

# *The Final Inquisition*

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## —CHAPTER 1—

### BIBLE PROPHECY AND THE COMING CRISIS

The book you are holding in your hands is actually a study on Bible prophecy. If you are interested in studying Bible prophecy, then this book is meant for you. As we look at prophecy together through the eyes of the prophet Daniel, the seer John, and other spiritual writers, we will take not a peek, but a good hard look into the past, the present, and the future. You will be addressed as *Students of Bible Prophecy* as we travel through time—spanning the eras of history and the world to come. Now let us begin with the first prophecy from the Book of Daniel.

“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 they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal

the book, **even to the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” (Daniel 12:1-3).

Although this prophecy was written many years ago, the warning is for us living in the “time of the end.” Many people sense something stupendous is about to break upon this world, which the prophet Daniel rightly called “a time of trouble,” but most people do not understand this crisis will also include a final Inquisition—a time when Commandment-keeping Christians will be punished as heretics.

Unprecedented changes are rapidly taking place in the United States—*The Land of the Free*, and the elements of nature are crying out as evidenced by the increasing natural disasters. Hurricanes Katrina and Ike cost billions and billions of dollars in damage. Even more startling are the trillions of dollars lost by Americans because of a downturn in real estate values and bad loans.

Compounding the problem, the stock market and the Dow Jones Industrials, in 2008/09, reached record lows, and frightened Americans lost trillions of dollars in hard-earned IRAs and pension plans. Predictably, the United States is not the only nation suffering from the deep recession. Other countries are currently in or near bankruptcy, banks are failing, and a global *time of trouble* is on the horizon as evidenced by the following headlines:

“Consumer Prices—Sharpest One-month  
Decline Since the Great Depression”

“General Motors and Ford  
Face Bankruptcy”

“Citibank Lays Off 53,000 Workers”

“Germany Joins in the Recession”

“Japanese Car Giant Faces First Loss  
Since the Second World War”

“Government’s 700 Billion Dollar  
Rescue Plan—Biggest Federal Bailout  
Since the Great Depression”

Former President George W. Bush announced, “We are facing a global meltdown!” Some forecasters are also predicting a global great depression and coming revolts in America! And in the midst of the chaos, the United States elected the first African-American president, Barack Hussein Obama, who promised change in America, and Pope Benedict XVI pressed for a law in the European Union that would have forced all Europeans to rest on Sunday. Amazing times we are living in!

Yet, of all the negative reports mentioned above, the one issue that concerns me the most is when any leader, whether the Pope of Rome or an American President, tries to force people to rest on

a day that most of the world recognizes as a religious day of worship—in this case Sunday. Every person should reserve the right to exercise liberty of conscience and rest on the day he chooses as the Lord's Day, whether that day is Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

The Roman Catholic Church has been fighting to make Sunday observance mandatory in Europe for the past 15 years, and Pope Benedict XVI recently attempted to make it law that all people living in Europe must rest on Sunday. (See [www.thetrumpet.com](http://www.thetrumpet.com), Nov. 18, 2008.) But before EU nations enforced the directive, the European Court of Justice annulled the provision that would require employees to rest on Sunday (*Ibid.*, February, 2009).

Why does Pope Benedict XVI want to enforce Sunday rest and make it law? And what gives him the right to do so? Is it possible he has another agenda—perhaps a hidden one? In Revelation 13, the Bible warns of a time in the future when the “beast” will force people to worship. Could the pope of Rome be testing the waters or the people of the European Union? (See Revelation 17:15—the *waters* = peoples and nations.) At the closing of the 24th National Eucharistic Congress on May 29, 2005, in front of 200,000 spectators in the Italian city of Bari, Pope Benedict declared that the



reinforcement of Sunday worship is fundamental to his mission!

Students of Bible Prophecy, what I am about to share with you may shock you, but information has been deliberately kept hidden from you, like a secret. The information may involve someone you know. So, please, this has nothing to do with Catholics, whom I love, and comprise much of my own family. It has nothing to do with Protestants, or whether a person is saved or not because he belongs to a certain religious denomination. My reason for writing *The Final Inquisition* is to unmask a religious and political system that blends paganism with Christianity; to unveil its hidden agenda for world dominance and the establishment of a One-World Order; and to expose the secret society it employs whose agents, often in disguise, have infiltrated most of the religious denominations and political sectors of the world.

As we study the Holy Bible, written by inspired prophets, you will see that these allegations are true. Prophets are divinely chosen human channels that utter and write messages they receive directly from God. Through the prophets we hear the voice of the Almighty. The Bible says: "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," and "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He

revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets” (1 Peter 1:21; Amos 3:7). Other church historians and famous people throughout history will also be cited to support the conclusions. Now let us begin.

## —CHAPTER 2—

### THE WOMAN WHO SITS ON SEVEN HILLS

Students of Bible Prophecy, did you know that many of the truths in the Bible are hidden beneath the surface of Scripture? In fact, the Bible uses *symbols* like a *woman*, a *little horn*, and a *beast*, like **codewords** that mean something completely different than what you might think. As we study the prophecies together, it is important to understand the Bible interprets itself when comparing Scripture with Scripture (see Isaiah 28:9, 10). It is also important to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you the deep things of God (see 1 Corinthians 2:9-13). Now, let us open our Bibles and learn what the *woman* in Revelation 17, the *little horn* in Daniel 7, and the *first beast* in Revelation 13 truly symbolize?

The Bible uses the illustration of a *woman* to symbolize a church. A *virgin* symbolizes a *faithful* and *pure church* (see Revelation 14:4; 12:17), and a *harlot*, an *apostate* or *unfaithful church*. The Old Testament prophets often used a *licentious woman*, attractive and tempting, to symbolize the church in apostasy. “I have likened the daughter of Zion to a *comely and delicate woman*” and “Thou hast played

the *harlot with many lovers*; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 6:2; 3:1. See also Jeremiah 3:3, 8; Ezekiel 16:15-58; Hosea 2:5; 3:1.) Hence, using the Bible to interpret itself, the *woman* playing the *harlot* must be an *apostate church* that has violated the covenant or marriage agreement with God and is in an illicit relationship with “many lovers”.

In Revelation 17:9, the apostle John gives another important clue as to where the *woman* or apostate church is located: “And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are **seven mountains**, on which the woman sits.” Can you think of a church that *sits* on *seven mountains*? One resource says: “It is within the city of Rome, called *the city of seven hills*, that the entire area of Vatican State proper is now confined” (*The Catholic Encyclopedia*, p. 529). Could the *woman* or *harlot* actually be a symbol for the Vatican and the Church of Rome?

## —CHAPTER 3—

### A MOUTH SPEAKING GREAT THINGS

Students of Bible Prophecy, please turn in your Bibles to Daniel 7:3-7. Here we find the prophet Daniel using symbols of *four beasts*—a *lion*, a *bear*, a *leopard*, and a *dreadful and terrible* beast in his prophetic picture to depict the four great empires of the world in history. Using the Bible once again to interpret itself, we can unveil the true meaning of the symbols used for the four beasts. “The great *beasts*, which are four, are four *kings* which shall arise out of the earth,” and “The *fourth beast* shall be the *fourth kingdom* upon earth” (Daniel 7:17, 23). Therefore, if the four *beasts* symbolize *kings*, or, more specifically, *kingdoms* (a king rules a kingdom), history should provide the answer as to what four kingdoms are meant. The four successive kingdoms in history that ruled the world were the following: Babylon—symbolized by the *lion*, ruled from 605 to 539 B.C.; Medio-Persia—the *bear*, ruled from 539 to 331 B.C.; Greece—the *leopard*, ruled from 331 to 168 B.C.; and Rome—the *dreadful beast* with 10 horns and iron teeth, ruled from 168 B.C., but would be divided as we see in

Europe today. (See *The Heritage of the Ancient World*, by Stewart C. Easton.)

Daniel 7:8 also tells us that a *little horn* would arise out of the ten horns of the fourth beast—Ancient Rome: “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another *little horn*, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.” Can it be proven, since the Vatican and the Church of Rome have already been implied, that papal Rome “plucked up”, or overthrew, three powers in history to establish herself? The answer again is yes. History proves that the Roman papacy, in fact, defeated three barbarian nations to establish her supremacy—the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths—the sole Arian power of significance to hinder the hegemony [the dominance of one nation over another] of the papacy in the West (see Thomas Hodgkins, *Italy and Her Invaders*, vol. 3, ch. 15). Another historian wrote: “Out of the ruins of political Rome, arose the moral empire in the ‘giant form’ of the Roman Church” (A.C. Flick, *The Rise of the Medieval Church*, p. 150).

Daniel 7:8 continues to unmask this world power by giving us another specific identifying mark of the *little horn*: “**He shall speak great words against the most High.**” Students of Bible Prophecy,

can we prove this identifying mark also points to the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church? Let us turn to an Italian Franciscan canonist and consuler of the Holy Office of the eighteenth century named Lucius Ferraris and read what he had to say.

“The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God ...

“The Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of the earth and of the lower regions ...



“The Pope is as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief of kings, having plenitude of power, to whom has been entrusted by the omnipotent God direction not only of the earthly but also of the heavenly kingdom ...

“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 with most ample power of binding and loosing sheep.

“Whatever the God Himself, and the Redeemer, is said to do, that his vicar does, providing that he does nothing contrary to the faith.” (*Papa II, Prompta Bibliotheca*, Vol. VI, pp. 25-29)

Amazing! An eighteenth-century canonist of the Roman Catholic Church confirms the *little horn* of Daniel 7 is the pope of Rome—complete with the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking incredible things!

Now, Students of Bible Prophecy, please turn in your Bibles to Revelation 13:3-7. Here the prophet John gives a description of a beast rising out of the sea. The first thing we notice about this beast is that it is a composite beast: it “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 gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” It can be referred to as the ***leopard-bodied beast***. These four beasts are the same four beasts—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome—that Daniel saw in vision in Daniel 7. As a matter of record, Papal Rome



inherited from each of these pagan empires some of their basic identifying characteristics that we still see being practiced in this contemporary false system of religion—the Roman Catholic Church. From Babylon, the papacy inherited a **pagan priesthood**; from Medo-Persia, **sun worship**; from Greece, **human philosophies**; and from the dragon, Pagan Rome, **its power, seat and great authority**. It is, then, accurately and appropriately depicted as “a beast rising out of the **sea** [or populated areas (See Revelation 17:15)]” that has borrowed parts, or characteristics, of other beasts or kingdoms. (See Daniel 7:23). Since it is the first of two beasts to appear in this chapter, the Roman papacy is referred to as the *first beast or leopard-bodied beast* of Revelation 13. Like the *little horn* of Daniel 7, the first beast also speaks great words against the most High, but more specifically “he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven” (Revelation 13:6).

Students of Bible Prophecy, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church is called the pope, which means *papa*, or *father* in Latin. He also assumes the title *Potifex Maximus*, which means “*the greatest or most-important bridge builder*.” What blasphemy!—for only Jesus—the Son of God—has the right to *bridge* fallen man to God! He is the only *ladder* that connects heaven with earth. The Bible says:

“There is one God, and one Mediator, between God and man, the man Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:5). A third Latin title for the pope that has been used for centuries is *Vicarius Filii Dei*, which means *vicar, vicegerent (supreme chief), or official ruling representative* of the Son of God on earth. Students, search your Bibles, for the Holy Spirit is Christ’s true Vicar on earth, not the pope of Rome! (See John 14:16-18, 26; 16:7, 8, 13, 14.) By assuming all three titles, the pope is crowned with a Triple Crown, or tiara, as king of heaven, and earth, and the lower regions. The official liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church used is: “Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns and know that thou art Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the world, *Vicar of our Savior Jesus Christ.*” (According to the Vatican web-site, this interpretation of the Triple Crown is found in the *Pontificale Romanum Clementis VIII*, Editio Princeps, 1595-1596.)

In addition to these blasphemous titles used for the Roman pontiff, the pope and his priests assume the **power to forgive sins**. The Bible defines blasphemy as anyone other than Christ who claims to have power to forgive sins! (See Matthew 9:1-6.) Also remember Revelation 13:6 said the beast would also blaspheme “His tabernacle.” In the Old Testament tabernacle service, the High Priest would officiate in the Most Holy Place on the Day of Atonement.

The Bible assures us that the antitypical High Priest today is Jesus Christ, and most certainly not the pope of Rome: “**Christ** being come an **high priest** of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building” (Hebrews 9:11).

Another bold claim made by the Catholic Church says: “**The Holy mass is one and the same Sacrifice with that of the Cross**, inasmuch as Christ, Who offered Himself to His Heavenly father, continues to offer Himself in an **unbloody manner on the altar, through the ministry of priests**” (A *Catechism of Christian Doctrine*, p. 47). Students, this is another bold and blasphemous statement! According to the Catholic Church, the mass is the means of applying the merits of Calvary, which is done over and over again, through the ministry of priests. That means the pope, or any Roman Catholic priest, can offer Christ to be sacrificed in each of the millions of masses each year? The Bible says, “**Nor ... that He should offer Himself often ... but now once ... to put away the sin by the sacrifice of Himself**” (Hebrew 9:26). Thus, we have seen from Catholic authors and the Bible, how the pope, a mere mortal, is *Papa*, *Potifex Maximus*, and *Vicarius Filii Dei*, and, by assuming these titles he blasphemes the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit just as the prophet John warned he would do many

years ago! Hence, the *first beast* or *leopard-bodied beast* of Revelation 13 and the *little horn* of Daniel 7 must be the same power.

Furthermore, if you compare the identifying marks of the *leopard-bodied beast* of Revelation 13 with that of the *little horn* of Daniel 7, you will notice the two have several characteristics in common: a) both blaspheme God with a mouth speaking great things. (See Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:5, 6.); b) both make war and persecute the saints. (See Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:7.); and c) both reign for three and one-half years, 1260 days, or 42 months. (See Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 12:6; 13:5—to be discussed in more detail later.) So, we have learned the *first beast* or *leopard-bodied beast*, like the *woman* and the *little horn*, perfectly apply to the papacy and the Roman Catholic Church!

Returning to the book of Daniel 7:24, the prophet adds: “He [the *little horn*] shall be diverse from the first” beasts. Students, is the Vatican *diverse* or different from Babylon, Medio-Persia, Greece, and pagan Rome—the four beasts, or world powers, that preceded it? **Vatican City is a city-state all of its own**—a section of the city of Rome about 108.7 acres in extent whose religious leader sits on a throne claiming to be the representative of God on earth—even to have power over the angels! The papacy is both a **religious and political power**.

Certainly this makes the Vatican quite different than any other kingdom!



## —CHAPTER 4—

### VICARIUS FILII DEI AND 666

Please bear with me as I interject information you might find very interesting and alarming in regards to the Latin title *Vicarius Filii Dei*. Let me begin by saying I do not agree with the position taken by the late professor of Theology and Church History at Andrews University, Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi, and his lengthy rhetoric downplaying one of the pope's official titles—*Vicarius Filii Dei*. According to Bacchiocchi, the title that calculates to the number 666 when applying Roman numerals to the letters is *not an official title* for the pope of Rome. Dr. Bacchiocchi referenced several articles written and published years ago in *Our Sunday Visitor*—the largest Roman Catholic newspaper in America. Now, Students, please pay close attention.

*Our Sunday Visitor*, on November 15, 1914, said: “The title of the Pope of Rome is *Vicarius Filii Dei*. This is inscribed on his mitre.” The following year, *Our Sunday Visitor*, on April 18, 1915, stated: “The letters inscribed in the Pope's miter are these ‘VICARIUS FILII DEI’ which is the Latin for

‘VICAR OF THE SON OF GOD.’ Catholics hold that the church, which is a visible society, must have a visible head. Christ, before His ascension into heaven, appointed St. Peter to act as His representative... Hence to the Bishop of Rome, as head of the church, was given the title, ‘VICAR OF CHRIST’” (*Our Sunday Visitor*, “Bureau of information,” Huntington, Indiana, U.S., April 18, 1915).

Later, on September 16, 1917, and again on August 3, 1941, the same publication clearly denied the facts they first maintained which confirmed the title—*Vicarius Filii Dei*—is on the pope’s mitre. On two separate occasions, *Our Sunday Visitor*, quoted above, admitted it is a **sanctioned title** for the pope and of such significance that it is inscribed on his mitre. But years later, after Protestants began applying Roman numerals to the letters of *Vicarius Filii Dei* which equal **666—the number of the beast**, the publishers of the same weekly printed two retractions. Researchers like Bacchiocchi claim mitres never bear inscriptions, only tiaras or triple crowns do. Therefore, the word *tiara* must have been meant by the authors of *Our Sunday Visitor* instead of *mitre*.

Another position taken is that the inscription in question was never *on* the mitre in the first place, but *in* it, since the authors used the two different prepositions in the 1914 and 1915 articles



respectively. Students, I will not attempt to resolve the issue of which preposition was actually meant, but I will ask several questions instead: First, “How hard would it be to hide the miter or tiara in the Vatican if it does exist?” Second, “Why would the papacy produce the miter or tiara and incriminate themselves any further?” Third, “Is it possible *Our Sunday Visitor* printed the retractions in an attempt to deceive the public and defuse their accusers?”

Whether we will ever see the miter or tiara is really beside the point, because even the late Samuele Bacchiocchi admitted the title was used for the pope: “Our study has shown that the title *Vicarius Filii Dei* was used since the eighth century in important documents to boost the temporal power of the papacy, but it has not been the most common title” (*The Saga of Vicarius Filii Dei on the Papal Tiara*, p. 32). I agree with Bacchiocchi that the title was used many times for hundreds of years. One noted example of its use for the pope was in the *Donation of Constantine*—a forged Roman imperial edict devised between A.D. 750 and A.D. 775. The document was used as valid by **at least nine of the popes over a period of seven centuries** or more, in establishing the spiritual and temporal supremacy of the bishops of Rome.

Another elaborate theological work of Lucius Ferraris, who we quoted earlier as proof of the

blasphemous titles of the pope, wrote: “The blessed Peter is seen to have been constituted Vicar of the Son of God [*Vicarius Filii Dei*] on earth” (Lucius Ferraris, *Papa II, Prompta Bibliotheca*, Vol. VI, p. 43). Again, when Ferraris’s work was revised and enlarged, and published in Rome in 1890, the title was still retained. Ferraris cited the revised canon law as his authority. Furthermore, *The Temporal Power of the Vicar of Jesus Christ*, written by Historian Cardinal Henry Manning, confirms that popes have used the title *Vicar of the Son of God* from the Latin *Vicarius Filii Dei* for quite some time!

One very interesting piece of evidence is presented by P.D. Stuart in his book *Codeword Barbelon*: “In 1941, Professor Johannes Quasten [1900-1987], at the time the world’s leading authority on Catholic Church history, and author of the Four Volume Reference Set on Patrology, wrote: ‘The title *Vicarius Christi*, as well as the title *Vicarius Filii Dei*, **is a very common title of the Pope.**’ That statement he wrote by hand on the official letterhead of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.” (P.D. Stuart, *Codeword Barbelon*, Book 1, p. 458). As we have clearly seen, the title is admittedly applied to the pope, and that is sufficient for the purposes of prophecy.

Students of Bible Prophecy, please be faithful Bereans (see Acts 17:11), and study to see whether

these things are so. A papal tiara was presented to Pius IX by Belgium in 1871, and the complete inscription including text on the unseen sides is:

IESV CHRISTI VICARIO INFALLIBILI  
ORBIS SVPREMO IN TERRA RECTORI  
REGVM ATQVE POPVLORVM PATRI

which translates to:

To the Infallible Vicar of Jesus Christ  
To the Supreme Governor of the World on Earth  
To the Father of Nations and Kings.

I have spent days reading and studying Samuele Bacchiocchi's articles on *Vicarius Filii Dei* and they trouble me deeply. Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi was a famous Seventh-day Adventist scholar and professor of Church History and Theology at a Protestant college—Andrews University in Michigan. He received his doctorate degree from the Gregorian Pontifical University near the Vatican in Rome, Italy, and was awarded a gold medal by Pope Paul VI for the distinction of *summa cum laude* (Latin for “*with highest praise*”) for a book he wrote called *Sabbath to Sunday*. In his book, he supposedly argues *against* Sunday being the Lord's Day. This forces me to ask the following questions: “Why would the pope award the Jesuit graduate a gold medal for a book that could weaken the Catholic Church position on keeping Sunday Holy?” and

“Why was the book endorsed by the Society of Jesus—the Jesuits?”

Students, before I proceed any further, I need to say by all appearances the late Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi seemed to be a nice man. He may have been a kind father and good husband. I was sorry to hear about his death on December 20, 2008, from fourth-stage liver cancer, and I have prayed for his wife and children. Please understand that in writing this section of *The Final Inquisition*, it is not my purpose to judge his character or condemn him in any way, but only to expose the dangers of adhering to the teachings of this former Jesuit-trained professor of theology that have been promulgated throughout various Protestant denominations for years, including my own.

Please consider the fact that Samuele Bacchiocchi graduated from the Pontifical Gregorian University—a pontifical (papal) university located in Rome, Italy—heir of the Roman College founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola over 450 years ago. What affect did the **five years of doctoral studies** have on Bacchiocchi? The Gregorian University was the first Jesuit university containing faculties and institutes of various disciplines of the humanities. In 1533, Ignatius Loyola wrote the *Spiritual Exercises*—an occult masterpiece that included a number of mystic, new age practices like meditation, visualization,

and trancing (hypnosis). Now, let us study about the secret society known as the Jesuits.



## —CHAPTER 5—

### THE JESUIT ORDER

Students of Bible Prophecy, “the Jesuits, also known as ‘The Society of Jesus, were established by the papacy in 1540 as a very special ‘**fighting unit**’ at the total and exclusive disposal of the Roman Pope. From their beginnings, the Jesuits were conceived in a **military mode**. Soldiers of Christ, they were given only two purposes: to propagate the religious doctrine and the moral law of the Roman Catholic Church as proposed and taught by the Roman Pope” (*The Jesuits*, page 41, by Malachi Martin, former Jesuit priest, eminent theologian, expert of Roman Catholic Church and professor at the Vatican’s Pontifical Biblical Institute).

Like a glorious sunrise after a dismal night, the sixteenth century Protestant Reformation ushered in the penetrating light of the gospel. God was at work to break the shackles of ignorance, superstition and tradition. Men were rising up in different lands to present to the people forgiveness and justification only through belief in Jesus Christ and not through the pope of Rome and his priests. Risking their very lives, they resisted the controlling

tyranny of the Roman Church and a religion based on tradition rather than Scripture. False Catholic doctrines were promulgated without Scriptural authority like celibacy, purgatory, baptizing infants, penance, eternal hell fire, and the worship of graven images. The Protestant movement received its greatest momentum from the fearless leadership of Martin Luther—the Father of Protestantism, and Rome was sorely shaken. Whole Protestant nations were started.

Through Martin Luther, God accomplished a great work for the reformation of Christianity and the enlightenment of the world. The Reformation sprang forth from a threefold discovery of the following: a) the rediscovery of Christ and His salvation through Justification by Faith, and not by works; b) the acknowledgment of the Holy Scriptures (*Sola Scriptura*) as the only foundation for religious faith; c) the discovery of the identity of Antichrist as the papacy and his subversions of Bible prophecy. Yet, the enemy of all souls was also actively at work to cast his blanket of darkness and hide the light of truth, and through the Roman Catholic Church initiated the Counter Reformation. The purpose of this international movement was to revive a Catholic or universal Christianity and to silence Protestantism.



“The Jesuits carried the battle right into the territories of their papal enemies. They waged public controversies with kings, they debated in Protestant universities, they preached at crossroads and in market-places. They addressed municipal councils, they instructed Church Councils. They infiltrated hostile territories in disguise, and moved around underground. They were everywhere, showering their contemporaries with brilliance, with wit, with acerbity, with learning, with piety. Their constant theme: The Bishop of Rome is successor to Peter the Apostle ... any other church institution is rank heresy ... they had a monopoly in the education of Europe for over two hundred years, and numbered the famous and infamous ... they were giants with but one purpose: the defense and propagation of papal authority and papal teaching.” (Malachi Martin, *The Jesuits*, p. 28-29)

“Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel,

unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. **There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume.** Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the reestablishment of the papal supremacy.

“When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to

the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed. It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying, theft, perjury, assassination, were not only pardonable but commendable, when they served the interests of the church. Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations. They became servants to act as spies upon their masters. They established colleges for the sons of princes and nobles, and schools for the common people; and the children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of popish rites. All the outward pomp and display of the Romish worship was brought to bear to confuse the mind and dazzle and captivate the imagination, and thus the liberty for which the fathers had toiled and bled was betrayed by the sons. The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there

followed a revival of popery.” (E. G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pp. 234, 235)

“In a letter from John Adams to then President Thomas Jefferson about the Jesuits we read: ‘Shall we not have regular swarms of them here, in as **many disguises** as only a king of the gypsies can assume, dressed as painters, publishers, writers, and school-masters [especially professors]? If there was a body of men who merited eternal damnation on earth and in hell it is this Society of Loyola’s [the Jesuits].’” (George Reamer, *The New Jesuits*, 1971, p. 14; *op. cit.*, Bill Hughes, *The Secret Terrorists*, pp. 12, 13)

Napoleon Bonaparte, a French military and political leader who had a significant impact on the history of Europe, made this statement: “The Jesuits are **a military organization, not a religious order**. Their chief is a general of an army, not the mere abbot of a monastery. And the aim of the organization is: POWER—power in its most despotic exercise. Absolute power, universal power, power to control the world by the volition of a single man. Jesuitism is the most absolute of despotisms. ... Their society is by nature dictatorial. ... Every act, every crime, however atrocious, is a meritorious

work, if committed for the interest of the Society of Jesuits, or by order of the general” (*Memorial of the Captivity of Napoleon at St. Helena*, pp. 62, 174). The pope and his Jesuit military have infiltrated many of the Protestant churches and high levels of government fixing their sights on the Constitution of the United States of America, especially the First Amendment that guarantees there shall be “no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” In fact, **“The Vatican condemned the Declaration of Independence as wickedness and called the Constitution of the United States a Satanic Document”** (Avro Manhattan, *The Dollar and the Vatican*, Ozark Book Publishers, 1988, p. 26). Students, never forget papal Rome’s endgame agenda—the reestablishment of the Holy Roman Empire and a New World Order!



## —CHAPTER 6—

### JESUIT INFILTRATOR EXPOSED

Students of Bible Prophecy, in the clandestine operations of the Jesuits, secret agents are strategically planted in Protestant denominations. I believe the late, Jesuit-trained professor, Samuele Bacchiocchi, was one of these agents assigned by Rome to subvert the doctrines of one particular Protestant denomination—the Seventh-day Adventist Church with missionaries all over the world. We had met on two occasions. The first was in an airport where we briefly spoke while we waited for our connecting flights, and the second was when he gave a series of meetings at the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Prior to my attending his meeting in Galt, I stayed up all night reading his book *Sabbath to Sunday*. I immediately noticed it was endorsed by the *Society of Jesus* and prefaced by a Jesuit priest. The book has the *Imprimatur* (Latin for “let it be printed”), which Bacchiocchi claimed he received from the Vatican for his work. An *Imprimatur* is an official declaration from the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church that a literary work is

free from error in matters of Roman Catholic doctrine and morals, and hence acceptable reading for faithful Roman Catholics. The book, which was his thesis and had earned him a gold medal from the pope, never once acknowledged The Lord's Day is the Seventh-day Sabbath—Saturday—as does the Fourth Commandment in the Bible! The Seventh-day Sabbath is a pillar doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of which Bacchiocchi had been a member and professor at their university for many years. When I confronted him openly in front of 200 muffled SDAs and said: "I read your book and noticed that you never refer to the Lord's Day as the Seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday." You could have heard a pin drop. I anxiously waited for his response. The thought even flashed through my mind, "Had I been wrong?" As I anxiously waited for his response, Dr. Bacchiocchi finally answered, "Very good observation, young man, it doesn't." With a sigh of relief, I took a deep breath and asked a couple more questions. He abruptly cut me off and concluded the meeting: "No more questions," he said and sat down. It puzzles me how his book, that is so highly promoted by SDAs, does not support the Seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday, as being the Lord's Day—**not even once!** (See Isaiah 58:13,14—The Seventh-day Sabbath is called "my [the Lord's] holy day".)



Students of Bible Prophecy, I am Italian and a former Roman Catholic of 30 years. I attended Catholic schools for 12 years and served as an altar boy. In fact, many of my family live in Italy. My mother's maiden name was Ferrari, like the car, and both my grandparents were born in Italy. In fact, on January 14, 2000, the Diocese of Sacramento's Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Department sent me a strong letter that accused me of turning on my own family heritage. It said: "Why have you embarked on a mission to destroy the Roman Catholic Church? In continuing to do this, you destroy, at the same time, **your own family heritage!**" What I am saying is that I know Italians, but Bacchiocchi's sympathies seemed more aligned with the Roman Catholic Church than with the Bible and church historians.

The reaction-letter was sent from the Diocese of Sacramento, and a copy was forwarded to the Bishop, because a group of us had passed out literature to thousands of Christians from all denominations at a Catholic ecumenical meeting that was held at ARCO arena. Can you guess what was on the pamphlets we were passing out that day? The literature exposed the *beast power* of Revelation 13, the Vatican, and the pope as the antichrist. The ecumenical director, after warning me several times in his letter, wanted to meet with me. He challenged, "Just name the place and the hour! I am very curious to meet a former

Catholic who objects with such venom.” Speaking of venom, the name **Vatican** is derived from the Latin words *Vatis*, which means *diviner*, and *can*, which means *serpent*. The name Vatican, therefore, literally means—***the Divining Serpent***. There is only one *Divining Serpent* that I know of in the Bible—**Satan!** (See Revelation 12:9 and 20:2.)

Let us now return to Samuele Bacchiocchi’s message that afternoon at the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church. I remember Bacchiocchi had the congregation amused from his Italian humor and mesmerized by the fantastic stories, yet, I suspected something wasn’t right. I became even more suspicious he may be part of a covert Vatican agenda when he said, “Friends of mine from the Lord’s Day Alliance especially enjoy the special Sabbath sauce we make for the spaghetti when they eat at our house.” In case you are unaware, the Lord’s Day Alliance is the premier organization pushing for a **National Sunday Law** (please remember Pope Benedict XVI wants to enforce Sunday rest in the EU) and the Lord’s Day Alliance, like the Jesuits, wrote an endorsement for one of Bacchiocchi’s books! The objective of this organization is to force religion upon the people by legal enactment—to secure Sunday blue laws (more about blue laws later), and to standardize the Christianity of the people. From a leaflet published by the Lord’s Day

Alliance of the United States, we learn that their objective is the following: 1) To preserve the Lord's day [Sunday] for America; 2) To secure an active Alliance in every state not yet organized; 3) To induce the general government as fast as possible to set the example of "sabbath" observance. Now why would they endorse a book written by a Seventh-day Adventist theologian that promoted Saturday, not Sunday, as the Lord's Day?

How could Seventh-day Adventist Christians listen without questioning what he was saying? How many had drunk of the wine of Babylon that day? Not surprisingly, in 2008, two Jesuit priests spoke to the SDA students at Andrews University Seminary where Bacchiocchi taught for many years.

I will never forget the SDA pastor who chastised me in the street after the service in Galt. "How dare you!" he spat: "How dare you confront Dr. Bacchiocchi like that! Do you know who he is?" I answered: "Do you? You are so proud because you have a man who graduated from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome teaching theology at Andrews University. Have you ever considered that Rome may be laughing at you, because they have their man right where they wanted him, educating the students at Andrews University?" I remember thinking, "Another dumb dog that would not bark, but this one is blind too." Needless to say,

my reward for trying to protect the sheep wasn't a medal from the pope, like Samuele Bacchiocchi had received, but rather my being disfellowshipped from the Galt church for not following constituted church authority. In fact, the same fervent pastor—the deaf, dumb, and blind dog that would not bark—was the same man who stood up at the hearing to have me disfellowshipped and swayed the congregation with his closing arguments to have me excommunicated!

Yes, it was a hard time, but the Lord helped me through it. Do you know what it is like to stand for truth and be rejected and excommunicated by those you love and are trying to protect? But, Jesus comforted me with his own words: “Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets” (Luke 6:22). Jesus is able to lighten any burden and uses men in ways they may not fully understand. When you stand for present truth, you can expect criticism and ridicule, for it comes with the territory. The good news is years later Pastor Doug Bachelor welcomed my family and me into Sacramento Central Church on profession of faith.

## —CHAPTER 7—

### THE JESUITS AND THE COUNTER REFORMATION

Jesuit-trained Bacchiocchi's article where he attempts to discredit the pope's title—*Vicarius Filii Dei* as an "official" title of the pope—also *enthusiastically* states, "Our ... church has shown courage in rejecting the traditional numeric interpretation of the number 666, proposing instead a *symbolic interpretation* based on several possible meanings of the number 6. Shortly, we will take a closer look at the symbolic interpretation. The new challenge our church faces today is to examine the implications of the symbolic interpretation by taking a fresh look at the unity that exists among the mark, the name, and the number of the Beast."

Students of Bible Prophecy, did you especially notice the sentence, "Our ... church has shown courage in rejecting the traditional numeric interpretation of the number 666!" It seems Bacchiocchi's effort to chip away at the fundamentals of the faith was working with Jesuit-like finesse. Many of Bacchiocchi's last newsletters focused on President Barack Obama and his association with Islam. It appears his goal was to gradually divert Protestants

from the traditional Bible interpretation of the beast, the mark of the beast, and their fulfillment in the papacy and the Roman Catholic Church, to his new symbolic interpretation involving Islam.

I expected Bacchiocchi, had he lived long enough, may have dropped the papacy's application altogether and made Islam the sole fulfillment of the beast and its mark. He also emphasized the number 666 as *man's ultimate separation from God* just like the Catholic priests did years ago when I attended Catholic schools. Please remember, the Seventh-day Sabbath wasn't changed from Saturday to Sunday overnight. History records both days were kept before the seventh-day Sabbath was finally dropped altogether and became a *tradition* of the Jews.

The work of infiltrating and planting the counter interpretive ideas and then watching the Protestants themselves undoing the Reformation was the ploy of the Jesuits. They wanted to introduce enough error, mingled with just enough truth, to give plausibility to their theology. Not surprisingly, Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi, a man who was instrumental in bringing many in the Seventh-Day Church of God to honor Sunday, contrary to the Fourth Commandment, and whose friends included leaders of the Lord's Day Alliance, the premier organization pushing for a National

Sunday Law, tried to discredit the title *Vicarius Filii Dei*, for he well knew the prophecy and warning of Revelation 13:18 that says: “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.” **666!**

Students of Bible Prophecy, please understand that one of the first jobs of the Jesuits was to counter the Reformation. They must, by plausible exposition of Scripture, break the unbroken harmony of the reformers’ positions. What they did was to push the prophecies away from the papacy. Through the two Jesuit priests, Francisco Ribera of Spain and Roberto Bellarmine of Rome—the first an Italian Jesuit and the latter a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church—came the Futurist interpretation of the Antichrist. This interpretation leaps over the immense era of papal dominance, and crowds the antichrist prophecies into the far distant future. I believe, as do many others, that Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi was a chameleon just like the Jesuit priests Francisco Ribera and Roberto Bellarmine who were specifically hired to concoct a bogus interpretation of prophecy and futurism in order to divert attention away from the interpretation that the Catholic Church is the beast of Revelation 13 and the pope is the Antichrist. Their directive was to divert the minds of the people to look to the

future, and to a person, rather than a religio-political system, who will suffer a deadly wound to the head and miraculously be healed. It is obvious to me that Dr. Bacchiocchi was continuing in the footsteps of Ribera and Bellarmine and doing a similar work all over again! No wonder Jack Chick wrote a letter to a person that confirmed, according to ex-Jesuit Alberto Rivera, that Samuele Bacchiocchi was indeed a Jesuit. Here is what it says:

November 19, 1984

Dear D.:

In response to your letter, Dr. Rivera has told us that Samuel Bacchiocchi is indeed a Jesuit infiltrator in the S.D.A. [organization]. He has told us he knows this man personally, along with some others. We don't have anything in print to give you documented evidence, but a well-informed person, as you are, can spot the infiltrators.

The best thing you can do is voice your concerns, your questions, and your doubts about this man. Perhaps others will start putting things together and wake up.

God bless you,

In Him,

[Signed 'Jack']

Jack T. Chick, President

Chick Publications, Inc.



Furthermore, in an article written by Greg Szymanski, February 20, 2007, he writes: “Nury Rivera came forward with conviction and courage Monday on international radio, saying her husband was **assassinated** by the evil Jesuit Order. ‘They **poisoned** him and I am 100 percent sure of that,’ said the widow of the late high level Jesuit priest, Fr. Alberto Rivera, killed in the early 1990s after defecting from Vatican treachery and trying to tell the truth about the real intentions and satanic practices of the Jesuit Order. Fr. Rivera became a Jesuit priest, worked in the Vatican and was eventually assigned the deceptive job of infiltrating U.S. Christian churches with the intent to destroy Protestant pastors while controlling doctrine favorable to Rome.” For more incredible and shocking information about Alberto Rivera, see [www.modernmanna.org](http://www.modernmanna.org) and *The Elijah Prophecy* archives, Issue #9. This now brings us to the next despicable characteristic of the *beast* or *little horn*.



## —CHAPTER 8—

### THE INQUISITION

The Bible says in Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:7 that the *Antichrist* would make “war with the saints.” The papacy acknowledges “it has persecuted, and defends such acts as a legitimate exercise of power presumably granted her by Christ. The civil authorities were enjoined by the popes, under pain of excommunication to execute the legal sentences that condemned impenitent heretics to the stake” (Joseph Blotzer, *Inquisition*, Vol. VIII, p. 34). The term *Inquisition*, in case you do not know, can refer to any one of several institutions charged with trying and convicting heretics, or other offenders against canon law, within the Roman Catholic Church. Legal basis for some inquisitorial activity came from Pope Innocent IV’s Papal Bull *Ad extirpanda* of 1252, which authorized and regulated the use of torture in investigating heresy. In the Church’s eyes, **all Protestants are heretics**, because the Roman Catholic Church is the “**one true church**” as reported by *Newsweek*, Dec. 29, 2008/Jan. 5, 2009.

Students of Bible Prophecy, it is difficult to read the history of the Waldenses and the horrendous and cruel torture inflicted upon these God-fearing people by the Roman Catholic Church. Hundreds of years before the Reformation, they possessed the entire Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. They had the truth unadulterated, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution. They declared the Church of Rome to be the apostate **"BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"** (Revelation 17:5).

In *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, one gruesome picture is presented: "The papists, however, drove the people from their habitations at the time appointed, without even suffering them to have sufficient clothes to cover them; and many perished in the mountains through the severity of the weather, or for want of food. Some, however, who remained behind after the decree was published, met with the severest treatment, being murdered by the popish inhabitants, or shot by the troops who were quartered in the valleys. ... 'This armed multitude being encouraged by the Roman Catholic bishops and monks fell upon the Protestants in a most furious manner. Nothing now was to be seen but the face of horror and despair, blood stained the floors of the houses, dead bodies bestrewed the streets, groans

and cries were heard from all parts. Some armed themselves, and skirmished with the troops; and many, with their families, fled to the mountains. In one village they cruelly tormented one hundred and fifty women and children after the men fled, beheading the women, and dashing out the brains of the children. In the towns of Vilario and Bobbio, most of those who refused to go to Mass, who were upwards of fifteen years of age, they crucified with their heads downwards; and the greatest number of those who were under that age were strangled” (*Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*, Chapter VI).

History testifies that possibly 100,000 Huguenots—French Protestants—were annihilated at the hands of the Catholic Church. In *Codeword Barbelon*, P.D. Stuart writes: “In 1252, the then Pope made a decree stipulating the exact details of how the prisoners of the Inquisition were to be tortured—including children from the age of twelve and upward. **More than fifty million members of the human family are estimated to have been slaughtered under the sanction of the Catholic Church** (John Dowling, *History of Rome*, Bk. 8). For nearly six centuries, writes Peter De Rossa, in *The Dark Side of the Papacy*, not one in eighty popes from the thirteenth century to the nineteenth said a word against the diabolical machinery of the Inquisition, rather they added their own cruel

touch to the awful machinery of death” (P.D. Stuart, *Codeword Barbelon*, p. 127).

Beware, Students of Bible Prophecy, on July, 1998, the Vatican released Pope John Paul II’s 104-page Apostolic Letter entitled *Dies Domini—On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy!* The letter is a blanket attack on the Fourth Commandment, the Seventh-Day Sabbath, and the Creator Himself! Point 67 of *Dies Domini* actually states: “Christians will naturally strive to ensure that **civil legislation** respects their duty **to keep Sunday Holy. ... Sunday must be sanctified!**” On the same day, *The Denver Post* quoted Rome as saying: “**A violator should be punished as a heretic.**” A heretic is someone who adheres to any teaching the pope condemns, namely Protestants. One sacrilegious statement that Rome makes is the following: “No one can have God as father, that does not have the [Catholic] Church as Mother” (*The New Catholic Catechism*, par. 181).

Rome’s agenda, riding on the back of *Dies Domini*, is further evidenced by another apostolic exhortation: “*Ecclesia in America—The way to conversion, communion, and solidarity in America.*” This speech was given to Catholic leaders on January 22, 1999, and stated Rome is adamant about **solidarity in America**, and this she must attain. Under Article 73, entitled *The Challenge of the Sects*, the message was: “The proselytizing sects and new

groups of America are **a grave hindrance** to the work of evangelization.” Never forget, Students of Bible Prophecy, one noted Irish historian and publicist wrote: “The Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that ever existed” (W.E.H. Lecky, *History of the Rise of Rationalism in Europe*, Vol. 2).

As I listened to President Barack Obama’s “New World Order” speech to Berlin on July 24, 2008, chills ran down my spine. He was calling for solidarity, just like the pope of Rome, and global citizenship! The eloquent and charismatic president of the free world, in preacher-like tones, said: **“We are global citizens. ... Partnership and cooperation among nations is not a choice, it is the only way. ...The walls between the countries with the most and those with the least cannot stand. The walls between races and tribes; natives and immigrants; Christian and Muslim and Jew cannot stand. These now are the walls we must tear down. ...** Now is the time to build new bridges across the globe as strong as the one that bound us across the Atlantic. Now is the time to join together, through constant cooperation, strong institutions, shared sacrifice, and a global commitment to progress, to meet the challenges of the 21st century. This is the moment when our nations—and all nations—must summon that spirit anew.” So, the pope of Rome and the

President of the United States of America want solidarity now! Are you ready for the Europeanization of our country and a New World Order? Perhaps *Newsweek* is right, **“We Are All Socialists Now”** (*Newsweek*, February 16, 2009).

The secret society known as the Jesuits and the Counter Reformation still live, and no Protestant nation is safe from their diabolical scheme. “Our land is in jeopardy. The time is drawing on when its legislators shall so abjure the principles of Protestantism as to give countenance to Romish apostasy. The people for whom God has so marvelously wrought, strengthening them to throw off the galling yoke of popery, will, by a national act, give vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, and thus arouse the tyranny which only waits for a touch to start again into cruelty and despotism. With rapid steps are we already approaching this period when Protestant churches shall seek the support of the secular power, thus following the example of that apostate church, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will there be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin” (*Our Country—Its Danger, Signs of the Times*, July 4, 1899).

Students of Bible Prophecy, did you know prior to becoming Pope Benedict XVI, the current pope was known as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger and held the



position in the Vatican as head of *The Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith*? Did you know that department was formerly known as ***The Congregation of the Holy Office of the Inquisition***? The Vatican may have changed the name to distance themselves from the atrocities of the past, but its mission to destroy heretics remains the same. The *BBC News Network* reported it this way: “This Vatican department, a descendant of the Holy Inquisition, protects Church orthodoxy. The job earned him unflattering nicknames such as ‘**The Pope’s Enforcer**’ and ‘**God’s Rottweiler**.’ He has a reputation for stifling dissent, and one of his early campaigns was against ‘liberation theology’ in Latin America.” He also had the job of writing encyclicals for Pope John Paul II. Now, who do you think wrote *Dies Domini*? You are absolutely right! **It was Joseph Ratzinger—Pope Benedict XVI—the Pope of the Inquisition!**



## —CHAPTER 9—

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF SUNDAY LAWS IN AMERICA

Students of Bible Prophecy, remember Pope Benedict XVI's move to enforce Sunday law in the EU? Watch out fellow Americans—Sunday laws are not only coming for Europe, they are coming our way! Please remember that I said this, because I want it to sound prophetic, for when the Sunday laws are enforced in the United States it will only validate the information in this book is true! If you think this is preposterous, please keep reading.

Many people do not know that Sunday laws existed in America for three and a half centuries and longer in Ancient Rome. The Sunday-law problem has been with us for quite a few centuries now, ever since the Roman Emperor Constantine's first civil Sunday code of A.D. 321 enforcing rest on "*the venerable day of the sun*." The first blue law in the present United States was enacted in the colony of Virginia in 1610. Derived from Sabbatarian laws existing in Europe, regulations that prohibit individuals from engaging in certain private and public activities on Sunday, and that impose legal sanction on violators

are referred to as “blue laws,” “Sunday legislation,” “Sunday closing laws,” or “Sunday statutes.”

“New world settlers recalled the lions of the Roman coliseum; the Spanish Inquisition; the massacres of the Waldenses in their mountain hideaways; the Tower of London; the ‘Holy’ wars; **the rack, the screw, and the stake; fines, imprisonments, and executions**” (Warren L. Johns, *Dateline Sunday*, 1967, p. 22). In 1629, during the battle for freedom in Massachusetts, “A **Jesuit** was assured of banishment, and if ‘taken a second time within the Jurisdiction, upon lawful trial and conviction, he was to be **put to death**” (*The Laws and Liberties of the Massachusetts Colony*, (1672 Revision), p. 67). Catholics were denied the right to vote or hold office. Sunday travel was illegal, you could be whipped if you kissed your wife on Sunday, and smoking was forbidden on that day. The iron fist of the clergy-dominated state was everyday life in the colonies, and stringent Sunday laws were a weekly reminder of this union. The freedom of individual conscience had a long way to go.

But, in 1631, Roger Williams, an English theologian and notable proponent of religious toleration and the separation of church and state, began to espouse Separatist doctrines by the time of his arrival in Boston. He boldly preached from the pulpit and condemned the practice of punishing

those who failed to attend Sunday church service. “Civil magistrates,” he declared, “had not right to enforce church discipline” (William Roper, *Roger Williams, The Man and His Dream*, Vol. 58, 1963, No. 1, p. 57). Roger Williams strongly advocated absolute separation of church and state, and the civil use of the religious oath. He denied that individual conscience lies within the sphere of government. This courageous reformer asserted the great doctrine of intellectual liberty, and was the first person in modern Christianity to respect an individual’s liberty of conscience!

On November 3, 1791, the first ten amendments [Bill of Rights] to the United States constitution became a part of the supreme law of the land. ... Thomas Jefferson observed, “I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declares that their legislature should **‘make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,’** thus building a wall of separation between church and state” (*Reynolds v. United States*, 98 U.S. 145, 1878).

In the nineteenth century the United States was predominately rural, and clerics utilized their power to influence legislators on what should constitute proper observance of Sunday. “During the years 1895 and 1896 alone, ‘no less than seventy-six Seventh-day Adventists were prosecuted in the

United States and Canada under existing Sunday laws. Of these, twenty-eight served terms of various lengths in jails, chain gangs, etc. aggregating 1,144 days'” (*American State Papers*, page 562; *Dateline Sunday*, p. 55).

By 1931, of the forty-eight states, only California resisted the enactment of blue laws. Through the years, city ordinances and state statutes prohibited sporting events and entertainment as well as the sale of certain items, such as alcohol, tobacco, and motor vehicles. Boxing, wrestling, horse racing, hunting, bingo, billiards, movie theaters, bowling, card playing, cockfighting, dancing, gaming, polo, and raffles have been among the banned recreational pursuits. Some states have prohibited serving civil processes (subpoenas, warrants, and so forth) on Sunday.

On December 13, 1888, Alonzo T. Jones, a professor of history at the Seventh-day Adventist Battle Creek College in Michigan, took the offensive against a bill in New Hampshire sponsoring a “Lord’s Day” measure. Jones worshipped God on the Seventh-day (Saturday) Sabbath, and not on Sunday—the first day of the week. He obeyed the Fourth Commandment written with God’s own finger on stone (see Exodus 20:8-11; 31:18), and on our hearts by the Holy Spirit (see 2 Corinthians 3:3; Hebrews 8:20). At hearings before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, A. T. Jones

raised the issue that “Sunday legislation is, in reality, not in behalf of the laboring man at all. It is only a pretense to cover the real purpose—to enforce by law the religious observance of the day” (“Arguments on the Breckenridge Sunday Bill,” *The Sentinel Library*, No. 29, pages 28-30). Jones was fighting against the act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power—the spirit of the Holy Roman Empire. It was the constitutionality of Sunday Blue Laws that was debated in the high courts of the United States, even until the 1960s. Today, Sunday Blue Laws lie dormant on the statute books of most states, until the time when they will be enforced again! This land of boasted liberty is preparing to sacrifice every principle in her Constitution.

The headlines in *The Detroit News*, an American newspaper, on Tuesday, July 7, 1998, boldly stated: **“Pope’s call for worship welcomed.”** The article said, “Pope John Paul II is issuing a stern warning to Catholics that they should set aside Sunday for worship—not errands or their free time. ... This appears to be the strongest words the Pope has issued. Period!” Pope John Paul II warned all Catholics, regardless of where they live, to rest on Sunday, and Pope Benedict XVI will not rest until mandatory Sunday laws are enforced in Europe and America! In due time, violators who refuse to honor the “false Sabbath” will suffer **civil penalties** and be fined,

imprisoned, and punished, and, finally, a **death decree, or Final Inquisition will be enforced!** (See Revelation 13:15; Mark 13:9, 12.) Think about it, Students. Were not millions of Christians in history murdered at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church? In the future, “the church,” with the help of the state, will put true Christians to death again. The hellish torch of persecution will be rekindled! If you do not believe me, perhaps you will believe the words of Jesus: “They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, **the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service!**” (John 16:2).



## —CHAPTER 10—

### THE UNITED STATES AND THE IMAGE TO THE BEAST

**T**he Bible mentions a 1260-day prophecy seven times in Daniel and Revelation. There are not, as some have supposed, several 1260-day periods; there is only one. It is mentioned seven times, because it is so very important: in Daniel 7:25 and 12:7 and also in Revelation 12:14, as a time, times (i.e., two times—the lowest plural), and a half time; in Revelation 11:2 and 13:5, as forty-two months; and in Revelation 11:3 and Revelation 12:6, as one thousand two hundred and threescore (sixty) days. In Bible prophecy, there are 360 days to a year, and if you multiply 360 times three and one-half, you will come up with the number—1260. Also, **when time is used in Bible prophecy, a day stands for a year.** (See Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34). Therefore, the Bible has given us the important key to figuring out the 1260-day prophecy, and that is this—that **the 1260 days are actually 1260 literal years.** Now let us apply the 1260-year prophecy to history and see if it fits the papacy.

History reveals that the pope reigned supreme from A.D. 538 when Emperor Justinian declared

the Bishop of Rome “head of all Christendom” to A.D. 1798, **exactly 1260 years later**, when he was taken captive to France by General Berthier the head of the French army and held prisoner until he died. The armies of Napoleon in Italy placed the pope at the mercy of the French revolutionary government. Thus, figuratively speaking, the papacy suffered a *deadly wound* in 1798, and the 1260-year time prophecy perfectly applies to the papacy.

Let me interject that Jesuit-trained Samuele Bacchiocchi taught the date A.D. 538 is not a correct starting date for the 1260-year prophecy. He attests that **Islam** is as much a fulfillment of the *first beast* of Revelation 13 as is the papacy. Are you listening? He had been leading his followers, Pied-piper style, from one false interpretation of prophecy to another! Never forget, poison, when disguised with good food, becomes even more deadly because it is taken unawares! On December 20, 2008, Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi’s work was cut short.

Students of Bible Prophecy, please notice that Revelation 13:11 and 12 introduces “another beast [or second beast] coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and speaks like a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him [the papacy], and causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast,

whose deadly wound was healed. ... And he [the papacy] 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.**"

"What nation of the New World was in 1798, the end of the 1260-year prophecy, rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the **United States of America**" (E. G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 440). This second beast of Revelation 13 "was seen 'coming up out of the earth;' and, according to the translators, the word here rendered 'coming up' literally signifies 'to grow or spring up as a plant'" (*Ibid*). And, as we have seen, unlike the first beast which arose out of the "sea" or *inhabited area* (see Daniel 7:3 and Revelation 17:15 on the symbol of "sea" or "water" = "nations"), this nation must arise in **territory previously unoccupied.**

“‘And he had two horns like a lamb.’ The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the **United States** when presented to the prophets as ‘coming up’ in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the **Declaration of Independence**, which sets forth the great truth that ‘all men are created equal’ and endowed with the inalienable right to ‘life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.’ And the **Constitution** guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. **Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism [the two horns of the lamb] became the fundamental principles of the nation.** These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom

have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth. But the beast with lamblike horns ‘**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; ... 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 13:11-14)

“The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The speaking of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak ‘as a dragon’ and exercise ‘all the power of the first beast’ plainly foretells a development of the **spirit of intolerance and persecution** that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and

the leopard-like beast [the papacy]. And the statement that the beast with two horns 'causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first Beast' indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised **in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy.**

"Such action would be directly contrary to the principles of this government, to the genius of its free institutions, to the direct and solemn avowals of the **Declaration of Independence**, and to the **Constitution**. The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result—**intolerance and persecution**. The Constitution provides that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' and that 'no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States.' Only in flagrant violation of these safeguards to the nation's liberty, can any **religious observance be enforced by civil authority**. But the inconsistency of such action is no greater than is represented

in the symbol. It is the beast with lamb-like horns—in profession pure, gentle, and harmless—that speaks as a dragon.

“‘Saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast.’ Here is clearly presented a form of government in which the legislative power rests with the people, a most striking evidence that the United States is the nation denoted in the prophecy.” (*Ibid*, pp. 440-442)

“The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns shall cause ‘the earth and them which dwell therein’ to worship the papacy—there symbolized by the beast ‘like unto a leopard.’ The beast with two horns is also to say ‘to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;’ and, furthermore, it is to command all, ‘both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,’ to receive ‘**the mark of the beast.**’ [Revelation 13:11-16.] It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall en-

force Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy, the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false Sabbath [forming an image to the beast or papal Rome], the people of **every country on the globe** will be led to follow her example.” (E. G. White, *The Great Controversy*, 1888, p. 578); *Last Day Events*, p. 135)

Yes, President Barack Obama is absolutely right—change is coming! Especially when we consider that many of **his appointees are Jesuit-trained**. For example, Obama’s Chief Speechwriter, Jon Favreau, was Jesuit-trained; Obama’s Senior Military and Foreign Policy Advisor, Major General J. Scott Gration, was Jesuit-trained; Obama’s Deputy Communications Director, Dan Pfeiffer, was Jesuit-trained; Obama’s Chicago mentor is Gregory Galluzzo, a “former” **Jesuit priest** and National Director and co-founder of the Gamaliel



Foundation—a community organizing network representing more than a million multi-faith, church-going people who work on campaigns for social justice guided by an extreme, anti-American ideology; and Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, who graduated from Santa Clara University—a comprehensive Jesuit/Catholic university; and former congressman Leon Panetta, who attended the same university, as head of the **Central Intelligence Agency** (CIA).

On February 18, 2009, in Vatican City, the Roman pontiff told U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic who supports abortion rights, that Catholic politicians have a duty to protect life “at all stages of its development.” ([www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com), Feb. 18, 2009). “It is with great joy that my husband, Paul [who graduated from Georgetown University—a Jesuit university], and I met with his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI,” Pelosi said. “The pontiff has a long history of **urging Catholic politicians** to toe the line on abortion,” reported *Fox News*.

Roman Catholics now make up 30.3%, or 162, of the 535 senators and representatives of the 111th U. S. Congress, and 52 are alumni of Jesuit Universities and Colleges with Georgetown University having the most. Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., is the oldest Catholic and Jesuit university in the U.S., founded by the first archbishop in the

United States, Jesuit John Carroll! Quite an astounding growth since there were only three Roman Catholics at the time our Founding Fathers signed the *Declaration of Independence*. Furthermore, as of 2009, five of the nine Supreme Court Justices of the United States are Roman Catholic! I wonder if Pope Benedict XVI will urge the Catholic Supreme Court Justices to “toe the line” the way he does the United States’ Catholic politicians?

In the not too distant future, some of you will know what it is like to be persecuted for the truth’s sake. Injustice will prevail in the courts for those who hold steadfast to the Commandments of God, and false accusations will be railed against you. Jesus Himself warned: “But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake... But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be **put to death**. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:17-22). A spiritual

preparation is most urgent at this hour. Students, draw close to Jesus and pray for His power and righteousness! Now, let us look at another amazing characteristic of the papacy in Bible prophecy.



## —CHAPTER 11—

### THE DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED

In 1798 the papacy suffered the “deadly wound” as mentioned in Revelation 13:2, but the rest of the verse reads: “His deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.” Furthermore, Revelation 13:8 adds: “And all that dwell upon the earth shall *worship* him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

The wound has been healing, ever since 1929 when a significant event occurred. The Lateran Treaty was signed by Gasparri and Mussolini restoring power to the pope, who was given the rule of Vatican City, a section of the city of Rome about 108.7 acres in extent. I have a copy of the article from the *San Francisco Chronicle* that reads: “The Roman question tonight was a thing of the past, and the Vatican was at peace with Italy. ... In affixing the autographs to the memorable document, **‘Healing the wound of many years,’** extreme cordiality was displayed on both sides” (*The San Francisco Chronicle*. Feb. 11, 1929). Amazing! I wonder how many who read the article made

the connection in light of Bible prophecy and Revelation 13?

Pope Benedict XVI, on September 9, 2007, called for **“Sunday Worship as a Necessity for All.”** (See [www.thetrumpet.com](http://www.thetrumpet.com) for September 17, 2007.) On November 18, 2008, the same site reported that the Vatican wanted a clause in EU law that would force every citizen in the European Union to rest on Sunday. If you put the two articles together, it is not difficult to foresee **a coming Sunday Law that forces not only rest, but worship on Sunday.** Nearly all Christendom will be deceived. To promote the idea that the papacy is the Antichrist will have the same penalties as they did in the 16th century when people stood against the demands of the Holy Roman Empire and the pope at the peril of their own lives! *The Final Inquisition*, and many other books, will be considered *hate literature*, because **religious intolerance** in *socialist* America is coming!

Revelation 13:3 says: “And his deadly wound was healed and all the world wondered after the beast.” Times have certainly changed. Protestant America, which was built upon the separation of church and state, and which had once protested the establishment of the papal power in this country, now welcomes her with open arms. In 1951, President Harry Truman asked the Senate to approve his nomination of an ambassador to the State of Vatican City, and

America was plunged into a vortex of agony and protest. Truman finally withdrew his request after “hardly a Protestant church in the country failed to express its opposition formally and often acrimoniously” (*Church State and Freedom*, p. 302.). But in the next 30 years the wound healed even more. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan’s nomination of William A. Wilson as ambassador to Vatican City was quickly approved by the Senate, 81-13. The next event was unbelievable because of its swiftness with which it happened and the players involved. This event was the **demise of Communism** in Poland through the conspiring efforts of President Reagan and Pope John Paul II. Then in a special double issue of *Time* for December 26, 1994/January 2, 1995, John Paul II was featured once again on its cover as “**The Man of the Year**,” and the October 9, 1995, issue of *U.S. News* featured John Paul II on its cover with the caption, “**Honor thy Father**.” More blasphemy!

History was made and Bible prophecy fulfilled on March 22, 2001, when President George W. Bush hosted a reception at the White House in honor of the inauguration of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. There he addressed 60 bishops and other church leaders and said: “The best way to honor Pope John Paul II ... **is to take his teaching seriously ... and put his words and**

**teachings into action here in America**” (Patricia Zapoa, *Catholic News Service*, March 24, 2001).

Then in April, 2008, ex-President Bush humbled himself before the Roman Pontiff and pulled “out all the stops: driving out to a suburban military base to meet Pope Benedict XVI’s plane, bringing a giant audience to the South Lawn and hosting a fancy East Room dinner. ... Bush never before [had] given a visiting leader the honor of picking him up at the airport” (Jennifer Loven and Susan James, *Associated Press*, April 14, 2008). Again, on June 13, 2008, the President of the United States and Pope Benedict XVI held an intimate 30-minute meeting in the 12th Century Tower of St. John, a private area in the Vatican Gardens in Rome, as rumors mounted in Italy that the President may follow in Tony Blair’s footsteps and **convert to Catholicism**. (See [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)—the UK’s first national newspaper online). No wonder respectable people consider ex-president George W. Bush to have been the most **Catholic-minded president** since JFK!

It is not difficult to see that “Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. ... There is an increasing indifference concerning the doctrines that separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy; the opinion is gaining ground, that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed,



and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome. The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which has been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery, and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed" (*The Great Controversy*, Chapter XXXV—"Character and Aims of the Papacy," 1888 Edition, p. 562).

Students of Bible Prophecy, where are the reformers today, especially at a time when Rome is stealthfully making her move in the United States? Soon our liberties in this country will be a thing of the past. In St. Louis, on January 26 and 27, 1999, then President Bill Clinton met with Pope John Paul II and addressed him as "Holy Father." I will never forget as I watched the then President of the United States of America bow down and kiss the ring of the pope of Rome. Shades of Revelation 13:11! I immediately thought of the words of Cardinal Samuel Alphonsius Stritch, American prelate of the Roman Catholic Church: "**It no longer can be said today that the U.S. is a Protestant country**" (*Time*, August 5, 1955).

Not only is our country no longer a Protestant nation, but Evangelicals and Roman Catholics are forging together and uniting on common points

of faith very rapidly. Interdenominational merges are common as many religious denominations are pressing together. Interestingly, evangelicals are working with the Roman Catholic Church—a power they once believed to be the antichrist! In the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 27, 1999, an article in the *Commentary* section of the paper read, **“The Saint Meets the Sinner.”** Pictured below the headlines were then-President Bill Clinton and Pope John Paul II. How humiliating! Another very informative article featured next to that one read: **“*Many faiths join to work for a better community.*”** The article said, “There was a Scandinavian Baptist pastor from Minnesota, this African-American Seventh-day Adventist preacher from Colorado, and this Russian Jewish rabbi from Michigan, who were going to make a presentation to the Pope ... **23 faith communities and denominations partnered together.**” Their joint initiative was featured on a banner for the pope that said, “Faith Beyond Walls.” I am sure President Obama would have given the gesture a standing ovation since he wants the walls between Christians, Jews, and Muslims torn down!

Through the ecumenical movement and the government, once-Protestant America is embracing the Roman Catholic Church with open arms. “When the leading churches of the United States,

**uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common**, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. ... When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, ... our country **shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government** and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions ... and that the end is near.” (*Last Day Events*, p. 31).

Malachi Martin, an expert on the Catholic Church and former Jesuit [?] and professor at the Vatican’s Pontifical Institute, writes in *The Keys of This Blood*, of a “winner-take-all” race for the **first one-world government** on the face of this earth. The global powers in the contest are the Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev, Western Capitalism led by the United States, and the Pope’s universal Catholic Church and the Vatican itself. Malachi Martin says that Pope John Paul II initiated this “**millennium endgame**” because his goal is the destruction of Communism and Capitalism and to establish a **one-world government or New World Order** that “will control us as a community.” Gorbachev humbled himself by kissing his ring

and calling Pope John Paul “**the highest moral authority on earth.**” President Clinton did the same, but addressed the Roman Pontiff as “Holy Father.” When President Bush was asked what he saw when he looked into the eyes of Pope Benedict XVI, he answered, “**God.**” Amazing, the words of Martin Luther, Roman Catholic monk and Father of the Protestant Reformation are ringing in my ear: “I know now that the pope is antichrist, and that his throne is that of Satan himself.” Like the Waldenses, Luther’s theology challenged the authority of the papacy by holding that the Bible is the only infallible source of religious authority.

Remember, Students, the Soviet Union was the first to fall and collapsed as of January 1, 1992 by the efforts of Pope John Paul and American President Ronald Reagan. **Three minus one equals two. Two players left in the “millennium endgame”—the United States of America and the Vatican!** The Pope of the Inquisition has no plans to lose the game! As I watch the trillions of dollars lost on Wall Street, the billion-dollar stimulus packages, and the Federal Reserve printing unlimited, soon-to-be worthless, amounts of paper money like it was a Monopoly game, I get the message that the Vatican and its Jesuit chessmen are close to calling *check-mate* on Western capitalism and the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America!

President Obama and his Jesuit administration are closing the deal for Rome!

It will be interesting to see the Vatican's next moves in light of the fact that Pope Benedict XVI is cleverly positioning the Vatican to be the legal standard for European law. "In a move that has taken the Italian government by surprise, the pope has **divorced the Vatican State from Italian national law**, effective from January 1, 2009. With this move, the Vatican State immediately reverts to its pre-1929 status, [before the Lateran treaty was signed between Italy and the pope], meaning that the pope now becomes the supreme authority on judging which of those laws enacted by the Italian government the Vatican State will choose to abide by and which it will reject. With a goodly number of committed Roman Catholics embedded within the legal and policy formulation echelons of the European Union, it is guaranteed that the EU legislative body—the European Parliament—will now increasingly take note of papal judgments not only on Italian law, but more significantly the laws of the EU." (See [www.thetrumpet.com](http://www.thetrumpet.com), January 1, 2009.)

"A senior Vatican Canon lawyer and president of the Commission for the Revision of the Code of Vatican Law, Monsignor Jose Maria Serrano Ruiz, has gone on record as saying that 'Italian laws are too many, too unstable, and too often conflict

with the moral teachings of the Catholic Church’” (*BBC News*, January 2, 2009). The Vatican’s move comes because of a French proposal that the United Nations approve a declaration decriminalizing homosexuality, which was backed by Italy but which the Vatican partly condemned, enraging gay rights groups. The Vatican delegation at the UN urged countries around the world not to decriminalize homosexuality.

This “latest move by Pope Benedict XVI sets a highly dangerous precedent for Europe. It is one more step toward the Vatican encouraging the imposition of a legal system that is destined to not only control the practice of religion throughout Europe, but also to control the lives of the masses to the point of life-and-death issues. These papal pronouncements, in particular the most recent decision to become judge and jury over Italian law, are all part of a masterful plan—one that European elites have been committed to since the close of World War I—to **indeed resurrect that ancient, ever-reviving institution of the Holy Roman Empire and compulsory Sunday worship**” (*www.thetrumpet.com*, January 1, 2009).

Students of Bible Prophecy, on February 2, 2009, the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Community, made up of Bishops delegated by the Catholic Bishops’ Conferences

of the European Union, the Protestant Church in Germany, and the Church of England, welcomed an initiative safeguarding Sunday rest. The European Parliament represents 27 Member States of the European Union on behalf of its 492 million citizens.

The initiative is to ask the House to decide on a Written Declaration “‘on the protection of a **work-free Sunday** as an essential pillar of the European Social Model and as part of the European cultural heritage.’ Such a declaration would constitute an important commitment to a ‘**Social Europe**.’

“The economic and financial crises have made us more aware of the fact that not all aspects of life can be subject to market forces. Unrestrained consumption is neither a model for a sustainable economy, nor a healthy concept for human development. Men and women, who work on Sundays, are put at a disadvantage in their social relationships: Their family life, personal development and even health are verifiably affected.

“It is now important to find the majority necessary for this cross-party resolution, which has been launched by five parliamentarians. ... According to EU law, Sunday is the weekly rest day for children and adolescents [see article 10 of Council Directive 94/33/EC of 22 June 1994, concerning the protection of young people at work, OJ L216, p. 12-20]. ...

That is why respect for **Sunday rest has the potential to be a pillar of the European social model.** ... Accordingly this declaration now introduced into parliament calls on the Member States and on the EU institutions to ‘protect Sunday, as a weekly rest day, in forthcoming national and EU working-time legislation’” ([www.comece.org/comece.taf?\\_function=news\\_new&id=1&language=en](http://www.comece.org/comece.taf?_function=news_new&id=1&language=en)).

One source reported to me that a Filipino Catholic priest, who just arrived from Rome’s Pontifical University and pastors a large Catholic parish in Alaska, was asked: If Sunday Law is a future direction of the Catholic Church? He answered: “The Catholic Church is planning to expand its Catholic Social teachings, and this is the biggest priority mission of the Church. The European Union will be the starting point. This will happen very soon.” He also said: “The U.S. will be so economically bankrupt and so handicapped that it will just follow along.” “The priest was expressing this view in a very confident manner,” said the source.

Students of Bible Prophecy, could the global economic crisis be the catalyst that lights the spark for Sunday Laws? Capitalist America is being brought to her knees, for the cup of her iniquity is nearly full. Sexual promiscuity, immorality and greed have run rampant like a contagious plague for too many years. Hollywood movies that are filled with



promiscuity, the battle over Proposition 8 and gay marriages, and abortion as an alternative contraceptive have made this country a modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah. Furthermore, our nation is losing its spirituality, and has offended God by the battles over prayer in schools, on whether or not to allow “In God We Trust” on our money or God’s name in the “Pledge of Allegiance,” and prohibiting a 2.6-ton monument of the Ten Commandments to be displayed in a state supreme court building, ruling it an “unconstitutional endorsement of religion.”

Soon, in the devil’s Hegelian ploy to deceive the masses, the pendulum will swing from the *antithesis*—financial chaos and immorality, to the *thesis*—survival and morality, creating the *synthesis*—the urgent need of obeying God’s Moral Code—the Ten Commandments. In the not too distant future, you can be certain the proclamation will be heard in the legislative halls of government and from the pulpits of churches the need to keep Sunday, the “Christian sabbath,” holy. “This very class [will] put forth the claim that **the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called “Christian sabbath,” and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society**” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 587).



## —CHAPTER 12—

### THE SEAL OF GOD

Students of Bible Prophecy, the Ten Commandments are an expression of God's character—ten moral principles of love that are supernaturally written on hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is **within the Commandments that we find the seal of God**. A seal can be an embossed emblem, symbol, letter, etc., which is attached to a legal document. It has to do with legal matters. A seal has three parts: The name of the ruler, the ruler's title, and the extent of the ruler's territory. The Bible gives us an important clue as to where God's seal is located, for it says in Isaiah 8:16: "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples." In fact, the "new covenant" (Hebrews 8:8) that God made with His people involves His law. In Hebrews 8:10 we read: "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**; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

In Revelation chapter 7, we read in verses 2 and 3: "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. ... Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God **in their foreheads**.” Therefore, we can conclude that God’s seal has something to do with His law in our foreheads, or in our minds. Behind the forehead is the part of the brain called the frontal lobe, where our moral decisions are made. It is also the part of the brain where the conscience is located.

God’s law is known as the **Ten Commandments**. They are also referred to as the “royal law” or the “law of liberty,” according to the apostle James, by which all mankind will be judged. (See James 2:8-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.) In fact, the Bible gives the following definition of sin: “Sin is the transgression of the law [the Ten Commandments]” (1 John 3:4). Therefore, it is safe to say that God is looking for an obedient people—a people in whose minds are written His moral law, His law of love, and who **would rather die than transgress His commandments**.

It is interesting to note that in the bosom of God’s Ten Commandments, which, by the way, are impossible to keep without the aid of the Holy Spirit writing these beautiful principles in one’s heart, is the Sabbath—the one commandment that gives the name, the title—or office, and the territory of God Almighty! “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. ... 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). This, Students, is the only place in the Bible where you will find God’s seal! The Sabbath contains His name, “the Lord thy God;” His title or office, [the Creator who] “made;” and His territory, “the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.” This is why the Prophet Ezekiel said: “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). **Thus, the seal of God, which is to be in the heart of man, is in the heart of God’s law!**

Notice also that the command is to keep holy the Sabbath Day. “Ye shall be holy; for I am holy” (Leviticus 11:44). The day itself is already holy, because God at Creation had done three things to make it that way forever to represent His own holiness: He **rested** on the Sabbath Day with man; He **blessed** the day; and He **sanctified it** (or set it apart for a holy use). Thus, the day is and remains holy forever. “Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever” (Ecclesiastes 3:14). But it is impossible to keep the Sabbath holy while breaking any other one

of the nine remaining commandments, or principles of holiness. Hence, the keeping of the Sabbath Day holy uniquely embraces all the rest of the Ten Commandments, which are to be sealed in the heart [mind], and is especially suited by its very function to be the “seal of God” under the Holy Spirit, “whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption” (Ephesians 4:30).

I remember the first time I read about the Sabbath in the Book of Isaiah. A deep conviction came over me as I learned that the prophet referred to the seventh-day Sabbath as God’s “**holy day**.” The prophet wrote while under inspiration: “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on **my holy day**; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth” (Isaiah 58:13, 14).

In fact, just a few chapters later, Isaiah further tells us that the **saved will worship the Lord on the seventh-day Sabbath in the Earth Made New!** “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 remember asking myself the question, “Would God give to man instructions to keep the seventh-day Sabbath holy in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 2:1-3) and to His people throughout the Old Testament, and then change the day in the New Testament from Saturday to Sunday, and then back again to His original Sabbath in the Earth Made New? Of course not! The very idea seems preposterous! **Christ kept the Sabbath holy in the New Testament, “as was His custom” (Luke 4:16), and even identified Himself as the “Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27, 28).** The Apostle Paul, “as his manner was,” also kept the seventh-day Sabbath. (See Acts 13:14; 16:13; 17:1, 2; 18:4)!

“Throughout the New Testament, written years after Christ’s ascension, the Holy Spirit, speaking of **the seventh day**, calls it **‘the Sabbath’ upwards of fifty times**. ... In the Levitical or sacrificial ordinances of the sanctuary services there were annual sabbaths and feasts, associated with meats and drinks and ceremonial observances. But in appointing these the Lord specifically distinguished between them and the one and only weekly Sabbath, which was from the beginning. ‘These are the feasts of the Lord,’ He said, ‘beside the Sabbaths of the Lord’ (Leviticus 23:37, 38).

“The annual festivals and sabbaths, like all the ordinances of the Levitical service, were shadows of things to come, and found their fulfillment in the great sacrifice of Calvary (Colossians 2:16, 17). **But the Sabbath of the Lord was made blessed and holy by God at the creation**, before sin had entered the world, before any sacrificial or shadowy service was instituted to point to a coming Redeemer. It is a fundamental and primary institution, a part of the moral order of God’s government for man, the same as the obligations set forth in each of the other commandments. ... Thus we find the seventh-day Sabbath a plant of the heavenly Father’s planting, rooted deep in all Holy Scripture, and abiding eternally in the world to come” (*Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*, pp. 163, 164).

Has it occurred to you that most Christians in the world keep only nine commandments? This could be the reason why God began the fourth commandment with the word, “**Remember,**” **for He must have known we would forget!** Besides, would not a change, involving the day God expects us to worship and praise Him, be in the Bible? **And why is there not a verse in the Holy Scriptures supporting the observance of Sunday?** The Scriptures say: “For I am the Lord, I change not. ... Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto



Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts” (Malachi 3:6, 7).



## —CHAPTER 13—

### THE CHANGE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Students of Bible Prophecy, Daniel 7:25 says the little horn, or the papacy, would “think to change times and laws.” I will never forget the first time I checked the *Catechism on Catholic Doctrine* (remember, I attended Catholic schools for twelve years and served as an altar boy) and discovered the Ten Commandments had been changed! In the Catholic catechism the **second commandment**, which forbids image worship, **was gone**. The tenth commandment, which warns against coveting your neighbor’s goods or your neighbor’s wife, was **divided into two commandments**—numbers nine and ten—still making up ten commandments. The fourth commandment, which says: “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” **was changed to the third** and simply read: “Remember that thou keep the Sabbath day holy.”

What authority did the Roman Catholic Church have anyway to change the Fourth Commandment in the Decalogue from the seventh to the first

day of the week? I remember my shock the day I learned, for the first time, that the Bible says the Seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday is the “Lord’s Day.” (See Isaiah 58:13, 14; Luke 23:52-56; 24:1—The “Preparation Day” is recognized as “Good Friday”, the Sabbath is the Seventh day, Saturday, and the first day of the week is Sunday—recognized as “Easter Sunday.”)

By divine providence, days later, I ran into one of the priests from the Cathedral of the Annunciation, the Catholic School and Church I had attended when I was a young boy and served as an altar boy. I anxiously asked him the all-important question: “Which is the Sabbath day?” His answer stunned me: “Saturday, my boy, **the pope changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.**” Incredible! Bible Students are you thinking what I am thinking? Remember the statement from Lucius Ferraris mentioned earlier in this book where he claimed the pope has the authority to “**modify divine law**, since his power is not of man but of God?” After all, the Catholic Church teaches the pope, as it were, is Christ on earth! The prophet Daniel was absolutely right when he warned, ages before, that this power would “**think** to change times and laws.” And what **law** would you expect the pope to change?—none other than the Moral Law of God—the **Ten Commandments!**

In fact, *A Doctrinal Catechism*, by Rev. Stephen Keenan, page 174, says:

“Question—Have you any other way of proving that the church [Roman Catholic] has power to institute festivals of precept?

“Answer—Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her—she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is not Scriptural authority.”

“The Catholic church, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.” (*The Catholic Mirror*, official organ of Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893)

Again the question is asked of them in still another catechism:

“Question—Which is the Sabbath day?

“Answer—Saturday is the Sabbath day.

“Question—Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

“Answer—We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea, (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.” (*The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, p. 50, Third Edition, 1913, a work which received the “apostolic blessing” of Pius X, Jan. 25, 1910)

## —CHAPTER 14—

### THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Students of Bible Prophecy, “While the worshipers of God will be especially distinguished by their regard for the fourth commandment,—since this is the sign of His creative power and the witness to His claim upon man’s reverence and homage,—the worshipers of the beast will be distinguished by their efforts to tear down the Creator’s memorial, to exalt the institution of Rome. It was in behalf of the Sunday that popery first asserted its arrogant claims; and its first resort to the power of the state was to compel the observance of Sunday as ‘the Lord’s day.’ But the Bible points to the **seventh day**, and not to the first, **as the Lord’s Day**. Said Christ: ‘The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.’ The fourth commandment declares: ‘The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord.’ And by the prophet Isaiah the Lord designates it: ‘**My holy day**.’ (Mark 2:28; Isaiah 58.13).

“Roman Catholics acknowledge that the change of the Sabbath was made by their church, and declare that Protestants by observing the Sunday are recognizing her power. In the *Catholic Catechism*

*of Christian Religion*, in answer to a question as to the day to be observed in obedience to the fourth commandment, this statement is made: 'During the old law, Saturday was the day sanctified; but the church, instructed by Jesus Christ, and directed by the Spirit of God, **has substituted Sunday for Saturday**; so now we sanctify the first, not the seventh day. Sunday means, and now is, the day of the Lord.'

"As the sign of the authority of the Catholic Church, papist writers cite 'the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of ... because by keeping Sunday, they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin.'—Henry Tuberville, *An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine*, page 58. **What then is the change of the Sabbath, but the sign, or mark, of the authority of the Roman Church—the mark of the beast?** [One Catholic authority put it this way: 'Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act....And the act is a **mark** of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious things.' (Letter written on November 11, 1895, by chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons in reply to the inquiry on whether or not the Catholic Church claims to have changed the Sabbath)].

"The Roman Church has not relinquished her claim to supremacy; and when the world and the



Protestant churches accept a sabbath of her creating, while they reject the Bible Sabbath, they virtually admit this assumption. They may claim the authority of tradition and of the Fathers for the change; but in so doing they ignore the very principle which separates them from Rome—that ‘the Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants.’ The papist can see that they are deceiving themselves, willingly closing their eyes to the facts in the case. As the movement for Sunday enforcement [a National Sunday Law to be set up first in the U.S.A.] gains favor, he rejoices, feeling assured that it will eventually bring the whole Protestant world under the banner of Rome.

“Romanists declare that ‘the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church.’ (Mgr. Segur, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today*, page 213). **The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast.** Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence

the enforcement of Sunday keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.

“But Christians of past generations observed the Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath; and there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him. But when Sunday observance shall be **enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath**, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. **He is worshiping the beast and his image.** As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome—‘the mark of the beast.’ And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that

**those who continue in transgression will receive 'the mark of the beast.'**

“The most fearful threatening ever addressed to mortals is contained in the third angel’s message. That must be a terrible sin which calls down the wrath of God unmingled with mercy. Men are not to be left in darkness concerning this important matter; the warning against this sin is to be given to the world before the visitation of God’s judgments, that all may know why they are to be inflicted, and have opportunity to escape them. Prophecy declares that the first angel would make his announcement to ‘every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.’ The warning of the third angel, which forms a part of the same threefold message, is to be no less widespread. It is represented in the prophecy as being proclaimed with a loud voice, by an angel flying in the midst of heaven; and it will command the attention of the world.

“In the issue of the contest all Christendom will be divided into two great classes—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark. Although **church and state will unite their power to compel** ‘all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond’ (Revelation 13:16), to receive ‘the mark of the beast,’ yet the people of God will not receive it. The prophet

of Patmos beholds ‘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 singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Revelation 15:2, 3” (E.G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pp. 446-450).

Before you read the last chapter of *The Final Inquisition*, please look up the following Scriptures: Revelation 12:17, 14:12, and 22:14. These three verses tell us that God’s people in the end of time will be keeping the Ten Commandments, just as God gave them in the Bible, while refusing to keep the pope’s altered commandments as given in the *Catholic Catechism*. Now compare the verses with Revelation 13:4, 8, 12, and 15. These four verses warn us that nearly the whole world will be worshipping the beast. It is a life or death issue. And why does God continue to mention the **Commandments and their relationship to worship?** Could it be because the great final test will be over the law of God and whose Sabbath day you will keep? Whether the Lord’s on the Seventh-day, Saturday, or the pope’s on **the venerable day of the sun—Sunday?** (Please see Ezekiel 8:13-16!). To prove my point, let me ask you a very pertinent and important question: “How do people worship in this county?” Most Christians worship on a day, right? **The great majority of Christians worship on Sundays!**

Students, there are only two choices. Either you will worship the Creator God, who made, heaven, earth, and the fountains of water, on the Seventh-day Sabbath, [just as Jesus and the Apostle Paul did, and the saints in the Earth Made New will (see Exodus 20:8-11; Ezekiel 20:20; Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2; Isaiah 66:22, 23), or you will worship Satan, and his man the pope of Rome, when apostate Protestantism in the United States of America forms an image to the first beast—the papacy, and enforces Sunday as the false Sabbath (???—I have no verses to support Sunday worship, because there are none in the Bible!!). When Christians and non-Christians choose the law of the land over the law of God, and worship **Sunday when it is enforced by law, they will receive the mark of the beast!!** (See Revelation 13:17, 18). The big question, therefore, is: “Whose side will you be on?”

Let me remind you that the pope wants a Sunday Law in Europe. Remember, his decree is not new. On 7 March, A.D. 321, the Roman Emperor Constantine decreed: “On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities **rest, and let all workshops be closed.**” *Codex Justinianus*, lib. 3, tit. 12, 3; trans. by Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, Vol. 3 (5th ed.; New York: Scribner, 1902), p. 380, note 1. Students, **history will be repeated.** Pope Benedict XVI’s and

the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community's push for a law requiring all Europeans to rest on Sunday may begin mildly with only business being shut down on that day and resting, but prophecy assures us that all nations, eventually, will be commanded to worship on Sunday, and violators will be punished as heretics during the **Final Inquisition**. (See Revelation 13:15.) Sabbatarians will be forced to forsake the seventh-day Sabbath.

“When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery. Protestants will throw their whole influence and strength on the side of the papacy. **By a national act enforcing the false sabbath [Sunday]** they will give life and vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, reviving her tyranny and oppression of conscience. Sooner or later **Sunday laws will be passed**. Soon the **Sunday laws will be enforced**, and men in positions of trust will be embittered against the little handful of God's commandment-keeping people. The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause ‘the earth and them which dwell therein’ to worship the papacy—there symbolized by the beast ‘like unto a leopard.’ ... **This prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce**

**Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy”** (E.G. White, *Last Day Events*, pp. 128, 129). Pray for wisdom, Students of Bible Prophecy; pray for wisdom.





## —CHAPTER 15—

### THE FINAL INQUISITION AND THE DEATH DECREE

While the world is carefully watching President Obama and his billion dollar stimulus measures to ward off a second “Great Depression,” the Vatican is positioning herself for the second and Final Inquisition! Can you picture Protestant America forming an alliance with the Holy Roman Empire and persecuting heretics—those that keep the Commandments of God and the Seventh-day Sabbath?” (See Revelation 12:17; 13:11-15; 14:12; 17:15.) Can you fathom a day when the United States of America forms an “image” to Rome and enforces religious laws empowering the government the right to “both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast **should be killed?**” (Revelation 13:15).

Daniel 12:1 paints a red picture of the Final Inquisition, but gives us the promise of deliverance for God’s people—the faithful few—who are keeping God’s, not the pope’s, Ten Commandments: “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” (Daniel 12:1). The faithful few will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet Daniel and known as the *“time of trouble.”*

Students of Bible Prophecy, are you familiar with the story of Queen Esther and her role in saving the Jews from a death decree? Esther 3:13 says: “And the letters were sent by posts into all the king’s provinces, **to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish**, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day.” The decree that will finally go forth against the remnant people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews.

Students of Bible Prophecy, history will be repeated “when the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous **movement for their destruction**. As the time appointed in the [death] decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect [God’s Commandment-keeping people. Remember the Waldenses!]. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.

“A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, **the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death.**

“The decree will go forth that they must disregard the [Seventh-day] **Sabbath of the fourth commandment**, and honor the first day [Sunday], or lose their lives; but they will not yield, and trample under their feet the Sabbath of the Lord, and honor an institution of papacy. Satan’s host and wicked men will surround them, and exult over them, because there will seem to be no way of escape for them.

“This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshaled by the dragon host, make God their defense. **The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark [when Sunday worship is enforced by law] under pain of persecution and death [Revelation 17:15].**

“I saw the saints suffering great mental anguish. They seemed to be surrounded by the wicked inhabitants of the earth. Every appearance was against them. Some began to fear that God had at last left them to perish by the hand of the wicked. ... **It was an hour of fearful, terrible agony to the saints.** Day and night they cried unto God for deliverance. To outward appearance, there was no possibility of their escape. ... Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages. ... Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war.

“Could men see with heavenly vision, they would behold companies of angels that excel in strength stationed about those who have kept the word of Christ’s patience. With sympathizing tenderness, angels have witnessed their distress and have heard their prayers. They are waiting the word of their Commander to snatch them from their peril. But they must wait yet a little longer. The people of God must drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism.” (E.G. White, *Maranatha*, pp. 268, 269)

Blessed assurance! God will not forsake His people in the time of trouble. The faithful few who obey God's Commandments at the peril of their own souls know to do otherwise would mean eternal death.

Students of Bible Prophecy, please read Daniel 3:6 and 6:7. These verses speak of **two more past death decrees**, like the one in Esther 3:13. In Daniel Chapter 3, the three Hebrew friends of Daniel would not violate the **Second Commandment** and bow down to the golden image of Babylon set up by King Nebuchadnezzar. In Daniel 6, Daniel himself would not violate the **First Commandment** and put another god before the Lord by praying to King Darius. **Violators of both tests were to be put to death!** Therefore, it should not be difficult to accept that the great final test and Final Inquisition will also involve the law of God—but this time the **Fourth Commandment** which says: "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. ... 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). The pope has received no permission from God to nullify one of the precepts of the Decalogue and make it of none effect!

Soon religious freedom in America will change. To speak against the pope or his holy order will no longer be tolerated in this country, in Europe, or in the world!! Books like the one you are reading will be labeled hate literature, and freedom of speech on talk radio will be silenced. Eventually, we will be hunted down like terrorists, and our rights will be “legally” violated because of the Patriot Act. And watch out for “Con Con”—a coming Constitutional Convention supported by many states already. Goodbye, separation of church and state! Hello, papal One-World Order!

## —CHAPTER 16—

### POPE BENEDICT XVI, GREEK GEMATRIA, AND 666

The last identifying mark of the beast power that I want to address happens to be the strongest warning in the Bible. God does not want us to be taken by surprise or deceived in these last days by the pope and the Catholic Church that masquerade as the “one true church” (*Newsweek*, Dec. 29, 2008/Jan. 5, 2009). The Lord, therefore, has provided a simple test whereby we can know for sure who the beast is. John writes: “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for **it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six**” (Revelation 13:18).

While I was contemplating the ending of this book, like a bolt of lightning from the throne of God, I received an email from a friend who found something very interesting on Wikipedia—the on-line encyclopedia. He wrote, “Danny, I found something very interesting while searching the Internet on Wikipedia. Here is what I found: “During the Reformation, Martin Luther noted that ‘**Benediktos**’ added up to 666 in Greek gematria, and he thought

it might refer to a **pope named Benedict** or to Benedictine monks.” *Gematria* is a system of assigning numerical value to an alphabet (the word ‘gematria’ is generally held to derive from Greek *geōmetriā* that means *geometry*).” If you take the name Benedict, **as in Pope Benedict XVI**, and translate it to the Greek *Benediktos*, **it equals 666**—just as does *Vicarius Filii Dei* when applied to Roman numerals (V=5, I=1 (6 times), C=100, U=5, L=50, and D=500 = 666!). Incredible! In pondering on this information, I figured, even if Bacchiocchi were right about the title *Vicarius Filii Dei*—the number **666 now applies to one man!** After all, the prophet John wrote the Book of Revelation in Greek!

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([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Number\\_of\\_the\\_Beast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Number_of_the_Beast))



## —CHAPTER 17—

### EPILOGUE— THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGE

**S**tudents of Bible Prophecy, the New World Order and its One World Religion, which will demand the worship of Sunday by every human being on this planet, is ready to be implemented. And is God ready for the crisis? Absolutely! And His answer is found in Revelation 14:6-12—**The Three Angels' Messages!**

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven [the urgency with which this vital message must be given], having the everlasting gospel [the one and only gospel of the Holy Scriptures] to preach [the message must be heard] unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice [it is a life-or-death message], fear God [get your lives in harmony with His commandments], and give glory to Him [reflect His character or law in your life]; **for the hour of His judgment is** [not ‘will’] **come** [the hour of final accountability is here]; **and worship Him** [not the beast—papal Rome, or its image—apostate Protestantism when Sunday observance is enforced by law] **that made** [for God is the Creator]

**heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water** [the words contained in the fourth commandment—the Sabbath; in other words, “Observe **My holy day**.”].

“And there followed another angel [the message is important enough to command special attention], saying, Babylon [Catholic and Protestant Churches, for Protestant churches have begun to reject the 1st Angel’s message for Babylonish traditions], is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations [the whole world] drink of the wine [they have swallowed, among others, her false doctrines of Sunday sacredness and the immortality of the soul] of the wrath of her fornication [spiritual adultery].

“And the third angel followed them [backing up the first two angels’ messages with the most terrible warning in the Bible], saying with a loud voice [the message is most urgent], If any man worship the beast or his image, and receive his mark [Sunday—a commandment of man] **in his forehead** [he believes it], or **in his hand** [he meekly goes along with it], 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 [Eternal Fire will consume the wicked and is eternal in its effects (see Malachi 4:1, 3; Jude 7)] in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the

smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: [In the Greek, *aion*, an indefinite period of time. It could be anything from a moment to an extensive period of time, depending on the ingredients of what is being discussed. The wicked are punished according to their works. Obviously, their lengths of punishment will vary. Satan will suffer longest. But, all the wicked will be entirely consumed. (See Revelation 20:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9; and again Malachi 4:1, 3)] ... who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: **here are they that keep the commandments of God** [not Rome], **and the faith of Jesus** [for it is only by faith in Christ and through His grace that we can obey His commandments].”

Students of Bible Prophecy, the most solemn message in the whole of Scripture is the Three Angels' Messages, for it is the last warning to the world before probation closes once and for all! It really is not that difficult to understand the prophecies of Revelation when you learn what the signs and symbols mean. I remember the first time I read the Three Angels' Messages after receiving wisdom and understanding from God. Not only did I fall in love with them, I wanted to share them with the whole world; and I pray you will too, for it is a message of salvation! **Share this book with whomever**

**you can. Send it to your friends and family, maybe to a whole city!** But whatever you do, do something now! And God will reward you greatly. The promise is “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (Revelation 1:3).

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven [a fourth angel joins with the Three Angels of Revelation 14:6-12 and gives added power to the message], having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great [various forms of false or apostate religions—Roman Catholicism and apostate Protestantism] 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. [Is God wrong here to speak so negatively of a worldwide ‘religious’ combine which rejects Heaven’s final warning of mercy—the Three Angels’ Messages? Which enforces life-threatening penalties against those who faithfully bear God’s last warning appeals under the mighty power of the

Holy Spirit? Because its work bears the label 'religion,' does it legally merit immunity from exposure of its falsity by the truth of God's Word? Or are the laws now being stealthily set in place forbidding 'attacks' on other religious beliefs actually self-serving devices of the 'father of lies' to prevent the disclosure of his artful deceptions and deadly masquerades to lead multitudes to perdition?].

"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. [Is it not heartwarming that God's last endeavor in the 'great controversy' between Christ and Satan before probation ends once and forever for fallen mankind is to rescue His true followers from doomed Babylon before the Seven Last Plagues begin! God truly cares for His Own. Not a single honest soul will be lost! Praise God! From first to last, the 'great controversy' is primarily a spiritual battle!] 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. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen [for all the world was her seat, but soon the wicked of this world will turn on

her because they have been the victims of her deceptions], and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. **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**" (Revelation 18:1-8)!

Stay encouraged, Students of Bible Prophecy, for the prophet Ezekiel has already delivered the prophetic eulogy for Satan's funeral: "**I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee**, and I will bring thee to **ashes** upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more" (Ezekiel 28:14-19). May the grace of Almighty God be with you, and, remember, you have nothing to fear, for the Lord of hosts and His truth will triumph in the end.

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