commandments, is the worst species of rebellion. This is well represented as the wine of the wrath of the abomination of Babylon, the cup which she has presented to all nations to drink.” {ST November 14, 1895, par. 9}

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✓ “Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a
great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. God’s
people should be preparing for what is to break upon the world as an
overwhelming surprise.” {CG 555.2} “Our time is precious. We have but a few, a
very few, days of probation in which to make ready for the future, immortal
life.” {CG 555.3}

✓ “Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the
heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of
devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten
them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle
against the government of Heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will
be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ himself, and
claiming the title and worship which belong to the world’s Redeemer. They will
perform wonderful miracles of healing, and will profess to have revelations
from Heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.” {GC88 623.3}
“It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul’s need to be supplied.” {COL 412.1}
“The preaching of definite time called forth great opposition from all classes, from the minister in the pulpit down to the most reckless, heaven-daring sinner. “No man knoweth the day nor the hour,” was heard from the hypocritical minister and the bold scoffer. Neither would be instructed and corrected by those who were pointing to the year when they believed the prophetic periods would run out, and to the signs which showed Christ near, even at the doors. Many shepherds of the flock, who professed to love Jesus, said that they had no opposition to the preaching of Christ’s coming, but they objected to the definite time. God’s all-seeing eye read their hearts. They did not love Jesus near. They knew that their unchristian lives would not stand the test, for they were not walking in the humble path marked out by Him. These false shepherds stood in the way of the work of God. The truth spoken in its convincing power aroused the people, and like the jailer, they began to inquire, “What must I do to be saved?” But these shepherds stepped in between the truth and the people, and preached smooth things to lead them from the truth. They united with Satan and his angels, crying, “Peace, peace,” when there was no peace. Those who loved their ease and were content with their distance from God would not be aroused from their carnal security. I saw that angels of God marked it all; the garments of those unconsecrated shepherds were covered with the blood of souls.” {EW 233.2}
“We see before us a special work to be done. We are now to pray as never before for the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Let us seek the Lord with the whole heart, that we may find him. We have received the light of the three angels’ messages; and we need now to come decidedly to the front, and take our position on the side of truth.” {RH October 13, 1904, par. 1} “The fourteenth chapter of Revelation is a chapter of the deepest interest. This scripture will soon be understood in all its bearings, and the messages given to John the revelator will be repeated with distinct utterance.” {par. 2} “The prophecies in the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel’s message, “another angel” is to “come down from heaven, having great power...” {par. 3} “Amid the confusing cries, “Lo, here is Christ! Lo, there is Christ!” will be borne a special testimony, a special message of truth appropriate for this time, which message is to be received, believed, and acted upon. It is the truth, not fanciful ideas, that is efficacious.” {par. 6} “The proclamation of the gospel is the only means in which God can employ human beings as his instrumentalities for the salvation of souls.” {RH October 13, 1904, par. 7}

What wasn’t yet understood about Revelation 14 by Ellen White in 1904?
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✓ “There is to be, at this period, a series of events which will reveal that God is Master of the situation. The truth will be proclaimed in clear, unmistakable language. As a people, we must prepare the way of the Lord, under the overruling guidance of the Holy Spirit. The gospel is to be given in its purity..., they will proclaim the truth with power. Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulties will be removed, and cast into the sea. The message that means so much to the dwellers upon the earth, will be heard and understood. Men will know what is truth. Onward, and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned. And then shall the end come.” {RH July 5, 1906, par. 6}

✓ “November 12, 1902: “The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another,—fire and flood and earthquakes, with war and bloodshed. Something great and decisive will soon of necessity take place.” {RH July 5, 1906, par. 36}
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✓ “Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. The tremendous issues of eternity demand of us something besides an imaginary religion, a religion of words and forms, where truth is kept in the outer court. God calls for a revival and a reformation. The words of the Bible and the Bible alone, should be heard…” {PK 626.1}
✓ “As the message of Christ’s first advent announced the kingdom of His grace, so the message of His second advent announces the kingdom of His glory. And the second message, like the first, is based on the prophecies.” {DA 234.4}
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✓ “Those to whom the message of truth is spoken seldom ask, “Is it true?” but, “By whom is it advocated?” Multitudes estimate it by the numbers who accept it; and the question is still asked, “Have any of the learned men or religious leaders believed?” Men are no more favorable to real godliness now than in the days of Christ. They are just as intently seeking earthly good, to the neglect of eternal riches; and it is not an argument against the truth, that large numbers are not ready to accept it, or that it is not received by the world’s great men, or even by the religious leaders.” {DA 459.5}

✓ “Different periods in the history of the church have each been marked by the development of some special truth, adapted to the necessities of God’s people at that time. Every new truth has made its way against hatred and opposition; those who were blessed with its light were tempted and tried. The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency. Who dare refuse to publish it? He commands His servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent, except at the peril of their souls. Christ’s ambassadors have nothing to do with consequences. They must perform their duty and leave results with God.” {GC 609.1}
“As we were traveling along, we met a company who also were gazing at the glories of the place. I noticed red as a border on their garments; their crowns were brilliant; their robes were pure white. As we greeted them, I asked Jesus who they were. He said they were martyrs that had been slain for Him. With them was an innumerable company of little ones; they also had a hem of red on their garments. **Mount Zion was just before us, and on the mount was a glorious temple, and about it were seven other mountains**, on which grew roses and lilies. And I saw the little ones climb, or, if they chose, use their little wings and fly, to the top of the mountains and pluck the never-fading flowers. There were all kinds of trees around the temple to beautify the place: the box, the pine, the fir, the oil, the myrtle, the pomegranate, and the fig tree bowed down with the weight of its timely figs—these made the place all over glorious. And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised His lovely voice and said, “Only the 144,000 enter this place,” and we shouted, “Alleluia.” {EW 18.2}

– **Mount Zion, containing the Sanctuary of Heaven (including the throne of God), is surrounded by 7 mountains**
“Babylon is said to be “the mother of harlots.” By her daughters must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions, and follow her example of sacrificing the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world. The message of Revelation 14, announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the judgment, it must be given in the last days; therefore it cannot refer to the Roman Church alone, for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon. According to this scripture, many of God’s people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith. In the words of the prophet to Israel: “Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through My comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God.” But they fell by the same desire which was the curse and ruin of Israel—the desire of imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly. “Thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown.” Ezekiel 16:14, 15. {GC 382.3}
“Marvelous in her shrewdness and cunning is the Roman Church. She can read what is to be. She bides her time, seeing that the Protestant churches are paying her homage in their acceptance of the false sabbath and that they are preparing to enforce it by the very means which she herself employed in bygone days. Those who reject the light of truth will yet seek the aid of this self-styled infallible power to exalt an institution that originated with her. How readily she will come to the help of Protestants in this work it is not difficult to conjecture. Who understands better than the papal leaders how to deal with those who are disobedient to the church?” {GC 580.1}

“What is it that gives its kingdom to this power? Protestantism, a power which while professing to have the temper and spirit of a lamb, and to be allied to heaven, speaks with the voice of a dragon. It is moved by a power from beneath.” {Lt232-1899.22}
"Satan will work miracles to deceive those who dwell on the earth. Spiritualism will do its work, by causing the dead to be personated. Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God’s message of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power in persecuting the church. The Protestant churches will unite with the papal power in persecuting the commandment-keeping people of God. This union will constitute the great system of persecution which will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men.” {Ms16-1900.7}
“I stated [at the 1888 General Conference Session] that...there was to be special light for God's people as they neared the closing scenes of this earth's history. Another angel was to come down from heaven with a message, and the whole earth was to be lighted with his glory. It would be impossible for us to state just how this additional light will come. It might come in a very unexpected manner, in a way that would not agree with the ideas that many have conceived. It is not at all unlikely, or contrary to the ways and works of God to send light to His people in unexpected ways. Would it be right that every avenue should be closed...?” {Lt22-1889.28} {13MR 334.2} {1888 239.1}

“Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. God’s people should be preparing for what is to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.” {CG 555.2}

“A message will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into a loud cry. Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony” {2MR 20.1} {21MR 437.3}(Letter 54, 1906: What "message" was yet to be provided after 1906?)
Ellen White Comments  Rev 17; 18:1

✓ “…history should be a solemn warning to us. We need never expect that when the Lord has light for His people, Satan will stand calmly by and make no effort to prevent them from receiving it. He will work upon minds to excite distrust and jealousy and unbelief. Let us beware that we do not refuse the light God sends, because it does not come in a way to please us. Let not God’s blessing be turned away from us because we know not the time of our visitation. If there are any who do not see and accept the light themselves, let them not stand in the way of others. Let it not be said of this highly favored people, as of the Jews when the good news of the kingdom was preached to them: “Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.” {ST 728.1} “We are taught in God’s word that this is the time, above all others, when we may look for light from heaven.” {ST 728.2} “To souls that are earnestly seeking for light and that accept with gladness every ray of divine illumination from His holy word, to such alone light will be given. It is through these souls that God will reveal that light and power which will lighten the whole earth with His glory.” {ST 729.2}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 17; 18:1

✓ “When a new view is presented, the question is often asked, “Who are its advocates? What is the position or influence of the one who would teach us, who have been students of the Bible for many years?” God will send His words of warning by whom He will send. And the question to be settled is not what person is it who brings the message; this does not in any way affect the word spoken. “By their fruits ye shall know them.” {Lt19d-1892.18} “...there are good things to come to the people of God in a way that we had not discerned and that there will be resistance from the very ones we least expected to engage in such a work...” {Lt19d-1892.22}

✓ “We must not trust to others to search the Scriptures for us. Some of our leading brethren have frequently taken their position on the wrong side; and if God would send a message and wait for these older brethren to open the way for its advancement, it would never reach the people.” {GW 303.3}
“But the Lord will use in the accomplishment of His work means that we do not now see. He will raise up from among the common people men and women to do His work, even as of old He called fishermen to be His disciples. **There will soon be an awakening that will surprise many.** Those who do not realize the necessity of what is to be done will be passed by, and the heavenly messengers will work with those who are called the common people, fitting them to carrying the truth to many places.”  {Lt75-1905.4}

“**Study your Bible** as you have never studied it before. Unless you arise to a higher, holier state in your religious life, you will not be ready for the appearing of our Lord. As great light has been given, God expects **corresponding zeal**, faithfulness, and devotion on the part of His people. **There must be more spirituality, a deeper consecration to God, and a zeal in His work that has never yet been reached.** Much time should be spent in prayer, that our garments of character may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.”  {ST 717.1}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 17; 18:1-3

✓ “I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. ...The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel’s message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel’s message.” {EW 277.1} “...This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel’s message in 1844.” {EW 277.2}
“The Lord has given to some ministers the ability to gather and hold large congregations. This calls for the exercise of tact and skill. In the cities of today, where there is so much to attract and please, the people can be interested by no ordinary efforts. Ministers of God’s appointment will find it necessary to put forth extraordinary efforts in order to arrest the attention of the multitudes. And when they succeed in bringing together a large number of people, they must bear messages of a character so out of the usual order that the people will be aroused and warned. They must make use of every means that can possibly be devised for causing the truth to stand out clearly and distinctly. The testing message for this time is to be borne so plainly and decidedly as to startle the hearers, and lead them to desire to study the Scriptures.” {RH February 21, 1907, par. 3}

Boldly will men of God’s appointment denounce the union of the church with the world. Fearlessly they will call upon men and women to turn from the observance of a man-made institution to the observance of the true Sabbath.” {RH November 20, 1913, par. 11}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 17; 18:1

✓ “Most startling messages will be borne by men of God’s appointment, messages of a character to warn the people, to arouse them. And while some will be provoked by the warning, and led to resist light and evidence, we are to see from this that we are giving the testing message for this time.”—Letter 159, 1901, p. 1. (To Brother Haskell, November 3, 1901.) {6MR 239.1}

✓ “I have been shown that Jesus will reveal to us precious old truths in a new light if we are ready to receive them; but they must be received in the very way in which the Lord shall choose to send them. With humble, softened hearts, with respect and love for one another, search your Bibles. The light may not come in accordance with plans that men may devise.” {Ms15-1888.20}

✓ “There will be a series of events revealing that God is master of the situation.” {9T 96.2}
“Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon his children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time, to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” {GC88 464.1}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 18:1

“**The law of God is to be magnified**; its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. **Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness.** The message of Christ’s righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel.”  {6T 19.1}
Ellen White Comments  Rev 18:1

✓ “...who of those that acted a part in the meeting at Minneapolis have come to the light and received the rich treasures of truth which the Lord sent them from heaven? ...Who have made full confession of their mistaken zeal, their blindness, their jealousies and evil surmisings, their defiance of truth? Not one; and because of their long neglect to acknowledge the light, it has left them far behind; ... They have failed to receive the needed grace which they might have had,...” {Lt2a-1892.15}

✓ “God meant that the watchmen should arise, and with united voices send forth a decided message, giving the trumpet a certain sound, that the people might all spring to their post of duty, and act their part in the great work. Then the strong, clear light of that other angel who comes down from heaven having great power, would have filled the earth with his glory. We are years behind; and those, who stood in blindness and hindered the advancement of the very message that God meant should go forth from the Minneapolis meeting as a lamp that burneth, have need to humble their hearts before God and see and understand how the work has been hindered by their blindness of mind and hardness of heart.” {Lt2a-1892.18}
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✓ “In the revelation that Christ gave are linked together in a chain of truth the important messages of warning that are to be given to the world before Christ’s second coming. The last message of mercy is to be proclaimed where it has never yet been heard. The workers are to labor with such self-denial, such self-sacrifice, that the message will be borne to those who have not heard it.”  
Letter 110, 1902, p. 4. (To Dr. David Paulson, July 7, 1902.) {1MR 372.3}  

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

✓ “We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. We are not to be surprised at this time by events both great and decisive; for the angel of mercy cannot remain much longer to shelter the impenitent.” {PK 278.1}
“The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church-members love what the world loves, and are ready to join with them; and Satan determines to unite them in one body, and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of Spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world, and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.” {GC88 588.3}

“My brethren, do you realize that your own salvation, as well as the destiny of other souls, depends upon the preparation you now make for the trial before us? Have you that intensity of zeal, that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when opposition shall be brought against you? If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when you will be brought before councils, and every position of truth which you hold will be severely criticized. The time that so many are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge that God has given us of preparing for the approaching crisis.” {5T 716.4}
“In the last vision given me, I was shown the startling fact that but a small portion of those who now profess the truth will be sanctified by it and be saved. Many will get above the simplicity of the work. They will conform to the world, cherish idols, and become spiritually dead. The humble, self-sacrificing followers of Jesus will pass on to perfection, leaving behind the indifferent and lovers of the world.” {1T 608.3}

“Soon God’s people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and conformed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers.” {5T, pg 136}

“As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.” {GC 608.2}

“Satan has prepared various snares to meet varied minds. When the law of God is made void the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger proportion than we now anticipate, will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” {2SM 368.1}
“We need not be deceived. Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. God’s Word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick, and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed. These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test.”—Selected Messages 2:53. {TA 264.3}

“Some will be tempted to receive these wonders as from God. The sick will be healed before us. Miracles will be performed in our sight. Are we prepared for the trial which awaits us when the lying wonders of Satan shall be more fully exhibited? Will not many souls be ensnared and taken? By departing from the plain precepts and commandments of God, and giving heed to fables, the minds of many are preparing to receive these lying wonders. We must all now seek to arm ourselves for the contest in which we must soon engage. Faith in God’s Word, prayerfully studied and practically applied, will be our shield from Satan’s power and will bring us off conquerors through the blood of Christ.”—Testimonies for the Church 1:302. {TA 265.1}
Additional Information

✓ 12/1/15 article announcing a Papal audit and Pope Francis’ likely resignation in 2020:

✓ 1/14/16 article, “What Pope Benedict Knew About Abuse in the Catholic Church”:

✓ 2/12/16 Joint Declaration with the Russian Orthodox Church:

✓ 3/16/16 Pope Benedict takes conservative position supporting Vatican II
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