

END OF TIME SERIES

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We urgently need a clearer understanding of coming events. That knowledge can help protect us from a variety of errors when they are presented.

(**NOTE**- This series has not only the more common quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy, but also many rare and even some unpublished material.)

END OF TIME SERIES - PART ONE

THE COUNTERFEIT REVIVAL AND THE THREEFOLD UNION

It is crucial that you and I obtain a clear understanding of last-day events. The God of heaven wanted us to have this information, so He wrote it out in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. We urgently need to dig out that information and bring it together. This present series of studies does just that. It is based on the most complete compilation of final event statements in the Spirit of Prophecy that has ever been compiled.

This series will provide you with an overview of these events, so you can easily learn them. But more: you can share with your friends and loved ones, so they can learn more about what is soon to come in our world as a shock.

The decisions we are today making, along with the words and actions accompanying them, will greatly affect what we will do when the coming crisis suddenly breaks upon us all. It is urgent that we now study and, by faith in Christ, carefully obey what is written in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. It is my concern that these video studies-and the written studies they

are based on-will help you and your loved ones be better prepared for what is so soon to come on the earth.

Let us now begin. First, let us consider the

FIVE LANDMARK EVENTS

– between us and eternity:

It is easiest to learn information, when you have other information to tie it to. All of the final events are connected to one or the other of five key events. Here are these events:

- 1 - The U.S. national Sunday law.
- 2 - The general close of probation.
- 3 - The Voice of God.
- 4 - The second coming of Christ.
- 5 - The third coming of Christ.

The first grouping of final events begins with events, which throw us into the national Sunday law, and several events, which follow. That group of events will end with the general close of probation. All of these events, which occur before the general close of probation, are especially important for us—and for the entire world.

The crisis itself will be keyed to the U.S. enactment of a strict national Sunday law. That event will catapult us into the future wind-up of human affairs. All other events around it will find their reference point in that moment in time.

The national Sunday law will very quickly set into operation a surprising number of other important occurrences. Therefore, much of the present section of this study will consist of connecting this law to other: related events before and after it, and those events to still others.

Here is—

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HOW IT WILL BEGIN

Decades of increasing violation of the ten commandments by individuals, families, businesses, and governments has produced immorality, fiscal irresponsibility, confusion, crime, terror and bloodshed. The mounting problems will lead the nation—and then the entire world—to the adoption of draconian governmental Sunday laws.

When the amount of decadence reaches a certain point, Satan will be permitted to work more openly. Desperate for power, churchmen will welcome a strange excitement that appears to be working in the churches. Evil spirits will prompt those leaders with the idea that the only solution is governmentally-mandated Sundaykeeping. On this issue of Sunday legislation, apostate Protestant churches and the Vatican will find themselves in closer harmony than ever before.

It will be the sense of spiritist power undergirding it, that will impel Catholicism and the fallen Protestant churches to lay aside their differences and form a close working union to achieve commonly-held objectives. Their willingness to move into line on the Sunday issue will bring a response of approving spiritist manifestations. Even though based on shallow appearances and emotional highs, the powerful excitement will be accepted as proof that Sundaykeeping is the will of God for the nations. The awareness that hidden power is being made available as they work toward Sunday legislation, will prompt them to move forward in forming a solid union of denominations, representing millions of members, determined to force

the U.S. Congress to enact a binding national Sunday law.

A coalition of Protestant churches will lead out in pressuring politicians, also desperate for solutions,—to enact a national Sunday law.

That legislation will initially be enacted as a political favor; that is, the secular politicians will enact it to the increasingly-powerful religious right, thinking that all they are doing is fulfilling just another political favor. Little do they realize that they have opened the door to something, which when it enters, they cannot control.

But enactment of that law will suddenly, dramatically change everything! It will open the floodgates of Satanic manifestations upon, not only the United States, but the entire world.

And we will suddenly be thrown into the final crisis. About four dozen events will rapidly follow, which will carry us down to the second coming of Christ.

An important question is this: What will be the first event in the final events which will bring on the second coming of Christ?

What will be the special event, which will throw us into the national Sunday law?

It is true that many other predicted events both precede and accompany the events during the final crisis. These include wars and rumors of wars, capital and racial conflicts, natural disasters, and crises in the cities.

But there are certain events, which we term the "closing events." What is the very first of these?

Let us now look at

– **EVENT 1** –

THE EXCITEMENT

That first event will be a very unusual excitement in the Sunday-keeping churches. Read this: Early Writings, page 261:

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and **before the plagues** shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and **before the loud cry** of the third angel is given, **he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them.** He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches."-Early Writings, 261:1.

As we will discuss later, the latter rain comes at the beginning of the loud cry; and just after the national Sunday law. But the counterfeit revival-Satan's counterfeit of the latter rain-will precede the true latter rain upon God's people. It will appear to be God's blessing upon the disobedient churches. Satan will use it to extend his influence over the Christian world.

This counterfeit revival will be the first event; the event which catapults our nation into the national Sunday law.

Here is the order of four special events:

- (1) the counterfeit revival.
- (2) the national Sunday law.
- (3) the latter rain.
- (4) the loud cry.

Here is a second important statement: Great Controversy, 464:

"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. . 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.** - Great Controversy, 464:2

But, now –

WHY IS IT EXCITING?

What did we learn from the two statements we have already read?

First - It is an excitement.

Second - It occurs among the "fallen churches," among the "nominal Adventists," "in those religious bodies which have rejected the truth," and "in those churches which he [Satan] can bring under his deceptive power."

What causes the excitement?

- 1 -It is a counterfeit outpouring of a spirit which occurs before the true latter rain.
- 2 - It will appear that God's special blessing is being given.
- 3 - It is thought by the people that a great, new religious interest has occurred.
- 4 - They think God is working marvelously for them.

Of course, all that reminds us of the celebration churches-showing us that they are very significant, and very dangerous. We should have nothing to do with them. Something like them-will suddenly erupt into a stupendous excitement which will win so much favor from the general public-that the U.S. Congress will yield to the demand of Protestant churches for a national Sunday law.

Why will the churches welcome this excitement?

1 - There will be a supernatural power, which will give these churches greater influence over the secular multitudes.

2 - There will be great emotional excitement and healings.

3 - But, especially important to them, –there will also be church growth –large increases in attendance and membership. Mark it well: the excitement will appear to cause the church growth, and it will be called the "great power of God."

Beware! Beware! Any denomination or local church which tries to use excitement to increase membership is on dangerous ground.

And, conversely, any religious organization which is willing to do whatever it takes - including sacrificing church standards and beliefs –to gain more members –is on dangerous ground!

Any church doing such a thing will ere long be overcome by Satan, unless it repents and returns to right practices. It will become "one of those churches which he [Satan] can bring under his deceptive power."

Here is a companion prediction regarding what will happen at the end of time, before probation closes:

We are told there will be shouting, drums, music, and dancing.

"The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place **Just before the close of probation**. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. **There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing**. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions.

"**A bedlam of noise** shocks the senses and perverts that which if conducted aright might be a blessing. **The powers of satanic agencies blend with the din and noise** to have a carnival, and this is termed the Holy Spirit's working. . Those things which have been in the past will be in the future. Satan will make music a snare by the way in which it is conducted." -2 Selected Messages, 36:23, 38:1.

So there are at least four factors that are part of the excitement:

- 1 - Satanic power-through a counterfeit outpouring.
- 2 - Great emotional excitement and-as we will learn later-healings.
- 3 - Great apparent religious interest, and large increases in church membership.
- 4 - Drums and wild music-called the "Holy Spirit's working." But there is a fifth factor:
- 5 - That excitement will bring the churches together!

SATANIC EXCITEMENT PREPARES CHURCHES FOR THE UNION

Now for the question: How can we know that this excitement is the key, first event which will bring on all the other final events?

We can know for two reasons:

First - We can know that there will be excitement –plenty of it –in the churches, from the union of churches onward till the close of probation and onward to the sounding of the Voice of God. The statements are clear on this. The beginning of that excitement comes just before the national Sunday law. *THIS is the beginning of that excitement!* Second –It is this excitement, which brings on the union of churches!

There is yet something else that this excitement accomplishes; indeed, something that helps make the excitement! This excitement is the beginning, in a very real way, of the reaching across the gulf by the forces of spiritism, Protestantism, and Catholicism to clasp their hands together!

The loud cry, which will begin shortly afterward, will bring warning to all the world that it must obey God's holy ten-commandment law-and not hallow the Sunday, as commanded by the national Sunday law. But, a little before the loud cry, Satan will raise an excitement in the fallen churches which will unify them in their attainment of certain objectives.

Let us now turn our attention to –

– EVENT 2 –

THE THREEFOLD UNION

To begin with, just what is the threefold union?

It will be a religious confederation of three major groups: the Sundaykeeping Protestant churches, the Roman Catholic church, and the varied elements and manifestations of Spiritism (also called "Spiritualism"). These three forces will unite in their common objective of enacting legislation enforcing one erroneous religious teaching. Their corrupt confederation will first take shape in the United States. Having achieved success in that nation, they will then successfully press for similar governmental decrees in other nations. As soon as that law is enacted in a given nation, its government will have formed an image of-an image to-the beast.

Men have tried for over a century to bring the churches together. But the event which will "finally do it-will be an the astounding power from beneath. It will generate an energized excitement in the churches.

At last, it will appear that the world is coming into the churches!

Remember this: When men adopt wrong principles in order to obtain power and authority, they invite the control of demons.

Then the demons are permitted to work as they wish. In this case, they will bring great excitement, and men will interpret it as deeper spirituality and the favor of God.

Then the demons will whisper two things which must be done to please God:

First - Unite the churches.

Second - Unify them in certain doctrines. It will be the unity on doctrine which will "unite the churches."

So then, how will the churches unite on those doctrines? They will unite on them– by the enactment of national Sunday laws.

Which churches will be united? The Sundaykeeping churches of Christendom: the Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox churches. Now, let us consider

THE PROTESTANT-CATHOLIC UNION OF CHURCHES

We say it will be a "threefold union." Yes, it will be a threefold union, but, to human eyes, it will only appear to be a twofold union. Although Spiritistic forces will empower what is done, yet it will be human agencies Protestant and Catholic –which will do it. True to his usual cunning, Satan will display his great power, without revealing its source. The crisis will come when Protestants and Catholics unite to coerce governments into enacting harsh Sunday laws. Here is how closely this confederation will tie them together:

First, it will be a fellowship.

"Protestantism shall give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power.

Then there will be a law against the Sabbath of God's creation, and then it is that God will do His 'strange work' in the earth." -7 Bible Commentary, 910/2:0-1.

Second, it will be a confederacy.

"The professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin, and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony." -7 Bible Commentary, 975/2:2.

Third, in using the state to achieve their objectives, papists and Protestants will unite.

"The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, **and In this work papists and Protestants unite.**" -Great Controversy, 607:1.

THE TWO UNITING. EMPOWERING DOCTRINES

What will be those doctrines which the churches will unite on? It is more than one; what are they?

It is important we understand this: The basis on which they unite is ALSO the basis of their power. It is two doctrinal beliefs.

"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 inevitable result." -Great Controversy, 445:1.

"The wide diversity of belief in the Protestant churches is regarded by many as decisive proof that no effort to secure a forced uniformity can ever be made. But there has been for years, in churches of the Protestant faith, a strong and growing sentiment in favor of **a union based upon common points of doctrine**. To secure such a union, the discussion of subjects upon which all were not agreed-however important they might be from a Bible standpoint-must necessarily be waived." -Great Controversy, 444:2.

Do not misunderstand: These churches will suddenly be in command of power that they have never had before! Power with the multitudes and, they will soon learn, power with Congress. It will be power from Satan because of their union on those two special errors.

"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." - Great Controversy, 588:1.

The first doctrine: The first unifying error is the belief that men continue to live in spirit form after they die. This error unites the churches to Satan-so he can powerfully work his deceptions and wonders among them so he can powerfully control their minds.

The second doctrine: The second unifying error is the belief that Sunday, the first day of the week, is sacred. This error unites the churches with one another!

The first error unites the churches with Satan; the second unites them with one another. United with Satan, they become energized by him -and he tells them to demand obedience from all men in the nation to unify them in Sunday keeping.

THIS UNION WILL GREATLY AFFECT PROTESTANTISM

We are told in Great Controversy that both those doctrines originated with Rome. By championing these two dogmas of Rome, Satan will lead Protestantism into subservience to Rome.

In coercing the government to pass this law, Protestantism will essentially have united with the papacy.

"When our nation [the United States] shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, **Protestantism will In this act Join hands with popery**; it will be nothing else than **giving life to the tyranny** which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism." -5 Testimonies, 712:0.

But it is Protestantism, which will change, not Catholicism.

"How the Roman church can clear herself from the charge of idolatry we cannot see. . . And this is the religion which Protestants are beginning to look upon with so much favor, and **which will eventually be united with Protestantism**. This union will not, however, be effected by a change in Catholicism, for Rome never changes. She claims infallibility. It is Protestantism that will change. The adoption of liberal ideas on its part will bring it where it can clasp the hand of Catholicism."-Review, June 1, 1886.

By entering this union, Protestantism will have emptied itself of God's power-and given the control into the hands of Satan.

"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.** " - 7 Bible Commentary, 983/2:1.

In voiding God's law, Protestantism will have joined Catholicism-and the world.

"When the law of God is made void; **when the Christian world is joined to the Catholic and the worldly**, in making of none effect the commandments of God, then God's chosen people arise to defend the law of Jehovah:'-Evangelism, 226:5-227:0.

This union will not only bring the world and the churches together, –it will unite them under one head: the pope of Rome.

"As we approach the last crisis it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. **Yet under one head –the papal power –the people will unite** to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate." –7 Testimonies, 182:2.

"Protestants. . . are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. "-Great Controversy, 573:1.

"There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests. "-5 Testimonies, 711:4.

It is Catholic principles, which are being urged, and it is subservience to Rome, which results. Because Protestants will lead out in urging this servile legislation, Protestantism will thereby bring itself under Roman dominion.

"They are working in blindness. They do not see that if a Protestant government sacrifices the principles that have made them a free, independent nation, and through legislation brings into the Constitution, principles that will propagate papal falsehood and papal delusion, they are plunging into the Roman horrors of the Dark Ages." -Review Extra, December 11, 1888.

"There is a satanic force propelling the Sunday movement, but it is concealed. Even the men who are engaged in the work, are themselves blinded to the results which will follow their movement." -Review, January 1, 1889.

THE THREEFOLD UNION WILL COERCE THE GOVERNMENT

This threefold union will work toward one primary objective, and in reaching that objective it will succeed.

The U.S. Government will be pressured into enacting the national Sunday law. Coercion will be applied to force the people to accept a papal teaching.

It will be the combined impact of the threefold union, which will have brought this about.

Passage of that law will lead to very evil results. In reaching across the gulf, the U.S. government will have taken an unretraceable step to destroy liberty of conscience. (Later, we will learn that it will be the unleashing of spiritist forces by this enacted law, which will render the situation so unreversable.)

Consider now the unreversable step.

"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." Great Controversy, 588:1.

"**When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion**, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, **then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state**. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin."- Evangelism, 235:1.

IT WILL BRING THE NATION UNDER SUBSERVIENCE TO PAPAL PRINCIPLES

By enacting this law, all America will be affected. The nation will have accepted the principles of Romanism.

"In the time of testing and trial the shield of Omnipotence will be spread over those whom God has made the depositories of His law. When **legislators** shall abjure the [religious liberty] principles of Protestantism, so as to give countenance and the right hand of fellowship to **Romanism**, then **God will Interpose** in a special manner in behalf of His own honor and the salvation of His people."-5 Testimonies, 525:1.

Indeed, when that happens –the religion of the papacy will be accepted by the rulers of our nation!

"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."-7 Manuscript Release, 192:1 (1906).

"It is at the time of the national apostasy when, acting on the policy of Satan, **the rulers of the land will rank themselves on the side of the man of sin**. It is then the measure of guilt is full. The national apostasy is the signal for national ruin."-2 Selected Messages, 979:0.

It will place Catholic principles under the care and protection of the state.

"**Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state**. This national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin." -Review, June 15, 1897.

The result will be a common objective –which will be almost overmastering in its power over the minds of the people.

" '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."- Maranatha, 187:9.

IT WILL BRING THE NATION UNDER SATAN'S POWER

Protestantism will be the tool of the Vatican to do its work. But the devil will be at the bottom of it all. Satan will be leading in this union, guiding it towards his objectives.

"There is one pointed out in prophecy as the man of sin. He is the representative of Satan. . **Here is Satan's right-hand man ready to carry on the work that Satan commenced in heaven**, that of trying to amend the law of God. And the Christian world has sanctioned his efforts by adopting this child of the Papacy –the Sunday institution." Quoted in Robert W. Olsen's Crisis Ahead, p.12.

"Not a move has been made in exalting the idol sabbath, in bringing around Sunday observance through legislation, but **Satan has been behind it**, and has been the chief worker."-7 Bible Commentary, 910.

"When the legislature frames laws which exalt the first day of the week, and put it in the place of the seventh day, **the device of Satan will be perfected**,"-7 Bible Commentary, 976.

"This false sabbath is to be enforced by an oppressive law. **Satan and his angels are wide awake and intensely active**, working with energy and perseverance through human instrumentalities to bring about his purpose of obliteration from the minds of men the knowledge of God." -7 Bible Commentary, 985.

IT WILL BRING PERSECUTION TO GOD'S PEOPLE

As a result of this union, the national Sunday law will be enacted, and all the wrath of the infernal one and his agents will be directed against those who obey the commandments of God. The people of the Bible will be hated, and the world will want to blot them from the earth.

We have already mentioned several factors resulting in the passage of the national Sunday law. But there is another reason it will be enacted: Satan will incite the people to hate Sabbathkeepers:

ENACTMENT URGED BECAUSE OF HATRED OF SABBATHKEEPERS

We are specifically told that it will be hatred of Sabbath keepers which will urge the people on to enact that national Sunday law! The same pattern will be seen as occurred in the days of Queen Esther, when Mordecai refused to show reverence to a man.

This hatred will lead the churches to coerce the government to enact the law. Initially, legislators will agree to do so only for political reasons. But that action, once done, will catapult God's people into the final great conflict.

Here is a longer quotation, yet it is important.

"The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past **is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law**. Satan will excite

indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions, Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, **will combine to cover them with contempt**. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them, With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith, By false representations and angry appeals they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a 'Thus saith the Scriptures' to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. **To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law**. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. **On this battlefield comes the last great conflict** of the controversy between truth and error, **And we are not left in doubt as to the Issue**. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people,"-5 Testimonies, 450:2-451:0.

In passing this law, the nation will become a tool of Satan. In passing this law, it will bring Protestant and Catholic churches under the delusive control of Satan, so he can use them to destroy commandment-keepers.

"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 the councils, and fined. . 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." –Maranatha, 191:1.

Throughout this entire final conflict, the Sabbath will be the basic issue. In opposition to it, all the wicked world will be united against God's people.

"In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united in opposition to God's people, **all the corrupt powers** that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare **the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at Issue**; for in the Sabbath commandment the great Lawgiver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth." –Maranatha, 187:4.

INTENSE PERSECUTION WILL RESULT

Are you ready for what is soon to come upon the earth? Are you preparing your heart and life by the study of God's Word, and obedience to it? Are you standing in defense of God's Word and God's law? Are you warning others to prepare for what is ahead?

Here, briefly, is information about what is coming; information you need to know: But, first, let us read two statements. They give a warning and a promise.

"There is a marked contrast between those who bear the seal of God and those who worship the beast and his image. The Lord's faithful servants **will receive the bitterest persecution** from false teachers. who will not hear the word of God, and who prepare stumbling blocks to put in the way of those who would hear.

"But God's people are not to fear. Satan cannot go beyond his limit. The Lord will be the defense of His people. He regards the injury done to His servants for the truth's sake as done to Himself. **When the last decision has been made**, when all have taken sides, either for Christ and the commandments or for the great apostate.

God will arise in His power, and the mouths of those who have blasphemed against Him will be forever stopped. Every opposing power will receive its punishment." - Maranatha, 191:2.

"God's Sabbath will be trampled under foot, and a false sabbath will be exalted. In a Sunday law there is possibility for great suffering to those who observe the seventh day. **The working out of Satan's plans will bring persecution to the people of God.** But the faithful servants of God need not fear the outcome of the conflict." -2 Selected Messages, 975:1.

Empowered by Satan, Sundaykeepers will be determined to destroy the commandment-keeping people of God.

"The Protestant world today see in the little company keeping the Sabbath a Mordecai in the gate. His character and conduct, **expressing reverence for the law of God**, are a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling upon His Sabbath; **the unwelcome intruder must by some means be put out of the way.**" -5 Testimonies, 450:1.

"God's people will feel **the hand of persecution** because "they keep holy the seventh day." -9 Testimonies, 229:9.

"Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, **and the spirit of persecution** will be revived, and **the fires of persecution will be rekindled.**" - Great Controversy, 48:9.

My friend, plead with God that you may stand true to Him in the coming crisis. Urge your friends to get ready also! Show this video to fellow church members. Do what you can to arouse and warn others.

"Before the warfare shall be ended and the victory won. . **Persecution will again be kindled** against those who are true to God; their motives will be impugned, their best efforts misinterpreted. their names cast out as evil. . God would have His people prepared for the soon-coming crisis. Prepared or unprepared. we must all meet it." Life of Paul, 251-252.

"There will come a time when, because of our advocacy of Bible truth, **we shall be treated as traitors.**" -6 Testimonies, 994:2.

"Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. **Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them.** With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith." -5 Testimonies, 450:2.

We have had an opportunity to consider the first two final events. The first was the counterfeit revival. We will learn that it will later increase even more in power and extent. We have also observed that that revival will unite and galvanize the Sundaykeeping churches to get a national Sunday law enacted.

The next event will be the national Sunday law itself! We have already noted that that will be one of the five landmark events ahead of us, before sin and sinners are no more and eternity begins.

In our next lesson in this series we will see what Inspiration has to say about this subject: The national Sunday law; the importance of this event; who will enact it; what its passage will mean what it will accomplish.

May our heavenly Father help us-each one-to be faithful to the end.

LAST DAYS APPENDIX

*The following material was gleaned from our book of unpublished manuscripts, entitled **The Last Days**, and is some of the best material from that volume on topics given in this section.*

UNION

Then It Will be Time for God to Work.- "When church and state shall be united in restricting religious liberty, when the institution of the man of sin shall be taken up universally in preference to God's holy sanctified day, when all men. . respect. . the man of sin in exalting the heathen day of worship and call it Christian, then it will be time for God to work, for they have made void His law.

When the Great Secession Has Taken Place, Deluded Men Will Rush Into Superstitious Doctrines.

- "Then signs of dissolution will be plainly revealed to the God-fearing student of prophecy. The great Secession. . [will have] taken place –the world and [the] church united to tear down God's great moral standard and erect a standard instituted by the man of sin. Then earnest, distinguished men, blinded and deluded with false doctrines, because they have taken a deep draught of [the] wine of Babylon, rush into superstitious doctrines, into the great apostasy, bearing the very stamp of that dress. God has plainly pointed out in prophecy [that] they are drunk with the wine of Babylon, and the same spirit moves the whole."-Undated Manuscript 153, pp. 1-4. (Copenhagen, Denmark, 1886.)

“America Can Become the Place of Greatest Peril Because of Light Neglected. - "America, where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness, because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light."-Letter 23c, 1894, pp. 2-3. (To LH. Evans, July 20, 1894). [See also-3 SM 387.]

Satan Will Excite Apostate Christendom to Crush Liberty of Conscience.–

"Satan will excite the indignation of apostate Christendom against the humble remnant who conscientiously refuse to accept their customs and traditions. Blinded by the prince of darkness, popular religionists will see only as he sees, and feel as he feels. They will determine as he determines, and oppress as he oppresses. Liberty of conscience, which has cost this nation so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. The church and the world will unite, and the world will lend to the church her power to crush out the right of the people to worship God according to His word. "-Manuscript 51, 1899, pp. 6-12. ("The Seal of God," April 2, 1899). [See also: EV 234-235.]

If Satan Can Induce a Union of the Church and the World, Man-made Commandments Will Supplant the Sabbath.-

"Men do not seem to understand that they are taken in Satan's snare when they attempt to tamper with the laws of God. Satan has them in just the position he wants them when they manufacture laws to control the world and place those laws where God's laws should be. The enemy knows that, if the church can be controlled by political enactments, she will lose her garments of light as did Adam and Eve. If he can lead the church to unite with the world and accept worldly enactments, they virtually acknowledge him as their head. The authority of man-made commandments will work to oppose the rule of the government of heaven. Under the leadership of Satan the knowledge of good and evil will work to dispense with the righteous, holy enactments of God concerning the Sabbath, the observance of which is to be a sign between God and His people forever."-Manuscript 77, 1899, pp. 12-15. ("God's Law Immutable," May 14, 1899).

Satan's Throne Is at the Center of Earthly Power. - "The central power of the earth is a demon. His throne is in the midst of the world, where should have been seen the throne of God. He has been patronized by the church, for the church has been conformed to the world, and is living in transgression of the holy law of God." -Letter 78, 1900, pp. 3-4. (To "Bro. and Sr. Haysmer," January 30, 1900).

The Threefold Union Will Be Satan's Great Latter-day System of Persecution. - .
'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 that refuse to hear God's message of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power in persecuting the [true] 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 that will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men." - Manuscript 16,1899, pp. 1-6, 10-11. "The Word for This Time," February 20, 1900).

God Will Bring Men From Various Churches to Combat the Sunday Law.

"Satan seems to have been permitted to gain many points of advantage. But the Lord will bring men of understanding from the various churches to combat the enforcement of a law, that the first day of the week shall be honored as a day when no business shall be transacted." -Letter 168,1909, pp. 2, 5. ("To the Officers of the General Conference, " December 1, 1909). {See also: Ev 33, 1,.0, 71-72, 377, 388; MM 300, 308-10.}