

Behold He Cometh

About This Publication

There are scores of different church organizations in the world, and they claim to believe and teach the Bible. All have some different doctrines, and all of them are teaching some man-made traditions.

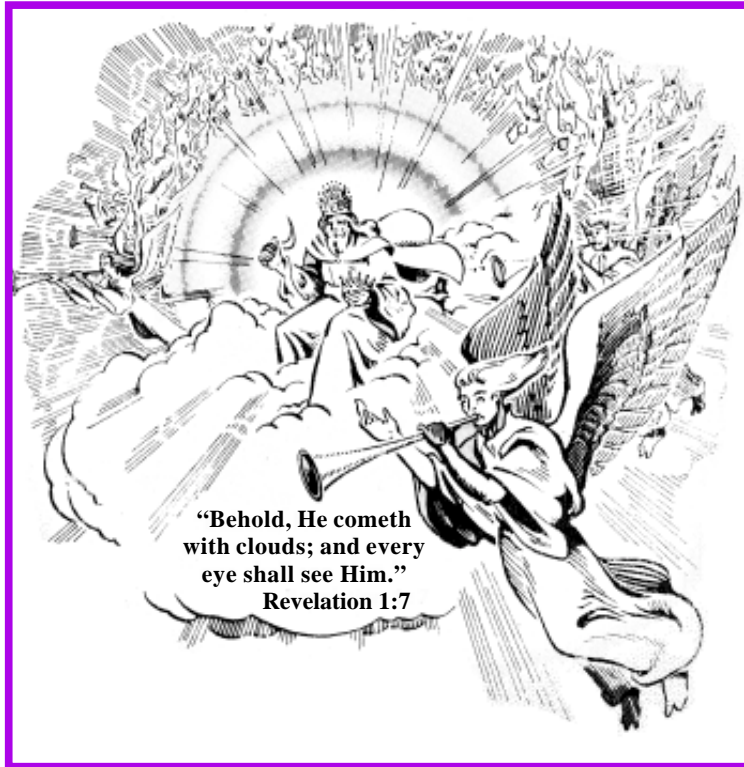
The World Council of Churches and other church organizations have been working for years to unite all churches on some common beliefs. To date this effort has not been completely successful.

This little booklet gives the teachings of the Bible on the essential topics of Christian living. It also contains a study of the prophecies of future events. The prophecy of Revelation 13:11–18 tells us that the United States of America would rise up as a nation of liberty and freedom—a nation of people, by the people, and for the people—a church without a pope and a government without a king. But, alas, it would speak like a dragon. Through spiritualism and false doctrines the people will be deceived into believing a lie, that God has changed the Sabbath from Saturday, the seventh day of the week, to Sunday, the first day of the week. They will demand that Congress change the Constitution of the United States of America. Sunday laws will be enacted, and the penalty will at first be fines, then imprisonment, and finally the penalty of death. The Bible calls it the MARK OF THE BEAST. Every country on the face of the earth will make the same laws.

The crisis of the ages is fast approaching, and like a midnight thief it will take the world by surprise. The whole world will be divided into just TWO CLASSES—Sabbathkeepers and Sundaykeepers.

Dear reader, this little booklet is presented to help you make the right decisions in this life, so you will be prepared for the eternal life to come ushered in by the soon appearing of the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Value of Bible Study

The Bible contains proof in itself of its divine origin. No other book can answer the questions of the mind, or satisfy the longings of the heart as does the Bible. It is adapted to every age and condition of life, and it is full of that knowledge which enlightens the mind and sanctifies the soul.

In the Bible we have a revelation of the living God. Received by faith, it has power to transform the life. During all its history a divine hand has been over it, and preserved it for the world.

Thus is the world, being provided with the Word of God, preparatory to the giving of the closing gospel message to all mankind, the ending of the reign of sin, and the advent of the Lord in glory. “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matthew 24:14.

As a Guide, the Bible is without a rival. It gives a calm peace in believing, and a firm hope of the future. It solves the great problems of the life and destiny, and in-

spires to a life of purity, patience, and well-doing. It fills the heart with love for God and a desire to do good to others, and thus prepares for usefulness here and for a home in heaven. It teaches the value of a soul by revealing the price that has been paid to redeem it. It makes known the only antidote for sin, and presents the only perfect code of morals ever given. It tells of the future and the preparation necessary to meet it. It makes us bold for the right, and sustains the soul in adversity and affliction.

For what is all Scripture profitable? “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16.

What was God’s design in thus giving the Scriptures?

“That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” Verse 17.

By whom were the men directed who thus spoke for God?

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” 2 Peter 1:21.

For what purpose were the Scriptures written?

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” Romans 15:4.

What did Christ say concerning the study of the Scriptures?

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” John 5:39.

How firm was the faith of the great Isaiah in God’s words?

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isaiah 40:8.

What great blessing did Christ confer upon His disciples after His resurrection?

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.” Luke 24:45.

Power in God’s Word

How did Christ reprove those who, though familiar with the letter of the Scriptures, failed to understand them?

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.” Matthew 22:29

Whom did Jesus pronounce blessed?

“But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.” Luke 11:28.

What kind of worship results from false teaching?

“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Matthew 15:9.

By what doctrines are some to be misled in the last days?

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing

spirits, and doctrines of devils." 1 Timothy 4:1. See 2 Peter 2:1.

To what would men turn their ears?

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

How may we determine the truthfulness of any doctrine?

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

What are the Scriptures able to do for one who believes them?

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15.

Through what are we to be sanctified?

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17.

Who are the disciples of Jesus, and what gracious work does the truth do for those who receive it?

"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32.

What is the nature of the word of God?

"For the word of God is quick [literally, living], and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12.

By what are believers made clean?

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3.

How may a young man cleanse his way?

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalms 119:9.

Importance of Prayer

How does the psalmist address God?

"O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." Psalm 65:2.

Upon what conditions are we promised needed blessings?

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be

opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matthew 7:7-8.

Note—Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Prayer does not change God; but it does change us and our relation to God. It places us in the channel of blessing, and in that frame of mind in which God can consistently and safely grant our requests.

Under what condition does the psalmist say the Lord will not hear prayer?

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Psalm 66:18. See Isaiah 59:1-2; James 4:3.

Whose prayers does Solomon say are an abomination?

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." Proverbs 28:9.

For whom did Christ teach us to pray?

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matthew 5:44.

How can we escape temptation?

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41.

How must one ask in order to receive?

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." James 1:6-7. See Mark 11:24.

Note—Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence."

Unto what are we exhorted to watch?

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7.

How constantly should we pray?

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17; "continuing. instant in prayer," Romans 12:12.

Creation and Creator

Who created the heavens and the earth?

"In the beginning God created the

heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1.

By what means did God bring the heavens and earth into existence?

"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. . . . For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:6-9.

Through whom did God create all things?

"For by him (the Son) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him" Colossians 1:16. John 1:3. See Hebrews 1:1-2.

What was God's object in making the earth?

"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited." Isaiah 45:18.

How did God provide inhabitants for the world He had created?

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. . . . Genesis 2:7.

In whose image was man created?

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Genesis 1:27.

All things were created by Christ.

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence." Colossians 1:16-18.

What scripture plainly states that it is creative power which transforms the believer?

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

The Origin of Evil

How is the conflict between Christ and Satan described?

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12:7-9.

Note—This conflict began in heaven and continues on earth.

With whom did sin originate?

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." 1 John 3:8.

From what time has the devil been a murderer?

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." John 8:44.

Was Satan always sinful?

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." Eze. 28:15.

The statement in John 8:44, that he "abode not in the truth," show that Satan was once perfect, and in the truth. Peter speaks of the "angels that sinned." (see 2 Peter 2:4); and Jude refers to "the angels which kept not their first estate." Jude 6. These angels were once in a state of sinlessness.

What further statement of Christ seems to lay the responsibility for the origin of sin upon Satan and his angels?

"Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matthew 25:41.

Satan and Christ Contrasted

What led to Satan's sin, rebellion, and downfall?

"Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou has corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness." Ezekiel 28:17. "Thou hast said in thine heart, I

will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: . . . I will be like the most High." Isaiah 14:13-14.

Why was woe at this same time proclaimed to the world?

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18.

The Fall of Man

When did sin and death enter the world?

"Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12.

With what words did God condemn Cain as a sinner?

"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. . . . And he [God] said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth." Genesis 4:7-11.

What additional curse came as the result of the first murder?

"And the Lord said unto Cain, . . . And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength." Genesis 4:12.

How were the earth itself and its vegetation affected by Adam's sin?

"Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee." Genesis 3:17-18.

What is the wages of sin?

"The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:17. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4.

What is sin declared to be?

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4.

What precedes the manifestation of sin?

"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin." James 1:15.

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Romans 14:23.

Note—We transgress or disobey God when we lack trust or faith in Him.

The Results of Sin

What is the final result, or fruit of sin?

"And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15.

How can man escape this penalty?

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

The need of a Saviour

To whom is this gift given?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

How is the gift received?

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

What is sin?

How does bible describe it?

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 1 John 3:4,5.

What is the result of willful sin?

"If we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." Hebrews 10:26,27-29.

The Law of God

How did God proclaim His law to His people?

"And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote

them upon two tables of stone."

Deuteronomy 4:12-13. See also Nehemiah 9:13-14. For the Ten Commandments see Exodus 20:1-17.

How comprehensive are these commandments?

"Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13.

What is the nature of God's law?

"Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. . . . For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." Romans 7:12, 14.

What shows that the Ten Commandment Law, spoken and written at Mount Sinai, is the law of liberty for the Christian?

"Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:10-12.

Can one know God and not keep His commandments?

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4.

And how may we know that we love the brethren?

"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." 1 John 5:2.

What is the love of God?

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." Verse 3.

How did Christ treat His Father's commandments?

"I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." John 15:10.

If one professes to abide in Christ, how ought he to walk?

"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6.

What did Jesus say of His attitude toward the law?

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17.

What did He teach concerning the stability of the law?

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Verse 18.

How particular is God concerning Christian conduct?

"Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10-12.

The Law and the Gospel

What is the purpose of the law?

"By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20.

What is the gospel declared to be?

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Romans 1:16.

What does Christ promise of the new covenant?

"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant. . . . For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts." Hebrews 8:6,10.

Why is the carnal mind enmity against God?

"The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Romans 8:7.

Can man of himself, unaided by Christ, keep the law?

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. See Romans 7:14-19.

Who did He say would enter the kingdom of heaven?

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:21

How will men be rated in relation to God's commandments?

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:19.

Is the believer expected to go on in sin after this?

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid, How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Romans 6:1–2.

What scripture cuts off all hope of justification by works?

"By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20.

In what way are all believers in Jesus justified?

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Verse 24.

What spiritual interpretation did Christ give to the sixth and seventh commandments?

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:21–22. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Verses 27–28.

Sufferings of Christ

What did the prophet say Christ would be called to endure?

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken." Isaiah 53:7–8.

Did Christ know beforehand the treatment He was to receive?

"Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death." Luke 18:31–33.

What shameful treatment did Christ receive from the soldiers?

"And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head." Matthew 27:29–30.

After He had been brought to the place of crucifixion, what drink was offered Christ to stupefy Him?

"They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink." Verse 34.

In what prayer for those who crucified Him did Christ manifest the true spirit of the gospel—love for sinners?

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

With what words did the chief priests and others mock Jesus while on the cross?

"Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him." Matthew 27:41–42.

What closed this terrible scene?

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost" John 19:30.

The Resurrection of Christ

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Revelation 1:18.

After His resurrection, what effect had this prediction upon His disciples?

"When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said." John 2:22.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3–4.

"And that he was seen of Cephas, then

of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles." Verses 5–7.

Justification by Faith

How does God justify man?

"That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7.

What is the means through which this justifying grace is made available to the sinner?

"Much more then, being now justified by his [Christ's] blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Romans 5:9.

How is justification laid hold upon?

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Romans 3:28.

What is the only way sinners may be justified, or made righteous?

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law." Galatians 2:16.

On what basis is there no possibility of justification for the sinner?

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20.

How does the death of Christ bear testimony to this?

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." Galatians 2:21.

What is proved by any attempt to be justified by the law?

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Galatians 5:4.

Why did Israel fail to attain unto righteousness?

"But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone." Romans 9:31–32.

What is revealed by the law?

"By the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20.

What bears witness to the genuineness of the righteousness obtained by faith, apart from the deeds of the law?

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets." Verse 21.

How necessary is faith?

"Without faith it is impossible to please him." Hebrews 11:6.

What scripture shows that the righteousness which is received by grace through faith must not be made an excuse for continuing in sin?

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Romans 6:1–2.

Does faith do away with God's law?

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Romans 3:31.

Repentance

Who are called to repentance?

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:32.

How many are sinners?

"We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin." Romans 3:9.

What are fitting inquiries for those convicted of sin?

"Men and brethren, what shall we do?" "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 2:37; 16:30.

What replies does Inspiration return to these inquiries?

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 2:38; 16:31.

What is the result of godly sorrow?

"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." 2 Corinthians 7:10.

What did John the Baptist say to the Pharisees and Sadducees when he saw them come to his baptism?

"O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Matthew 3:7.

What did he tell them to do?

"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." Verse 8.

Confession and Forgiveness

What promise is made to those who confess their sins?

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

What different results attend the covering and the confessing of sins?

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Proverbs 28:13.

What is God ready to do for all who seek for forgiveness?

"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." Psalm 86:5.

Upon what did David rest his hope of forgiveness?

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1.

When David confessed his sin, what did he say God did?

"I acknowledged my sin unto thee and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:5.

What exhortation is based on the fact that God has forgiven us?

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32.

Through whom are repentance and forgiveness granted?

"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:30-31.

The Holy Spirit and His Work

What precious promise did Jesus make to His disciples shortly before His crucifixion?

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." John 14:6.

Why did Christ to go away?

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:7.

Who is the Comforter, and what was He to do?

"But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you." John 14:26, RV.

What more is the Comforter to do?

"And when he is come, he will reprove [literally, 'convince'] the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8.

What other title does the Comforter have?

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." John 15:26.

What did Jesus say the Spirit of truth would do?

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear; that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." John 16:13.

What warning is therefore given?

"Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30.

Is there a limit to the strivings of God's Spirit?

"And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man." Genesis 6:3.

For what did David pray?

"Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me." Psalm 51:11.

Who moved upon the prophets to give their messages?

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter. 1:21.

What is the fruit of the Spirit?

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Galatians 5:22-23.

Concerning what subject ought we

to be informed?

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." 1 Corinthians 12:1.

What gifts are given?

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." 1 Corinthians 12:28.

Christian Baptism

What ordinance is closely associated with believing the gospel?

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16.

How did the people respond to the preaching of John?

"Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." Matthew 3:5-6.

What did the apostle Peter associate with baptism in his instruction on the day of Pentecost?

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Acts 2:38.

In connection with Christian baptism, what is washed away?

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16. See Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21.

By what means are sins washed away?

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Revelation 1:5.

When believers are baptized into Christ, whom do they put on?

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Galatians 3:27.

Into what experience are those baptized who are baptized into Christ?

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Romans 6:3.

How is such a baptism described?

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Verse 4.

How fully are we thus united with Christ in His experience of death and resurrection?

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." Verse 5.

What question did the eunuch ask after Philip had preached Jesus unto him?

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Acts 8:36.

In order to baptize the eunuch, where did Philip take him?

"And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Verse 38.

At the beginning of His ministry, what example did Jesus set for the benefit of His followers?

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him." Matthew 3:13.

The Gift of Giving

What did Christ say of the blessedness of giving?

"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

What fast is most acceptable to God?

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? . . . Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" Isaiah 58:6-7.

What is one way in which we are commanded to honor God?

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." Proverbs 3:9.

What part of one's income has the Lord especially claimed as His?

"And all the tithe [tenth] of the land,

whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD." Leviticus 27:30.

For whose support and for what work was the tithe devoted in Israel?

"Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." Numbers 18:21.

Of what is one guilty who withholds the tithe and freewill offerings?

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Malachi 3:8.

Concerning what does the Lord ask us to prove Him, and upon what conditions does He promise great blessings?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts." Verses 10–11.

With what spirit should we give?

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

What has Christ said regarding giving?

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

On what basis are gifts acceptable?

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." 2 Corinthians 8:12.

As Christ sent His disciples out to preach, to heal the sick, and to raise the dead, what did He say to them?

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8.

Good Health

What did the apostle John wish concerning Galus?

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

Why should the health of the body be preserved?

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:20.

What is the body said to be?

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? Verse 19.

What effect does cheerfulness have upon the health?

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Proverbs 17:22.

How did the Saviour provide rest for His disciples?

"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." Mark 6:31.

How are we exhorted to present our bodies to God?

"I beseech you . . . that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." Romans 12:1.

What high purpose should control our habits of life?

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31.

What warning is given against leading others into intemperance?

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken." Habakkuk 2:15.

Can drunkards enter the kingdom?

"Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, . . . nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Corinthians 6:9–10. See Revelation 21:27.

What is one of the evil results of intemperance?

"Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." Proverbs 23:20–21.

What may be said of the use of tobacco?

Being a rank poison, tobacco is highly injurious.

Note—"Tobacco is the most subtle poison known to chemists, except the deadly prussic acid." M. Orfila, a former president of the Paris Medical Academy.

What was the original food provided?

"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is

upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." Genesis 1:29.

Note—In other words, vegetables, grains, fruits, and nuts.

When God chose Israel to be His people, what kinds of flesh food were excluded from their diet by written instruction?

Those called unclean: See Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14.

Where Are the Dead?

How does the Bible represent death?

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." 1 Thessalonians 4:13. See also 1 Corinthians 15:18, 20; John 11:11–14. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." Daniel 12:2. See Ecclesiastes 3:20; 9:10.

Are the righteous dead in heaven praising God?

"For David is not ascended into the heavens." Acts 2:34. "The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence." Psalm 115:17.

Does one know of God when dead?

"For in death there is no remembrance of thee." Psalm 6:5.

What does one in this condition know about his family?

"His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them." Job 14:21.

What becomes of man's thoughts at death?

"His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalm 146:4.

Do the dead know anything?

"For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing." Ecclesiastes 9:5.

Do they take any part in earthly things?

"Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun." Verse 6.

When is the resurrection of the righteous to take place?

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

What comes to all men as the result of the fall?

"In Adam all die." 1 Corinthians 15:22. See Romans 5:12.

How much do we do after we die?

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Whose voice raises the dead?

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which that all in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28–29.

In what words is the ultimate triumph over death and the grave expressed?

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55.

After whose body will these resurrected ones be fashioned?

"We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." Philippians 3:20–21.

The Sabbath Institution

When and by whom was the Sabbath made?

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made." Genesis 2:1–2.

"And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Genesis 2:3.

What is the reason for keeping the Sabbath day holy?

"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:11.

Note—The Sabbath is the memorial of Creation. God designed that through keeping it man should forever remember Him as the true and living God, the Creator of all things.

Which day is the Sabbath?

"The seventh day is the sabbath." Exodus 20:10.

Was the Sabbath intended as a day for public worship?

"Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation." Leviticus 23:3.

Note—A convocation is an assembly of people.

Of what else does God say He gave the Sabbath to His people to be a sign, or reminder?

"Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them." Ezekiel 20:12.

How often will the redeemed congregate to worship the Lord?

"For as the new heavens and new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another; and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." Isaiah 66:22–23.

When, according to the Bible, does the Sabbath begin?

"And the evening and the morning were the first day. . . . And the evening and the morning were the second day." etc. See Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31. "From even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Leviticus 23:32. See Mark 1:32.

Did Christ, while on earth, keep the Sabbath?

"As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Luke 4:16.

Although the Lord, Maker, and an Observer of the Sabbath, how was He watched and spied upon on this day?

"And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him." Luke 6:7.

How did Christ meet their false ideas of Sabbathkeeping?

"Then said Jesus, . . . Is it lawful on the

sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?" Verse 9.

"And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus." Verse 11.

"And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel . . . how they might destroy him." Mark 3:6.

The Lord's Day

On what day does John say he was in the Spirit?

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Revelation 1:10.

What day does the commandment say is the Lord's day?

"The seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD." Exodus 20:10.

What does the prophet Isaiah, speaking for God, call the seventh-day Sabbath?

"my holy day." Isaiah 58:13.

On what day must John have been in the Spirit?

The seventh, if he referred to a day of the week at all.

Note—No other day of the week in all the Bible is claimed by God as His day.

Did Christ keep the Sabbath?

"As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Luke 4:16. "I have kept my Father's commandments." John 15:10.

Did Christ's followers keep the Sabbath after His death?

"They returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment." Luke 23:56.

"All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father." John 5:23. "I and my Father are one." John 10:30.

Note—Man here means "mankind".

Of what did Christ say the Son of man is Lord?

"The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." Matthew 12:8. See Mark 2:28.

Who made the Sabbath?

"All things were made by him [Christ, the Word]." John 1:3.

What day immediately precedes the first day of the week?

"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week." Matthew 28:1.

Note—According to the New Testament, therefore, the Sabbath had passed when the first day of the week began.

After the crucifixion, what day was kept by the women who followed Jesus?

"They returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment." Luke 23:56.

What day of the week is the Sabbath, "according to the commandment"?

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the "LORD" thy God." Exodus 20:10.

Note—It is evident, therefore, that the Sabbath of the New Testament is the same as the Sabbath of the Old Testament, and that there is nothing in the New Testament setting aside the seventh-day Sabbath, and putting the first day of the week in its place.

By contrast with the worshipers of the beast, how are the worshipers of God described?

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12.

The Change of the Sabbath

How did Sunday observance originate? Many believe that Christ changed the Sabbath, but, from His own words, we see that He came for no such purpose. The responsibility for this change must therefore be looked for elsewhere.

In His most famous sermon, what did Christ say of the Law?

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Matthew 5:17.

"Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Verse 18.

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." Verse 19.

What did God, through the prophet Daniel, say the power represented by the "little horn" would think to do?

"He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and shall think to change the times and the law." Daniel 7:25, RSV.

What power has claimed authority to change God's law?

The Papacy.

Note—"The pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain,

or interpret even divine laws. . . . The pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth." Translated from Lucius Ferraris, *Prompta Bibliotheca* (Ready Library), "Papa," art, 2.

The fourth commandment.

"It [the Roman Catholic Church] reversed the Fourth Commandment by doing away with the Sabbath of God's Word, and instituting Sunday as a holiday."—N. Summerbell, *History of the Christian Church* (1873), p. 415.

"The Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God, to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor; trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is purely a creation of the Catholic Church. *The American Catholic Quarterly Review*, January, 1883, pp. 152,139.

"If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath Day. In keeping the Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic Church." Albert Smith, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore replying to the Cardinal in a letter of Feb. 10, 1920.

What kind of teaching have men substituted for the words which are spirit and life?

"Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. . . . And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." Mark 7:7–9.

"How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." 1 Kings 18:21.

God's Last Message to a Sinful World

Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14

Reader, in this little booklet you have a clear outline of the gospel of Jesus Christ, just as given in the Holy Bible, without traditions or philosophy of men.

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of

his judgment is come." Revelation 14:7.

God's judgment began in heaven in the year 1844. It began with the dead. The dead are not in heaven, they are asleep in the grave, awaiting the resurrection. "Some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2.

Soon, no one knows how soon, the judgment will begin for the living.

"Worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:7

No man, pope, priest, or preacher can forgive sin. No man is to be worshiped. Jesus said unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10.

Mary, the mother of Jesus is in her grave. She cannot help anyone.

Jesus said, "I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones to stone him.

Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

"The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God." John 10:30-33.

"I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews [God's true people], and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan." Revelation 2:9.

"And he saith unto me . . . for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still. . . .

"And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. . . . "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, . . . and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Revelation 22:10-12, 15.

"And there followed another angel saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen." Revelation 14:8.

Who is Babylon?

The book of Revelation takes names and places and events from literal things in the Old Testament and uses these names and events in a symbolic way in the New Testament."

In Revelation Babylon is used to

describe the fallen churches:

"Because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Revelation 14:8.

Belshazzar defied God in a drunken brawl:

"They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." Daniel 5:4.

"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." Jeremiah 51:7.

BABYLON IS A SYMBOL OF FALSE RELIGION, AND THE WINE IS A SYMBOL OF HER DOCTRINES.

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: [the waters are people and multitudes, and nations, and tongues Revelation 17:15] with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. . . .

"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:" Revelation 17:1-6.

A WOMAN in prophecy is a symbol of the church, both the good church and the apostate church.

The evil woman [false church] is called a whore. See Revelation 17:1.

The good woman [true church] is called a virgin. See Revelation 14:4.

The evil woman fornicates with the kings of the earth. See Revelation 17:2.

The good woman is married to Christ. See 2 Corinthians 11:2.

The evil woman is dressed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones. See Revelation 17:4.

The good woman is dressed in fine linen, clean and white. See Revelation 19:8.

The evil woman teaches traditions, the filthiness of her fornication. See Revelation 17:4.

The good woman teaches God's Holy Word. See Revelation 14:5.

The evil woman causes the world to be forced by law to obey man-made religious laws. See Revelation 13:15.

The good woman keeps the commandments of God. See Revelation 14:12.

The evil woman will be destroyed by God. See Revelation 19:20.

The good woman will stand with God on the sea of glass. See Revelation 15:2.

"I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every unclean and hateful bird.

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:1-4. To come out of Babylon means to come out of the false churches.

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast." Revelation 14:9.

Who is the beast?

The prophet Daniel had visions and dreams, and he saw "Four great beasts come up from the sea, diverse [different] one from another.

"The first was like a lion." Daniel 7:3-4.

BABYLON, ruled the world from 606 to 539 B.C.

"Another beast . . . like a bear . . . raised up itself on one side." Daniel 7:5.

One side was stronger than the other. The MEDES AND PERSIANS, ruled the world from 539 to 331 B.C. The Persians were stronger, they came up last.

"Behold . . . another like a leopard." Daniel 7:6. GREECE ruled the world from 331 to 168 B.C.



"Behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, . . . and it had great iron teeth: it stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." Daniel 7:7. ROME ruled the world from A.D. 168 to 538.

"Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth." Daniel 7:23.

The Roman Empire was divided into ten kingdoms between A.D. 351 and 476.

"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were the eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." Daniel 7:8. This little horn is the beast of Revelation 14:9, **THE PAPACY.**

Before the Papal Church could have complete control of the state, she had to do away with three of the ten little horns, Heruli, Vandals, and the Ostrogoths. These Arian kingdoms were completely subjugated by A.D. 538 and from this date the Papacy was to rule over the kings of the earth for 1260 years. A.D. 538 to 1798. See chart.

"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them. . . . And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Daniel 7:21-25.

"And the holy city [the true church] shall they tread under foot forty and two months." Revelation 11:2.

"And the woman [the true church] fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days." Revelation 12:6.

The following texts of Scripture give us the basis on which we are to reckon time.—1 day is equal to 1 year:

“After the number of days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year.” Numbers 14:34.

“I have appointed thee each day for a year.” Ezekiel 4:6.

“And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” Daniel 7:25.

“A time, and times, and half a time.” Revelation 12:14.

Time = 1 year.

Times = 2 years.

Half a time = one half year.

Using prophetic reckoning, 1 year or time = 360 days.

3 1/2 times = 3 1/2 X 360 = 1260 days

1 day = 1 year; 1260 days = 1260 years.

The true church was persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church for 1260 years, A.D. 538 to 1798.

Millions Martyred

“That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind will be questioned by no Protestant who has a complete knowledge of history. It is impossible to form a complete conception of the multitude of her victims, and it is quite certain that no powers of imagination can adequately realize their sufferings.” W. E. H. Lecky, *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe*. Vol. 2:32, 1910 edition.

An excellent, though lengthy, article describing in detail the right of the Roman Catholic Church to do this, will be found in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. 12:266.

“For professing faith contrary to the teachings of the Church of Rome, history records the martyrdom of more than one hundred million people. A million Waldenses and Albigenses [Swiss and French Protestants] perished during a crusade proclaimed by Pope Innocent III in 1208. Beginning from the establishment of the Jesuits in 1540 to 1580, nine hundred thousand were destroyed. One hundred and fifty thousand perished by the Inquisition in thirty years. Within the space of thirty-eight years after the edict of Charles V against the Protestants, fifty thousand persons were hanged, beheaded, or burned alive for heresy. Eighteen thousand more perished during the administration of the Duke of Alva in five and a half

years.” *Brief Bible Readings*, p. 16.

John Wycliff, a mighty man of God, was despised by the papists so much that forty years after his death, his bones were exhumed and publicly burned. It was through the writings of Wycliff that many errors of Romanism were brought to light.

Huss and Jerome were both burned to death tied to a stake. They would not recant from preaching truth, so the Catholic prelates had them consigned to the flames. (See Wylie, b3, ch 17).

Concerning the Pope, Martin Luther wrote; “It is a horrible thing to behold the man who styles himself Christ’s vicegerent, displaying a magnificence that no emperor can equal. Is this being like the poor Jesus, or the humble Peter? He is, say they, the Lord of the world! But Christ, whose vicar he boasts of being, has said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world’. Can the dominions of the vicar extend beyond those of his superior?” *D’Aubigne*, B, Ch.3.

Luther said: “I despise and attack it, [a papal bull (writing) condemning Luther] as impious false. . . . I rejoice in having to bear such ills for the best of causes. Already I feel greater liberty in my heart; for at last I know that the pope is antichrist, and that his throne is that of Satan himself.” *D’Aubigne*, B.6, Ch. 9.

Attempted Sabbath Change

The Papacy shall, “think to change times and laws.” Daniel 7:25. “The pope is of such great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws. The pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth.” Lucius Ferraris *Prompta Bibliotheca*, Popa Art. 2.

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change (of Sabbath to Sunday) was her act. It could not have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious without her. And the ACT IS A MARK of ecclesiastical power in religious matters.” James Cardinal Gibbons in a letter to J.F. Snyder of Bloomington, II. Nov. 11, 1895.

QUESTION—“Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?”

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

which there is no Scriptural authority.” Priest Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism*, Chap. 2, 174.

“Prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is not such law in the Bible! It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says, ‘Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.’ The Catholic Church says, No! by divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And lo! the entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church.” Priest Thomas Enright, C.S.S.R, president of Redemptorist College, Kansas City, MO in a lecture at Hartford, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1884, and in the *American Sentinel*, a Roman Catholic journal of June 1893, 173.

No man can really change God’s Holy Law; he only thinks he can.

Jesus said, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” Matthew 5:17–18.

Paul writes, “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first. And that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” 2 Thessalonians 2:3–4.

“The pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God. The pope by reason of the excellence of his supreme dignity is called bishop of bishops. He is likewise the divine monarch and supreme emperor, and King of kings. Hence the pope is crowned with a triple crown, as King of heaven and earth and of the lower regions.” Lucius Ferraris, *Prompta Bibliotheca*, Vol 6, p 29.

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death.” Revelation 13:3.

“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.” Revelation 13:10.

We have already shown that the Papacy would rule over the earth for 1260 years—A.D. 538 to 1798. See chart.

In 1798 the Reign of Terror continued in the French Revolution and the Roman Catholic religion was set aside in France.

The French army, under general Berthier, entered Rome and took the pope prisoner. The date: Feb. 10, 1798. The imprisoned pope died in exile the following year in Valence, France. A great cry was heard, “Catholicism is dead.” The Papacy had received the “deadly wound.” See Revelation 13:3. But we are told that the wound is to be healed, and the time is soon coming when all the world will, “wonder after the beast.” I bid.

In 1929 Cardinal Gasparre met Premier Mussolini in the palace of St. John Lateran where the Treaty of the Vatican was signed, returning temporal power to the Papacy; and it was again made into a kingdom with its own territory.

But the deadly wound is not yet entirely healed.

The wound was the separation of the church of Rome from control of the state; and when this wound is completely healed, the Roman Catholic Church will control the civil magistrates. The United States of America will be the agent to bring this about.

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

“And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” Revelation 13:11–12.

Mark of the Beast

“If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, “the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.” Revelation 14:9–10.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST is SUNDAY worship enforced by law—This is a MARK of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church says; “Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [Sabbath to Sunday] was her act. . . . And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power.” Cardinal Gibbons, Nov. 11, 1895.

The United States will soon restore Civil power to the Papacy.

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

“And he had power to give life unto the

image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

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

"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 13:14-18.

The United States of America arose silently out of the earth around 1798, about the same time as the Papacy lost its power. This great nation of America has two horns like a lamb—a nation without a king and a church without a pope. A nation that boasted freedom of religion and a democracy where every citizen has a voice in civil affairs. But alas this great nation will soon speak as a DRAGON.

The U.S. Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievance."

Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg address says, "A government of the people, by the people and for the people."

The people of the United States made the Constitution which guarantees religious freedom for all. The people of the United States will soon change, and by vote, demand that Congress change its Constitution. The Bible tells us that through spiritualism the whole world will be deceived. There will be terrible storms, earthquakes, famines, pestilences and disease. As time comes to an end these occurrences will become much worse, for which God's people will receive blame. The spiritualists and many preachers will say that these terrible things of nature will not cease until Sunday sacredness is honored by all. **The people will demand Sunday laws. The United States will lead out in this, and all the world will follow. "And all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3.**

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

"I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the

mouth of the false prophet.

"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:13-14.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

"speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

"forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." 1 Timothy 4:1-3.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, . . . having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:1-2, 5.

All who refuse compliance with this law will be threatened with fines, jail sentences and finally death.

"And cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Revelation 13:15.

These Sunday laws will be passed in the United States of America, then every country on the face of the earth will follow—Old Mexico, South America, India, Asia, Europe, Russia, Africa and all the islands of the seas. Every person in the whole world will have to make the decision, whether to obey God's law or man's law.

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the beast], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8.

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Revelation 14:11.

We may ask the question: How did Papal Rome come to have so much power?

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast [Pagan Rome] rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, . . . and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

"And the beast [Papal Rome] which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon [Pagan Rome] gave him [Papal Rome] his power, and his seat, and great authority. . . . And all the world wondered after the beast [Pa-

pal Rome]." Revelation 13:1-3.

"The removal of the capitol of the Empire from Rome to Constantinople in 330 left the Western Church, practically free from imperial power, to develop its own organization. The Bishop of Rome, in the seat of the Caesars was now the greatest man in the West, and was soon forced to become the political as well as the spiritual head." A.C. Flick, *The Rise of the Medieval Church*, p. 168.

"Whatever Roman elements the barbarians and Aryans left . . . under the protection of the Bishop of Rome, who was the chief person there after the Emperor's disappearance. . . . The Roman Church in this way privily pushed itself into the place of the Roman World Empire, of which it is the actual continuation; the empire has not perished, but has only undergone a transformation. It [the Catholic Church] is a political creation, and is imposing as a world empire, because it is a continuation of the Roman Empire. The pope, who calls himself

King and Pontifex Maximus, is Caesar's successor." Adolf Harnock, *What is Christianity?* 1903, pp. 269-270.

There are sincere Christians in every church, including the Catholic Church, who have worshiped God on Sunday. They have lived up to all the light that they have. They have served God to the best of their knowledge. They have not received the MARK OF THE BEAST. But when SUNDAY observance is enforced by law, then whoever obeys the laws of man and ignores the law of God, will receive the mark of the beast. They will receive the seven last plagues:

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

Seal of God

Not all will receive the Mark of the Beast: "And I saw as it were a sea of glass

Consider the following traditions of the Catholic Church and the year they began:

A.D. 300—Prayers for the dead, and the sign of the cross	1184—The Inquisition
321—Sunday laws and enforced Sundaykeeping	1190—Sale of indulgences
375—Veneration of angels and dead saints, and the use of images	1215—Auricular confession of sins to a priest instead of to God
394—Daily celebration of the heathen mass	1220—Adoration of the wafer
400—Persecution of Bible Sabbath-keepers begins	1229—Bible officially forbidden to laymen
431—Exaltation of Mary, as she is called the "Mother of God"	1251—The Scapular
450—Death sentence for Sabbath-keepers	1414—Cup forbidden to the people
500—Priests dress differently	1508—The Ave Maria to be said with beads
526—Extreme unction	1524—Jesuit order founded
593—Purgatory	1545—Tradition officially declared of equal authority with Scripture
600—Latin language alone in prayer and worship, and prayers directed to Mary, dead saints and angels	1546—Apocryphal books officially added
607—Title of Pope, or universal Bishop first used	1854—Immaculate conception proclaimed
709—Kissing the pope's foot	1864—Papal "Syllabus of Errors" condemns freedom of religion, speech, conscience, press, and scientific discoveries
750—Civil power of the pope	1870—Infallibility of the pope
786—Worship of the cross, images, relics, and bones	1930—Public, and all non-Catholic schools condemned
850—Holy water	1950—Assumption of Virgin Mary proclaimed
927—College of Cardinals	1965—Mary was made the mother of the church
965—Baptism of bells	Add to these many others: monks, nuns, hermits, monasteries, convents, lent, holy week, Palm Sunday, Holy water, Ash Wednesday, All Saints Day, Halloween, fish day, flagellations, incenses, holy oil, medals, charms, and on and on.
995—Canonization of dead saints	
998—Fasting on Friday and Lent	
1079—Celibacy of the priests	
1090—The rosary and mechanical prayer with beads	

mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." Revelation 15:2.

Those who do not receive the Mark of the Beast, will receive the Seal of God.

"Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea; nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." Revelation 7:3.

"Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples." Isaiah 8:16.

The seal of God reveals the NAME, AUTHORITY, AND DOMINION in His Holy Law:

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

"for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8–11.

"It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:17.

"And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God." Ezekiel 20:20.

The seventh-day Sabbath is still God's holy day and obedience to God's law will be the final test for the SEAL OF GOD.

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, . . . Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads." Revelation 7:2–3.

"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

"And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." Isaiah 66:22–23.

"I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." Revelation 1:10

What is the Lord's day?

"And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." Luke 6:5.

The Lord's day is the seventh day of the week—the Sabbath day.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here

are they that keep the commandments God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12.

The Sunday law is pictured as making war on God's people.

"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.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14.

Most churches, and other forms of worship are not fully obeying the Bible. They mix truth with pagan, human traditions.

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

Sundaykeeping is a tradition of men. It comes from pagan sun worship. The immortality of the soul is not Biblical. Infant baptism is not taught in the Bible. Baptism by sprinkling is not in the Bible.

"We Catholics, then, have precisely the same authority for keeping Sunday holy, instead of Saturday, as we have for every other article of our creed, namely, the authority of the Church. Whereas you who are Protestants have really no authority for it whatever: for there is no authority for it [Sundaykeeping] in the Bible, and you will not allow that there can be authority for it anywhere else. Both you and we do, in fact, follow tradition in this matter; but we follow it believing it to be a part of God's Word, and the [Catholic] church to be its divinely appointed guardian and interpreter; you follow it [the Catholic Church], denouncing it all the time as a fallible and treacherous guide, which often makes the commandments of God of none effect" [quoting Matthew 15:6]. *The Brotherhood of St. Paul*, "The Clifton Tracts" Vol 4, tract 4, p. 15.

"It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists and all other Christians, that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church." Priest Brody, in an address reported in the Elizabeth, N.J. *News* of March 18, 1903.

PROTESTANTISM AGREES

Clergy, scholars, and eminent writers, all of whom doubtless kept Sunday as a matter of church custom: but they, nevertheless bear witness that the Bible Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. [Saturday] and not Sunday. Sunday is not the Lord's day,

PROTESTANTISM SPEAKS

Congregationalist: "It is quite clear that however rigidly or devotedly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath. . . . The Sabbath was founded on a specific, divine command. We can plead no such command for the observance of Sunday. . . . There is not a single line in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday." Dr. R. W. Dale, "The Ten Commandments," p. 106–107.

Lutheran Free Church: "For when there could not be produced one solitary place in the Holy Scriptures which testified that either the Lord Himself or the apostles had ordered such a transfer of the Sabbath to Sunday, then it was not easy to answer the question: Who has transferred the Sabbath, and who has had the right to do it?" George Sverdrup, "A New Day."

Presbyterian: "There is no word, no hint in the New Testament about abstaining from work on Sunday. The observance of Ash Wednesday, or Lent, stands exactly on the same footing as the observance of Sunday. Into the rest of Sunday no Divine Law enters." Canod Eyton, in "The Ten Commandments."

Anglican: "And where are we told in the Scriptures that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh; but we are nowhere commanded to keep the first day." Isaac Williams, "Plain Sermons on the Catechism," pp. 334, 336.

Methodist: "It is true that there is no positive command for infant baptism. Nor is there any for keeping holy the first day of the week. Many believe that Christ changed the Sabbath. But, from His own words, we see that He came for no such purpose. Those who believe that Jesus changed the Sabbath base it only on a supposition." Amos Binney, *Theological Compendium*, pp. 180–181.

Episcopalian: "We have made the change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy, Catholic, apostolic church of Christ." Bishop Seymour, "Why We Keep Sunday."

Baptist: "To me it seems unaccountable that Jesus, during three years discussion with His disciples, often conversing with them upon the Sabbath question, discussing it in some of its various aspects, freeing it from its false [Jewish traditional] glosses, never alluded to any transference of the day; also, that during the forty days of His resurrection life, no such thing was intimated. Nor, so far as we know, did the Spirit, which was

given to bring to their remembrance all things whatsoever that He had said unto them, deal with this question. Nor yet did the inspired apostles, in preaching the gospel, founding churches, counseling and instructing those founded, discuss or approach the subject.

"Of course I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history as a religious day, as we learn from the Christian Fathers and other sources. But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of Paganism, and christened with the name of the sun-god, then adopted and sanctified by the Papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism." Dr. E. T. Hiscox, report of his sermon at the Baptist Ministers Convention, in *New York Examiner*, November 16, 1893.

We have quoted at length from Catholic sources which have made it clear that she changed the Sabbath from Saturday, the seventh day, to Sunday, the first day of the week. They also affirm that they brought Sunday worship into the Christian Church for all men to observe.

We have quoted from Protestant ministers and eminent writers, who have plainly stated that nowhere in either the Old or the New Testaments of the Bible is there a single scripture for Sunday worship or Sunday sacredness.

Sunday is not holy. Sunday as a day of worship came from pagan sun worship.

"Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? . . . Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. . . .

"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matthew 15:3, 7–9, 13–14.

The final warning against the mark of the beast will be a worldwide message. It will be carried by radio, television and newspapers in every country on earth. God will give every person a final choice, to obey Him, or to obey man's laws, which are directly contrary to God's law.

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

"And he cried mightily with a strong

voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

"For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

"Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people." Psalm 50:3-4.

"In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; Isaiah 2:20-21.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

"and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? Revelation 6:15-17.

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

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

"And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried." Jeremiah 25:33.

God Will Tenderly Care for All Who Trust and Obey Him.

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. . . .

"Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh they dwelling." Psalm 91:5-7, 9-10.

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

"saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." Revelation 7:1-3.

"They shall hunger nor more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Revelation 7:16-17.

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

"For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." Isaiah 26:20-21.

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

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

"And they sing the song of Moses the

servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints." Revelation 15:1-3.

"And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God." Revelation 19:5-9.

"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.

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, . . . to everlasting life." Daniel 12:1-2.

"Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then, raising His hands to heaven, He cries: 'Awake, Awake, Awake, ye that sleep in the dust and arise!' . . . From the prison house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying: 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?' 1 Corinthians 15:55." *The Great Controversy*, 644.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

"then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1

Thessalonians 4:16-17.

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly, Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: . . . They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him [in heaven] a thousand years." Revelation 20:6.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, write: for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21:1-5.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me,

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." Revelation 5:12.

Songs of triumph mingle with music from angel harps, till heaven seems to overflow with joy and praise. Love has conquered. The lost is found. Heaven rings with voices in lofty strains proclaiming, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5:13.

"I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." John 20:17. The family of heaven and the family of earth are one. For us our lord ascended, and for us He lives. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Fa-

ther, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matthew 25:34.

The Love of God

What is God declared to be?

"God is love." 1 John 4:8.

How great is God's love for the world?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

In what act especially has God's infinite love been manifested?

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9.

Upon how many does God bestow His blessings?

"He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:45.

In view of God's great love, what may we confidently expect?

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32.

In what one word is the character of God expressed?

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8.

How enduring is God's love for us?

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3.

Can anything separate the true child of God from the love of God?

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39.

Unto whom will the saints forever ascribe praise?

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, . . . to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Revelation 1:5-6.

What is said of the tender compassion of God?

"But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." Psalm 86:15.

Why did Christ tell us to love our enemies?

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:44-45.

The Hour Of God's Judgment

What startling message is given in Revelation 14:7?

"Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

When is the hour of God's judgment?

"He said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:14. (see chart).

Note—The Jewish Day of Atonement was on the tenth day of the seventh month, at which time the sanctuary was cleansed. This Day of Atonement was looked upon by the Jews as a day of judgment, and was, in fact, a type of the investigative judgment in heaven. The 2300 years, according to symbolic prophecy, reaches to the cleansing of the sanctuary in heaven, or the investigative judgment. The symbolic sanctuary service of the Jewish nation is completely fulfilled in the work of Christ. As the atonement day of the former dispensation was really a day of judgment, so the atonement work of Christ will include the investigation of the cases of His people prior to His coming the second time to receive them unto Himself.

What assurance have we that there will be a judgment?

"God . . . hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world." Acts 17:30-31.

Was the judgment still future in Paul's day?

"As he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled." Acts 24:25.

Out of what will all be judged?

"And the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Revelation 20:12. "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come." Revelation 14:7.

Note—There are three phases of the judgment mentioned in the Scriptures: the

investigative judgment, preceding the Second Advent; the judgment of the lost world and wicked angels by Christ and the saints during the one thousand years following the Second Advent; and the executive judgment, punishment of the wicked at the close of this period. The investigative judgment takes place in heaven before Christ comes, in order to ascertain who are worthy to be raised in the first resurrection, at His coming, and who among the living are to be changed in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trump. It is necessary for this to take place before the Second Advent, as there will be no time for such work between the coming of Christ and the raising of the righteous dead. The executive judgment of the wicked occurs after their cases have been examined by the saints during the thousand years. See Revelation 20:4-5; 1 Corinthians 6:1-3. The investigative judgment is that which is announced to the world by the angel's message of Revelation 14:6-7.

What does Christ as the Advocate of His people confess before the Father and His angels?

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." Revelation 3:5. See Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 8:38.

Note—During this judgement scene both the righteous and the wicked dead are still in their graves. The record of each one's life, however, is in the books of heaven.

Christ's Second Coming

What promise did Christ make concerning His coming?

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

What follows the signs of Christ's coming?

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:27.

Will talking of world peace create a false security?

"There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his

coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:3-4.

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them. . . . But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4.

At His ascension, how was Christ's return promised?

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:10-11.

Will the inhabitants of the earth as a whole be prepared to meet Him?

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." Revelation 1:7. "And the kings of the earth, and the great men . . . said to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." Revelation 6:15-16.

Will Christ's coming be a time of reward?

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16:27. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12.

To whom is salvation promised at Christ's appearing?

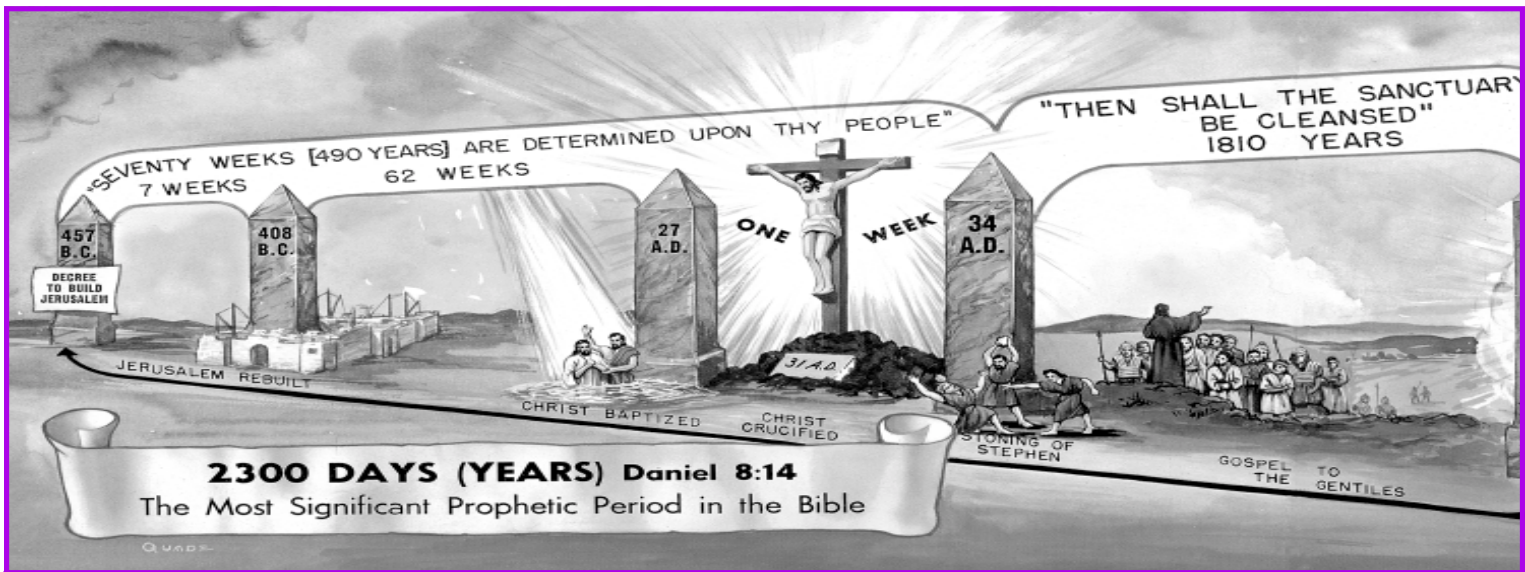
"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

What influence has this hope on the life?

"We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:2-3.

When will Paul receive his crown?

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a



The 2300 years was to reach, according to Daniel's prophecy, "from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem," to the time for the cleansing of the sanctuary. **457 B.C.**—Artaxerxes, king of Persia, commanded the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem. (Daniel 9:24, Ezra 6:1,6–12). Beginning of the 2300 years. **408 B.C.**—The reconstruction and restoration of Jerusalem carried to completion during the first 49 years of Daniel's long time prophecy. The work was finished in 408 B.C. (Daniel 9:25).

A.D. 27—Jesus, anointed with the Holy Spirit at His baptism, began to preach and to teach. See Matthew 3:16; Acts 10:38. From 457 B.C. to Christ the "anointed," 483 years. **A.D. 31**—Messiah "cut off" in the midst of the week," A.D. 31, after three and one half years of blessed ministry. See Dan. 9:27; Matthew 27:50–51. The remaining three and a half years of the seventieth week bring us to the close of the four-hundred ninety year period allotted to the Jewish people.

crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8.

Manner of Christ's Coming

At His ascension, how did the angels say Christ would come again?

"When he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9–11.

How did Christ say He would come?

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels." Matthew 16:27. "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of

heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30.

What warning has Christ given concerning false views?

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not." Matthew 24:23–26.

How visible is His coming to be?

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Verse 27.

What takes place at the trumpet sound?

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

What separation will then take place?

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Matthew 25:31–32.

What will He say to those on his right?

"Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Verse 34.

What will HE say to those on the left?

"Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Verse 41.

What will the Lord be to His people at this time?

"The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel 3:16. See Jeremiah

25:30–31; Haggai 2:21; Hebrews 12:26; Psalm 91:5–10.

How does Paul speak of this coming?

"Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

What text definitely brings the millennium to view?

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them. . . . And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Revelation 20:4.

What becomes of the living wicked when Christ comes?

"As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot;...the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26–30.



A.D. 34—Stoning of Stephen. From that time the gospel was preached to the Gentiles. See Dan. 9:24; Acts 7:54–58; 8:1. From 457 B.C. to “the times of the Gentiles,” 490 years or seventy weeks.

A.D. 1844—The threefold message of Revelation 14:6-12 heralded to all the world, just before Christ’s second coming.

A.D. 1844 End of the 2300 years. Cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary in the hour of God’s judgement. See Daniel 8:14; Revelation 14:7.

The Millennium Begins

How many resurrections are there?

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” John 5:28–29.

What class only have part in the first resurrection?

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.” Revelation 20:6.

How long is Satan to be imprisoned on this earth?

“I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he

laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled.” Revelation 20:1–3.

What change is made in Satan’s con-

dition at the close of the one thousand years?

“After that he must be loosed a little season.” Verse 3.

The righteous dead are raised at Christ’s second coming. When will the rest of the dead, the wicked, be raised?

“The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.” Verse 5.

As soon as the wicked are raised, what does Satan at once proceed to do?

“When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.” Verses 7–8.

Against whom do the wicked go to make war, and what is the outcome?

“They went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.” Verse 9.

What will be the character of this death?

“Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction.” 2 Thessalonians 1:9.

The Home of the Saved

For what purpose was the Earth created?

“For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited.” Isaiah 45:18.

To whom has God given the earth?

“The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; but the earth hath he given to the children of men.” Psalm 115:16.

For what purpose was man made?

“Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.” Psalm 8:6.

When man lost his dominion, to whom did he yield it?

“For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.” 2 Peter 2:19.

Note—Man was overcome by Satan in the Garden of Eden, and there yielded himself and his possessions into the hands of his captor.

In tempting Christ, what ownership

Beginning of the Millennium

1. End of seven last plagues
2. Christ’s second coming
3. Righteous dead raised
4. Wicked perish, Satan bound
5. Righteous ascend to Heaven

The millennium is the closing period of God’s great week of time—a great 1,000 year sabbath of rest to the earth and to the people of God after the approximate 6,000 years of human history.

It follows the close of the gospel age, and precedes the setting up of the everlasting kingdom of God on earth.

It comprehends what in the Scriptures is frequently spoken of as “the day of the Lord.”

It is bounded at each end by a resurrection.

Its beginning is marked by the pouring out of the seven last plagues, the second coming of Christ, the resurrection of the righteous dead, the binding of Satan, and the translation of the saints to heaven; and its close, by the descent of the New Jerusalem, with Christ and the saints,

End of the Millennium

1. Christ and saints descend.
2. Holy City descends.
3. Wicked dead raised.
4. Satan loosed
5. Wicked destroyed

from heaven, the resurrection of the wicked dead, the loosing of Satan, and the final destruction of the wicked.

During the one thousand years the earth lies desolate; Satan and his angels are confined here; and the saints, with Christ, sit in judgment on the wicked, preparatory to their final punishment.

The wicked dead are then raised; Satan is loosed for a little season, and he and the host of the wicked encompass the camp of the saints and the Holy City. Then fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. The earth is cleansed by the same fire that destroys the wicked. The earth, renewed, becomes the eternal abode of the saints.

The millennium is one of “the ages to come.” Its close will mark the beginning of the new-earth state.

did Satan claim?

“And the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I will give it.” Luke 4:5–6.

Why did Christ say the meek are blessed?

“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” Matthew 5:5.

What was shown the apostle John in vision?

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” Revelation 21:1.

How readily will their wants be supplied?

“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.” Isaiah 65:24.

What peaceful condition will reign throughout the earth then?

“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent’s meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.” Verse 25.

What seasons of worship will be observed in the new earth?

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.” Isaiah 66:22–23.

The New Jerusalem

What did John see concerning this city?

“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out



Family Reunion In Heaven

of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” Revelation 21:2.

How many foundations has this city?

“And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.” Verse 14.

What will be excluded from this city?

“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie.” Verse 27.

What will flow through the city?

“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.” Revelation 22:1.

What stands on either side of the river?

“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of

the nations.” Verse 2.

Of what does John say the streets of the city are composed?

“And the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.” Revelation 21:21.

Why will this city have no need of the sun or moon?

“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.” Verses 23–24. See Revelation 22:5; Isaiah 60:19–20.

Who will be permitted to enter it?

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Revelation 22:14.

“The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, and throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love” *The Great Controversy, 678.*

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