

THE PENDING WORLD SCOURGE

THE FATE OF BEAST WORSHIPPER

DANIEL and REVELATION



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THE MEANING OF A BEAST IN BIBLE PROPHECY

In the book of Daniel, the rise of an apostate power that would make war on the people of God is foretold and its identity made certain by the introduction of four beasts, revealed to the prophet in vision. These four beasts are shown in the accompanying illustrations, as seen by the prophet. Daniel 7:1 to 8, viz. A lion with eagles wings, a bear, a leopard, and the fourth and last was so terrible, there was no beast in all creation to which it could be compared, and it continued until "THE TIME CAME FOR THE SAINTS TO POSSESS THE KINGDOM," Hence it is the last against which the final message is directed, just before he gathers his portion of the kings of the world to Armageddon.

The angel said to Daniel, "These four beasts are four kings (kingdoms) that shall arise out of the earth, but the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom, forever, even forever and ever . . . The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon the earth." Verses 17,18,23.

It was nearly 600 year B.C. when this very unusual vision was given to the prophet Daniel. The first beast like a lion symbolized Babylon, then mistress of the world, represented by the head of gold in the image of chapter two, seen by king Nebuchadnezzar in his dream the meaning of which was revealed by this same prophet. In this dream and interpretation, the four metals viz. gold, silver, brass, and iron, represent these same four world kingdoms. In the chapter under consideration, however, they are again announced illustrated here by ravenous bloodthirsty beasts descriptive of Gentile dominion of the world until the coming of the kingdom of God, represented in chapter two by the stone. The four kingdoms are here repeated illustrated by different symbols in order to introduce, and identify, the apostacy of religion, in the fourth period, and the closing drama of Gentile times. Hence these beasts, especially the fourth one very dramatically concerns us today.

Beginning with the time of the first beast, and the head of gold, or Babylon, every well informed student of history knows that there have been just four great world kingdoms that have ruled the world in their order since the days of Daniel. They were Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. No man on earth could have given this prophet such singular and most accurate announcements covering thousands of years of future history. In spite of many repeated efforts of kings to establish another world kingdom they have utterly failed, and will fail. The next one is to be the kingdom of heaven established here on earth, for which the saints have been

praying. "Thy kingdom come thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

The Prophet Daniel

When the Editor of the Reporter attended the University of Chicago over forty years ago, Deans Matthews and Price, both leading instructors in the theological department, taught us that Daniel's prophecies were given at a much later date, and that he did not live in the days of ancient Babylon. Also that there was no such a king ever reigned as King Belshazzar, and they showed us the names of the succession of kings, on the large clay tablets from the ancient library of Nebo, discovered by archaeologists in 1845. It seemed most convincing to some, but it did not shatter our faith in the Biblical record given in Daniel.

Modernists do not dare to make such claims, however, now, because of late excavations in the Holy Land which prove beyond any question that Belshazzar did rule as king on the throne of Babylon during an eighteen year period, while the regular king had fled for his life, and remained in another country because of threatened assassination. It is also proven that Daniel lived at that time, and was also one of the captives taken from Jerusalem by king Nebuchadnezzar, and the Biblical records are thoroughly confirmed.

The Fourth Beast

Daniel was more particularly concerned about the fourth beast, and said, "Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast . . . and of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up before whom three fell, even of the horn which had eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things." Thus he said, the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom upon the earth . . . and he shall devour the whole earth and break it in pieces . . . And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise, and another shall arise after them (The little horn the Papacy), and he shall be diverse from the first and shall subdue three kings. He shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws, and they shall be given unto his hands until a TIME, AND TIMES AND THE DIVIDING OF TIME. Daniel 7:19 to 25.

The fourth kingdom was ROME. This fact is made known in every history and encyclopaedia of which there are many in libraries all over the land. Therefore this fourth beast represents Rome. Between the years 351 and 476, Rome had conquered and ruled the entire known world. Then true to the voice of the prophet the empire was divided into ten divisions much of which remains until this day. Anglo-Saxons (England), Burgundians (Switzerland), Franks (France), Visigoth



The 4th Beast is the 4th Kingdom upon the Earth
Daniel 7:23.

(Spain), Lombards (Italy), Allemanni (Germany). Then there were the Suevi, Vandals and Ostrogoth, and Heruli.

The Period of the Little Horn

The scriptures forecast other developments that were to follow the division of the Roman empire into the above ten kingdoms. The angel said, "And another (horn) shall arise after them, and he shall be diverse from the first, and shall subdue three kings." Verse 24.

The career of the beast under this little horn leadership, was to wear out "the saints of the Most High," and institute religious laws contrary to the customs and practices of the people of God. It was to be a religious hierarchy exercising both political and religious dominion. Just such a power did arise at that very period, and it is spoken of in all histories as "The Rise of The Papacy." Church and state were united, making indeed a dangerous union, and it was to think to change laws, also times, and was to subdue three of these ten kings. Its identity is known by the fact that Rome beginning the Papal period plucked up the kingdom of the Heruli, Vandals and Ostrogoths, which work was accomplished before the union of church and state was completed the year 538 A.D., when the last of the three, the Ostrogoth kingdom was plucked up.

This period was to continue for "a Time, Times and the dividing of Time." A "Time" anciently was one year, of 360 days. "Times" was always two years or 720

days, and a half a Time, would be half of 360 or 180. Adding these together we have 1260 days. This was the period for the church, (the saints), to be under the dominion of this persecuting power.

The scripture and history both show us that the ancient year had just 360 days.

Now as we go over to the book of Revelation, we also find that the church represented by the woman of chapter 12, was to be overpowered and persecuted by the beast, for the same period of time, and mentioned in the same language, Rev. 12:6,14. In verse 6, this period is represented in clear terms, and said to be "A thousand two hundred and three score (60), days, exactly 1260.

History confirms this again with startling precision, when as a result of Napoleon's military expeditions, Rome was captured the year 1798 and church and state separated, with the pope banished on an island in the Mediterranean sea. As the prophets have told us to take "each day for a year," this event of 1798 occurred exactly 1260 years after church and state were united the year 538 with the plucking up of the last of the three kings of Rome.

The old Family Bible, Bucks Theological Dictionary, Britannica Encyclopaedia (old edition), and many other reliable authorities tell of the long period of persecution upon those who would not yield to the doctrine and to the authority of Rome. During this period, the Rome hierarchy not only persecuted the dissenters but also reached after the Jews. When Queen Isabella of Spain appointed the priest Torquemada as chief inquisitor in the year 1483 it marked the beginning of the tragic experience of Spanish Jews resulting in their expulsion in the year 1492.

Tampering With the Decalogue

"He shall think to change times and laws (In Chaldaic and in Hebrew, 'the law'"), Daniel 7:25. No other power fits into this prophetic picture. In order to make room for the adoration of images, the Roman church has virtually eliminated the second commandment, which forbids such idolatrous worship. The time for the celebration of the Passover (Easter), was changed at the council of Nice 321 A.D., and placed on a fixed Sunday. Before this it was always celebrated at the same time as the Jews, viz. on the 14th of the first New moon (month) of the spring equinox, the month of Abib or Nissan.

But the most daring challenge of God's authority consists in her attempt to change the Holy Sabbath from the 7th to the 1st day of the week. It was this power, the Papacy, that substituted the observance of Sunday — the relic of SUN WORSHIP — for the divinely ordained seventh-day Sabbath, that everlasting memorial of creation. The Roman church willingly admits the responsibility of the change, which indeed fulfills this

marvelous prophecy given by the prophet Daniel, that the Beast under the little horn, would think to change laws.

It was Not the practice of the early apostolic church to meet on the first day of the week as is erroneously claimed today by millions of people, many of whom are innocently deceived, in taking hear-say, for facts which cannot be proven from the scriptures. Since Israel has now come back as a nation, there is one place in the world, where the true Sabbath is observed. Buses and trains stop running on the Sabbath here, and all business is closed. The Holy Spirit calls this day the Sabbath 55 times in the New Testament while the first day of the week is only spoken of eight times, and only called "The First Day of The Week," and nothing more. Not once is it mentioned as a sacred or holy day, and not even as a customary meeting day of the apostles.

The Beast Under the Little Horn Fulfilled This Prophecy

The message of our day, is "If Any Man Worship The Beast and His Image, the SAME SHALL DRINK OF THE WINE OF THE WRATH OF GOD."

The wrath of God mentioned here is the "Seven Last Plagues." See Revelation 15:1, and 16.1. Hence this last message, "The Third Message," (Rev. 14:9) is a warning to the world of the approach of these plagues those who will be affected, and who will escape.

The religious denominations not giving out this warning message, will surely receive of these plagues, and be counted as beast worshippers.

The apostle Paul says, "The one to whom you yield yourself a servant to obey, his servant you are whom you obey." Romans 6:16. Beware, dear reader, of BEAST WORSHIP. This is a message for these last days. Many of our forefathers did not know what is now coming to light, and they will be judged accordingly. Thousands of pure hearted loving persons have observed Sunday believing it was the Sabbath of the commandment, and they will not be lost. They did not live in the days of the "Closing Message." They will not be condemned for what they did not, and could not know, but it is quite a different matter with us, who have been permitted to live in this age when "knowledge has been increased" — in the time of the end. ((Dan. 12: 4:10). Those whom the Father has ordained to be saved, He has given this message, and He will help them by the presence of His Holy Spirit to walk in the light, and also be a light to others.

The Armageddon beast, is this same beast under the little horn career, and after its "Deadly wound has been healed," (Rev. 13:3), which was inflicted upon the Roman Empire when she was dismembered, and church and

state separated, under the wars of Napoleon. We are living in the time when the wound has been healed, and the spiritual power of Rome is again witnessed, and felt.

The prophet Daniel predicted that this power would presume to tamper with God's immutable law — the Ten Commandments. We quote from "The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine," by Rev. Peter Geiermann, p. 50, second edition, which work received the "apostolic blessing" of Pope Pius X, January 25, 1910:

"Ques. — Which is the Sabbath day?

Ans. — Saturday is the Sabbath day.

"Ques. — Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

"Ans. — We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 364), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

We quote from another Catholic source :

"Ques. — Have you any other way of proving that the (Catholic church has the power to institute festivals of precept?

"Ans. — Had she not such power she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her, — she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." "A Doctrinal Catechism," by Rev. Stephen Keenan, approved by the Most R. John Hughes, D.D., Archbishop of New York, p. 175 (*Italics, ours. Ed.*).

We will cite one more testimony from a Roman Catholic source, namely, a letter from Cardinal Gibbons, to Mr. John A. Ashley, of Rock Hall, Md.:

"Cardinal's Residence,

"John R. Ashley, Esq.

"Dear Sir: In answer to your first question, directed by the cardinal to reply to your letter, I will say:

"Who changed the Sabbath?

"Ans. — The holy Catholic Church.

"Are Protestants following the Bible or the holy Catholic Church in keeping Sunday?

"Ans. — The Protestants are following the custom introduced by the holy Catholic Church.

"The Protestants do contradict themselves by keeping Sunday, and at the same time profess to be guided by the Bible only.

"I am, Faithfully yours,
C.F. Thomas, Chancellor."

To sum up our investigation: The inspired prophet foretold many centuries in advance that a religious power would attempt to change the Decalogue. We found that such an attempt was made by the papacy. We also learned that the Catholic Church confesses that she has insti-



tuted this change, and that this substitution is contrary to the Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testaments. Thus, by the combined testimony of the Scriptures, of history, and of the Catholics themselves, we have ascertained that it was the papacy who presumed to make a breach in the immutable law of God. How could the prophet Daniel so accurately describe this power centuries before its actual rise, unless he received divine illumination?

The keeping of Sunday in place of the ancient Sabbath day blessed and set apart by the Creator, is beast worship, pure and simple, against which, "The Third Angel's Message" is a solemn warning. Rev. 14:9.

It will be noted that the Roman Empire was this beast, and it was when the church was united together with state, that these acts were performed, which Protestants do not believe had any divine approval. Many thousand sincere adherents to the Catholic faith believe in the infallibility of the line of popes, and with this belief they are far more consistent than the Protestants who do not believe in it, yet allow it to have an important place in their religious worship. The Catholics are therefore more conscientious in this matter than the Protestants after they understand the origin of this substitution, and they are the ones who knowingly worship the beast.

The prophet says further, "He causeth all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand or in their forehead, and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name. We

are told that the 4th beast is "Rome" and it figures out the number of the beast in different languages, which is 666. See Rev. 13:16 to 18.

The next verse reads, "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 three score and six." Verse 18.

In the ancient Chaldean name of Italy which was Saturnia, Rome was called the city of Saturn. The Chaldean numerals in the word "SATURNIA" gives us the number 666. See Chambered Encyclopaedia, page 171.

King ROMULUS built Rome over 2600 years ago, and his name in Hebrew being Romiith, gives us the same number 666. Rome was the 4th universal Gentile kingdom to rule the whole world, and the prophet said the 4th beast was the 4th kingdom. Daniel 7:23. This beast is the one appearing in Revelation 13th chapter with the incarnation of all four beasts together. It has the appearance of the leopard, the feet of the bear the mouth of the lion, and the same number of heads and horns of all of these beasts together (seven heads and ten horns), an amalgamation of all the beasts, representing a merging of all of the territory under one power. It was to rule the whole world and break it into pieces. Daniel 7:19. By this 4th beast, the world has been broken into fragments and kingdoms just as it says of this beast.

Now the prophet said that the number of the beast was the number of a MAN. Strange it is, but nevertheless true, that the most powerful man associated with the Roman Empire, and who christened this counterfeit day of the Sun, and indorsed it for his people also has this same number 666 closely associated with him. The Latin inscription, "Vicarius Filii Dei," which means in the place of the son of God, is said to be on the crown of the pope. It is also said to be displayed in Vatican City. The value of these letters in the Latin numerals is as follows:

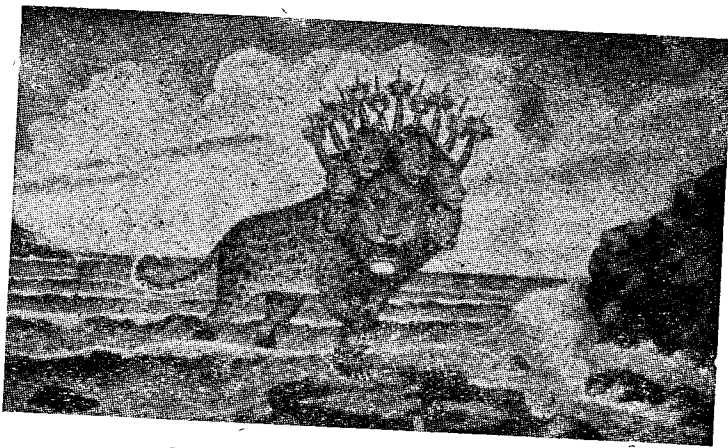
VICARIVS — V is 5, I is one, C is 100, A and R have no value, I is one, V is 5, and S has no value. This word therefore equals 112.

FILII — F has no value, I is 1, L is 50, and II is 2, making 53.

DEI — D is 500, E had no value, while I is one, making 501.

As we add these sums together from each of the three words it makes exactly 666, which further established the "Roman Empire" as the beast, and it was this man.

Now it is clearly evident from the book of Revelation as previously cited, that some power is to rise up in the very last days of this Gentile age, and enforce a mark upon the people under penalty of death.



The Beast of the Closing Message

The wise will understand, and we are commanded by our Saviour to "Watch and pray." Then we shall not be deceived by false prophets of these last days, and will not receive the seven last plagues. Rev. 16.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

We shall here deal especially with the MARK of the beast, which is to be placed IN the forehead of all "Beast worshippers," or those who follow after, and obey this beast "whose deadly wound is healed."

Your mind is located in your forehead, and with it you think right or wrong. With your mind you serve either God or the beast, and you perform work with your hands. Therefore the mark of the beast pertains to the labor performed by our hands which is directed by the mind. It is received in both the forehead and the hand.

In the scriptures we find that God has given His Sabbath for the MARK or sign of His authority, for HE gives the seventh day, as the MEMORIAL of his creative POWER. He created the world in six days and then rested the seventh day. It says that "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." Genesis 2:3. He made it holy, and said that, "In it thou shalt do no work." Exodus 20:10. A sign Exodus 31:15-17.

Sunday, the first day of the week, is the counterfeit Sabbath, which had its origin from the heathen sun-worshippers of Babylon, and has no place in the New Testament, as a Sabbath in place of the 7th day. It was Constantine, the Roman emperor, who first brought it into use as a day of rest, to take the place of God's Holy Sanctified Sabbath day. In order to have a day different from the Jews, and also different from the Christians of the Eastern churches, the Western Bishops and Popes at Rome, set Sunday apart, and declared its sanctity. The "Book of The Popes" says, "The greatest

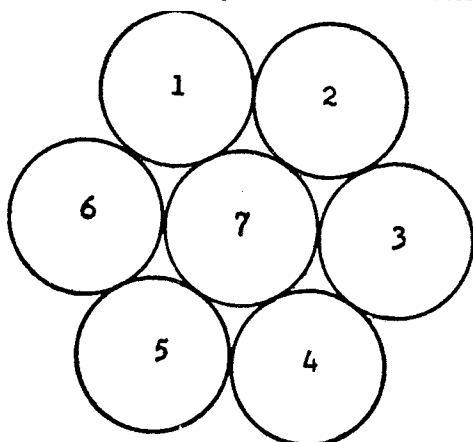
Mark ever made was when Sunday was set up to gain majority." When the Roman emperor Constantine chose Sunday as a day of worship following his supposed conversion to Christianity, 321 A.D., it was a popular move, because millions of people then worshipped the Sun, on the first day of the week, hence it derives it's name — "Sun-day." Sunday keeping is a mark placed upon the world, by the 4th beast, — "The Roman Empire," as all history affirms. Hence Sunday is the Mark of the beast.

THE MARK OF THE MAN

This man, or the church associated with the Roman empire also has a mark namely the cross, that they make ON the foreheads of their people in worship, and it is a sign of this church. Thousands of Jews and Christian Sabbath keepers have been killed in the past because they would not kiss the cross. With the cross in one hand and the sword in the other hundreds of Jews were slain, during the last world war, as was reported in the Israel papers recently.

THE LAW OF THE CIRCLE THE FLAG OF ISRAEL AND THE SNOW FLAKE

The law of the circle and its relationship to the Bible, and to the great laws of the centre Universe is itself a profound mystery. The cycle of seven denotes comple-

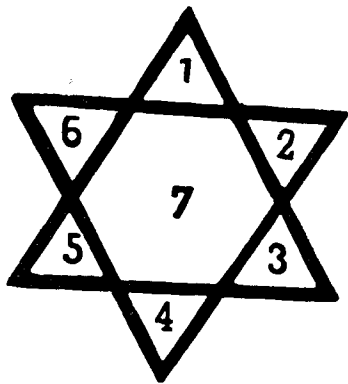


teness. Seven circles of any given size make one bigger circle. You can lay seven coins of any size down and see how completely they form and illustrate the fulness of the number seven.

A study of that mysterious element man calls "Electricity," reveals again the mystery of the circle, as all electrons travel in sevens, and cycles of sevens. In the Bible we find the number seven denoting fullness and

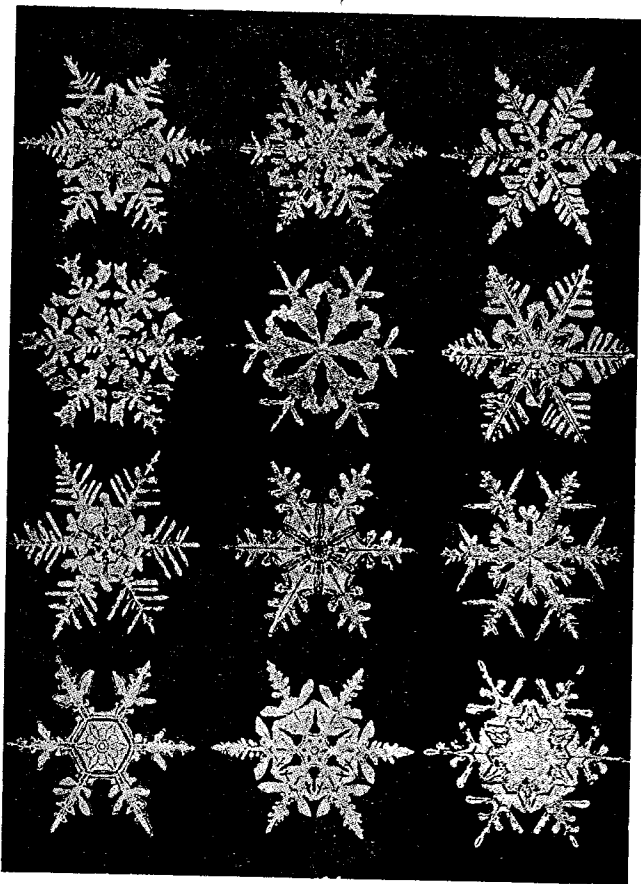
completeness. For instance when the armies of Joshua went seven times around Jericho, the walls of the city fell: When Naaman the leper had dipped himself seven times in the Jordan water, he was healed: There were seven years of plenty in Egypt, and the seven years of famine at the time of Joseph. The seven churches of Revelation; the seven candlesticks: the seven Seals: The seven Trumpets, all of which show completeness, of time.

It is impossible for the weekly cycle of seven days to either be lost or changed. The seven day week completes the cycle of seven. We have a calendar on the history of the weekly cycle that traces the week, back to 100 years B.C., showing the day of the week of any given day of the month. The seventh day of the week, was blessed and set apart by the Heavenly Father at creation (Genesis 2:3), and the weekly cycle has never been changed or altered, and never can be without bringing chaos upon the earth. The Sabbath day is this centre day of the circle, which is reserved there for the Father Himself. It is His day. It does not belong to man, and he has no right to covet it, steal it, and misappropriate it for himself.



The six pointed "Star of Israel," the star of David, now appearing on the Israel flag flying above the public places in Israel, exhibits this same divine law of the completeness of seven, and the Holy Sabbath day. Go with me to the ancient buildings of the Holy Land, many lying in ruin, and I will show you this divine emblem engraved forever on the solid rocks. We find it repeated over and over on the great stones of the old synagogues where our Saviour preached at Capernaum, north east of the sea of Galilee. It is simply the double triangle forming a six pointed star.

Just as Sunday is the counterfeit for the Sabbath day, so is the five pointed Christmas star a counterfeit for the real star of Israel which dates backward to the very beginning. It has its origin in the beautiful snow flake illustrated in the accompanying picture. The snow flakes come down from heaven in countless billions, innumer-



The Beautiful Snow Flakes

able as the stars of heaven yet each one confirms this divine law of the perfect number seven, the weekly cycle and the Holy Sabbath.

Notice on the accompanying photograph the graceful delicately chiseled and beveled edges that decorate them, also their curious dots and loops all arranged in most perfect order about one centre. Each one displays the six pointed star. How can it be explained that snowflakes which do not collide with one another in their downward descent are always of this wonderful pattern?

Professor Wilson A. Bentley an authority on snow flakes, and the pioneer of snow-flake photography, photographed more than five thousand flakes, and never found two that were exactly alike.

Think of five thousand snow flakes and each with a different design as you see in this picture, but what are five thousand snowflakes among the countless numbers that falling silently blanket hundreds of thousands of square miles, and the tops of mountain ranges, which feed the glacial rivers?

The weekly cycle of seven cannot be disturbed, or the week altered by man, any more than the law of heaven can be changed and snowflakes fall with five points instead of the six. The Almighty, so often spoken of in the scriptures as "The Holy One of Israel" has within his infinite power that divine law which fashions each snowflake, and so has He also just as surely preserved the weekly cycle of just seven days in all parts of His world, that man may be tested, as to loyalty and fidelity to his Maker, in reserving for sacred use, that one and only day, which the Father hath blessed and set apart for Himself. The six days surrounding it belong to man to use for himself in earning his livelihood, but the 7th day belongs to God.

For an all wise and all powerful Creator to permit time to be lost, and man be at sea and confused as to which day was the seventh day of the week, is equally as impossible, as for the law of heaven which fashions the silently falling snow flakes to be altered or changed. Just as the snowflakes fall in this divine order in all parts of the world, so do we find the weekly cycle of seven days recognized and observed there, with Sunday as the first day, and Sabbath the 7th day.

Israel and the Sabbath

The Sabbath day is observed strictly here in Israel. Trains stop running, and bus lines do not operate. All shipping docks are silent, and all business closed. But few cars or trucks are seen in the cities on that day. Drug stores, and eating houses are closed also, but tickets can be purchased on Friday in some places where meals are served on the Sabbath. The punishment inflicted upon Israel as a consequence of their failing to heed the warning of Jeremiah is largely responsible for this. Jeremiah 17:21-27. It was followed by the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar also later by the Roman armies under Titus 70 A.D., also prophesied by Christ in Matt. 24:2-20. Hence the holiness of the Sabbath remained long after the cross, and is positively confirmed in this event.

The prophet Jeremiah said Jerusalem would stand forever if the Jews would keep the Sabbath, but if they would not keep it for Him, then the city would be destroyed

It was destroyed by the Romans 70 A.D. which carries the sacredness of the Sabbath over into this dispensation. This also our Saviour confirmed, by telling the apostles to pray that their flight, from the enemy in all of Judea would not have to be on the Sabbath day, carrying their heavy burdens as they fled. Thus he taught the continued sacredness of the day, after his crucifixion, for the city was not destroyed until 70 A.D. See Matt. 24:2, 16, 20.

The Church Fathers

The year 60 A.D. Claudius Ceasar the King at Rome commanded all Jews to leave. See Acts 18:2. The Jews and everything Jewish was condemned by the government, and men in those days fell for money and popularity, much as they do now. The Bishops at Rome became rich, and the hate against the Jews continued. Jerome often quoted by Sunday advocates was sent to Bethlehem by Roman bishops who were Jew haters. His location at Bethlehem made him popular, and he was one of the chief persecutors of all Eastern Bishops who advocated Sabbath keeping, while he adored images, sprinkled for baptism, observed Sunday, etc. etc. See "Truth Triumphant," by historian Wilson.

We often hear about Tertullian, Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexander, Eusebius, Jerome and others, who were lined up with the Western popular Bishops of Rome. But why do we never hear about the other line of Church Fathers, who followed the Eastern bishops? The simple reason is that they taught the truth of the Word of God, and their testimony therefore is not needed, for the Bible is sufficient. I have a set of four large books called "The Anti-Nicean Fathers." They were against these named above and their testimony confirms the Sabbath truth, as well as the truth of Baptism.

It is stated clearly that the Eastern churches and Bishops observed the Sabbath the same as the Jews, for four hundred years A.D., and that as late as 600 years the christian churches in Constantinople held services on both Saturday and Sunday. These church Fathers named above also practiced infant baptism, and used sprinkling instead of immersion. Also most of them practiced infant communion. Thousands of innocent people and also ministers of the gospel are standing on the false testimony of these Western Bishops, who are Roman church Fathers, and keeping a counterfeit Sabbath, which was instituted because of hate against the Jews. It is time now, however, in the days of the closing message, for people to open their eyes.

LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN

It is quite generally understood by all students of history that Dec. 25th was not the actual date of the birth of Christ. This is confirmed by most all Bible Dictionaries and encyclopaedias. Many claim it is all right to celebrate it sometime, and why not take this date.

The reason is very simple and plain why this date should not be considered. It is of heathen origin, and was handed down to us by the Pagans, a very corrupt holiday of feasting and prostitution.



The Christmas tree was also used by them, and likewise, together with the day, bequeathed to us, through the channels of Rome.

Note the accompanying illustration, and also Jeremiah 10: 2-4, "Thus saith the Lord, learn NOT the way of the heathen... for the customs of the people are VAIN: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not."

Nimrod, it was claimed, had taken possession of the sun. His wife, Semiramis, was the Queen of heaven, taking possession of the moon. The spirit of the sun, Nimrod, came to visit his wife Semiramis, the spirit of the moon, who conceived and gave the world Tammuz, on the 25th day of December. As the sun and the moon are the greatest of all powers of light, so this Tammuz was the greatest son given to man. The Yule-tree and the Yule-log had their part in this birthday of this blasphemous promised seed. Tammuz was supposed to be born in such a mysterious way through the great gods, the sun and the moon, so that the evergreen played its part to represent the wooden cross which the first letter T in his name placed before its worshipers.

When Christ came as the real promised seed to bruise the serpent's head Gen. 3: 15, Tammuz, was here with His title to the promise. Since the date of Christ's birth was not known, so that God's children would not practice idolatry upon that day, Satan placed into the church the day of Tammuz, December 25, as the birthday of Christ, and the Bishops of the church accepted it, with all its Christmas presents and jocularities and revelry and drunkenness. The giving of the presents was a heathen custom. The Yule-tree and the Yule-log are remains of the old Teutonic nature worship. Jeremiah 10: 1-5.

No church can long encourage Christmas and its spirit without going to the rocks. It is a part of sun-worship and must be given up by the Remnant People of God.

EASTER

To honour Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod, or moon god, they set aside a time in honour of the moon god. This time was to extend from the first full moon after the vernal equinox, or the twenty-first of March until the first Sunday after this full moon.

Christ came the true Passover lamb, and was killed on the date when the passover lambs were killed, the 14th day of the month Nisan or Abib (Ex. 12: 16, Ex. 13: 4 and Luke 22: 1-7) without regard to the day of the week. But Satan again was ready to help the Christian.

This beastly power "commands us to keep holy," Sunday which was accepted as a Christian institution. With

it came all its heathen customs. "The cakes to the queen of heaven (Jer. 44: 1-28) became the hot cross buns. The forty days of weeping for Tammuz became Lent, and at the close of Lent came Easter Sunday."

What an insult and blasphemous exchange this is. Could humanity bring any greater offense to God and His dear Son than to offer Him such pagan substitutions? Sunworship, Sunday, Sunday laws, Christmas, Easter and Halloween, etc. are pagan in origin and character. These things come to us branded with the mark of paganism and christened with the name of the sun god, when adopted and sanctified by the papal apostasy and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to fallen Protestantism.



Revelation the 17th Chapter.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

JOHN: "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation." Rev. 14: 9, 10.

JOHN: "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." Rev. 15: 1.

The warning of the third angel is against the worship of the beast and his image. All such as give homage or reverence unto the mandate of this beast or his image, shall drink "the wrath of God," which we find to be "the seven last plagues."

This beastly power "commands us to keep holy," Sun-

day, Christmas and Easter. To give homage or reverence unto these mandates of the beast, is the very worship against which we are warned in the third angel's message. No man can claim he is worshipping God while he himself is still hanging in the balance concerning the mandates of the beast and his image. No church can claim to be giving the third angel's message, while the leaders and laity are trying to bolster up any of the mandates of the beast or his image.

Under this theory, the worship of the sun, as represented by these mandates of the beast and his rider, was set up a system of direct opposition to the worship of God. The Lord therefore brings this pagan theory and the whole scheme carried on under this theory, to such a test as to demonstrate the true character in His saints. The Controversy between the Worship of the beast and his image, is on, and the spirit of Elijah the prophet, which was to come again in these last days, is calling unto us "HOW LONG HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS? IF THE LORD BE GOD, FOLLOW HIM: BUT IF BAAL (The Beast and his image) THEN FOLLOW HIM." (Mal. 3: 23; 1 Kings 18: 21.

HOLDING BACK THE WINDS OF WAR SEALING THE 144,000

**"I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the EAST having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea: Saying hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads".
Rev. 7:1-3.**

Wind A Symbol of War

In the introduction of these four world empires the prophet Daniel said, "I saw in my vision by night, and beheld the **four winds of the heaven** strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another." Daniel 7: 2, 3. These world empires each one came into power through the conquest of war and bloodshed, when these four winds were turned loose, but now war is being held down by the United Nations. The four winds of war representing the whole earth are held in check, UNTIL the servants of God are sealed in the forehead, by this seal of the LIVING GOD.

War Is Coming

These four winds are soon to be turned loose again. We read as follows,— “A great WHIRL-WIND shall the Lord raise up from the coasts of the earth, and the slain of the Lord shall be in that day, from one end of the earth, even unto the other end of the earth. They shall not be lamented neither gathered nor buried.” Jeremiah 25: 32, 33.

The angels are leading all nations to hold the wars in check UNTIL the servants of God are sealed in their forehead, with the seal of God. This is the opposite of the MARK OF THE BEAST to be placed in the foreheads, of BEAST WORSHIPPERS, who will receive the pending judgments of the seven last plagues. Rev. 14, 15.

Notice that in verses 5 to 8 there are sealed just twelve thousand of each of the 12 tribes of Israel, making the 144,000. Then a great multitude was seen by the prophet composed of Gentiles. It says, “Of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues”. It does not say that this great multitude were sealed with this seal, but in each case of the 12 thousand from the tribes of Israel it says they were sealed while the winds of war were being held back. The great multitude of every nation, are evidently the fruit of the gospel period as the message was carried to all nations.

It will be noted in verse 5 that the first 12 thousand are sealed from the tribe of Judah, which agrees with Zechariah 12:7 that the Lord would save the tents of Judah first. As soon as all of these 144,000 are sealed the angel tells us that the winds of war will be turned loose. This work of sealing is going on to-day, but surely is about finished, for it is to go forth while the winds of war are held in check.

Israel A Sabbath Keeping Nation

The Lord spake thus of the Sabbath, “It shall be a sign between me and the children of Israel FOREVER.” Exodus 31: 12-18. The nation Israel is the only Sabbath keeping nation on earth. All trains and main bus lines stop running on the Sabbath. It is a general day of rest and worship throughout Israel.

Also at this time, there is a general awakening all over the world relative to the day of rest. I receive at my desk some fifty religious papers, and a number of them are now teaching the true Sabbath. In a recent issue, one Editor says he is swamped with a flood of letters making inquiry about the Sabbath and the law.

Under The Fire of Persecution

Both Jews and Israel have been subject to severe persecution by the Gentiles about them, and principally because of their differences in religious worship. This has caused many to change their name seeking to hide their nationality, and while many of such have inter-

married with Gentiles, that peculiar strain of Israel blood has not been lost, neither has that love for the Sabbath, or for Jerusalem been extinguished. These people are scattered in every part of the world to-day, and it is from them that most of the Sabbath converts are found. Now that Israel has again appeared as a nation, and back on the mountains of Israel, with Jerusalem as their capital city, these Sabbath keeping Israelites, being sealed by the seal of God, wish to come home, to their own land. The Sabbath and their love for Jerusalem is a sign.

There are 12 thousand of every tribe, being sealed to-day by the seal of God out of every tribe, whether in Israel or in some remote part of the earth. "The Lord knoweth them that are His," and of which tribe they belong, even if the person himself does not know.

The Seal Of God In The Forehead

As the saved ones are being sealed with the seal of God in their foreheads, those traveling the broad way of the world, are receiving the mark of the beast in their foreheads. This angel with the "LOUD VOICE", having the seal of God, is spoken of also as the — "Loud Voice Angel" — in Revelation 14:9, the third angel, who also gives the warning against beast worship, and receiving his mark in their foreheads and their hands, to drink of the wine of the wrath of God, the seven last plagues. Rev. 15:1, and 16:1.

The Holy Spirit is the power that does the sealing, by placing the "Seal of God" in the foreheads of the pure in heart. The Holy Spirit is not the seal, but it is the power by which the sealing is done. Just as the seal of state or nation is placed on a document to make it legal by the one who transacts the business, so is "The Seal of God" placed in the forehead, or in the mind of the person, by the Holy Spirit. The seal of state is placed on the document by a machine operated by the man. The seal is not the machine or the man, and so is also the seal of God something different from the Holy Spirit that does the work of sealing.

The Seal of the Law Found Only in the Fourth Commandment

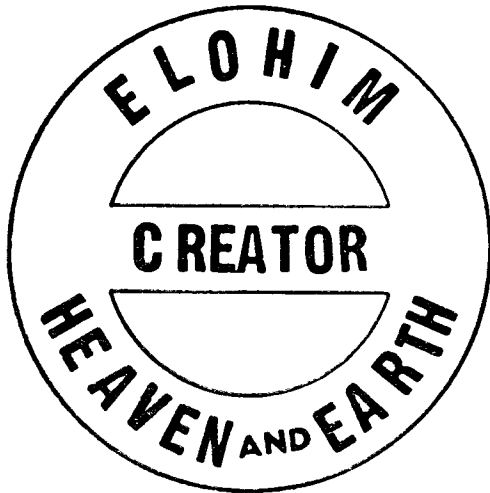
"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of THE LORD THY GOD. In it thou shalt not do any work . . . For in six days THE LORD (Elohim), MADE (created) HEAVEN AND EARTH, the sea and all that in them is." (Exodus 20:8-11)

A seal gives the authority. Here we have "The Lord God"—(Elohim) who "MADE" or Created. He is the Creator. The territory is "Heaven and Earth."



The Seal of the United States.

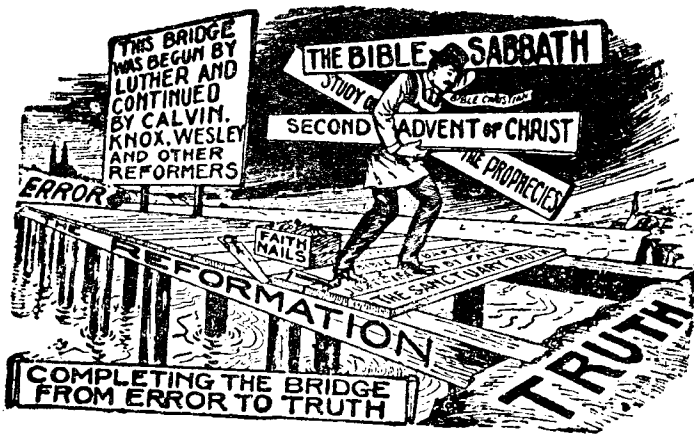
The seal of the United States, as in the foregoing diagram, gives the name of the first President, his office, and the territory over which the authority of the seal presides.



The Seal of the Law

The seal of God, is the same. It gives the one in authority, His office, and also the territory over which He presides. This seal is found in the law of God. A seal is inseparable from law. You remove the fourth commandment from the ten, and there is no authority left in the code of law.

The heathen man worshipping his idol can claim that his god was the author of this ten commandment law, and that he had no other god before his god. He can



justify himself in his worship. But when you place the seal back into the law, then the heathen man is forced to surrender, because it says, "In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea and all that in them is". Therefore the author of this law, even made the god the heathen man worships. No heathen claims that his god made heaven and earth. In this portion of the law we therefore find the seal. The saved ones are sealed by the "law of God" being written in their forehead and in their hearts by the spirit of the living God. It is also known as the circumcision of the heart. See Romans 2:28, 29, and 1 Cor. 7:19. The seal is found in the 4th commandment. He says further, "I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, THAT they might know that I am the Lord that SANCTIFY THEM." Ezekiel 20:12.

The prophet Isaiah in speaking of this time of when there would be great confederacies formed, with national counsels and leagues because of perplexity and distress, he commands his people thus, — "Bind up the testimony. SEAL the law among my disciples." Isaiah 8:9, 10, 12, and 16.

You could not seal up the law if the seal had not been removed. This is the portion of the ten commandments that the Roman Catholics and many Protestant churches have removed. The 4th commandment as they have it simply says, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day." As they have substituted Sunday for the Bible Seventh Day Sabbath, they are ashamed to print the whole of this commandment. Hence the seal is left out, and we are commanded in this, the "Third Angel's Message," to "Seal up the Law," to place the seal back in the law, to give this last message in its fullness, and by it, the servants of God are sealed in their forehead, in contrast to those who worship the beast, who have his mark, or his sign in (not on), their foreheads. It is in both cases

placed in the mind of the person, and therefore actuates and controls his body.

The power of the Almighty, vested in these four angels, is to hold back the winds of war, and the work is being wonderfully accomplished through the United Nations. Many wars have thus been held in check through the leaders of our day by the angels of Him Who — “Changeth the times and seasons, and removeth kings and setteth up kings.” — Daniel 2:21. Yes, the winds of war are still being held back, for a great and noble purpose. That purpose is plainly declared to be — **TILL THE SERVANTS OF GOD ARE SEALED IN THEIR FOREHEADS.** Rev. 7:3.

Those who seek the Almighty for the first two gifts of the Spirit viz. — “**WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE**” (1 Cor. 12:7, 8), will be numbered with the “**WISE VIRGINS**” — (Mat. 25:2, 3), who will walk in the light and know which choice to make. They will have power to step out alone from their kindred and even from their father’s house, and be sealed with the **SEAL OF GOD** in this waiting time.

Dear reader, perhaps you are of one of these scattered tribes of Israel, and the Holy Spirit is now striving with you to make this sacrifice, leaving the broad popular wordly road, and take the narrow way that leads to eternal life. Matt. 7:13, 14. “**Fear NOT LITTLE FLOCK,** for it is your Father’s good pleasure to **GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.**” Luke 12:32.

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