

TRIAL BY JURY

Clerk of the Court: "Hear ye! Hear ye! This honorable court, THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION for THE TERRITORY OF THE WHOLE WORLD is now in session. All persons having causes to be tried will now draw near. The case on the Calendar is TRUTH VS. TRADITION before the HONORABLE JUDGE

INDICTMENT: "HIGH TREASON AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF HEAVEN."

FIRST COUNT: "TAMPERING WITH THE LAW OF GOD."

FOR THE PROSECUTION: District Attorney: The Presiding Minister.

WITNESSES: Protestant Statements
Catholic Statements
Historians' Statements
BIBLE, King James' Version

FOR THE DEFENSE: Defendant: In Absentia
Witnesses: ?

THE JUDGE: Our first business is to select a jury. Last week men and women attending the lecture indicated their willingness to serve on the jury tonight by placing their names on cards. A drawing will now be made from these names, and the first twelve names called of those who are present will constitute the jury. How many agree that this is a fair way to select a jury? The bailiff, Mr., will conduct the drawing. As soon as you hear your name called, please rise from your seat promptly and pass around to the rear of the platform where you will select your foreman and get in readiness to try this case.

(THE BAILIFF now impanels the JURY, Read the names drawn, challenge, and impanel each one until there is a jury of twelve members.)

THE JUDGE: I will now examine the jury. Members of the jury: Has anyone talked to you to try to influence you to vote a certain way? No hands are raised. It is evident that the Public Prosecutor, Mr., District Attorney for this territory, has not talked to any of these individuals about this case. Do you now promise to render a true verdict in keeping with the evidence that will be presented from the Word of God and authentic history? If so, please raise the right hand. (Each juror raises his right hand.)

THE CLERK: The jury represents several different denominations, but it should be noted that no Seventh-day Baptists, Seventh-day Adventists, or Orthodox Jews are on the jury.

THE JUDGE: Will the audience kindly indicate by a show of hands if this jury is acceptable to them? (Audience responds with their hands.) Thank you. The jury is now seated. Mr., on behalf of the prosecution, may now make his opening statement.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Members of the special jury and ladies and gentlemen of the general jury: The purpose of this trial is to discover who is responsible for the attempt to change the day of rest from the seventh day, or Saturday, to the first day of the week, or Sunday. It is a well known fact that almost the entire world has accepted

Sunday as the day of rest. What we shall attempt to discover tonight is: Who has attempted to change God's holy day, and when was this attempted change made?

In the very beginning of our world God and His Son made this earth in six days. God then blessed and sanctified, or set apart, the seventh day of the week as a holy day for man, a memorial or reminder of Creation. Adam and Eve kept this first seventh day Sabbath, and God's people down through the centuries have kept that day holy to God.

But today we find the majority of professed Christians instead of keeping the seventh day that was appointed in the beginning by the Creator, are resting on the first day of the week. This raises these questions:

Who changed the Sabbath?
How was the Sabbath changed?
When was the Sabbath changed?
Was this change foretold in the Bible?

Members of the Jury: Please note on your ballot card that there are seven propositions. There will be seven parts to this trial, corresponding to these propositions on the ballot card. I will take these up one by one, citing evidence supporting each proposition. Please follow closely the evidence presented, and if it proves the proposition, please mark YES on the line at the left of each proposition.

The First Proposition is: GOD NEVER CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. In the beginning God made the Sabbath day, rested on that day, blessed that day, sanctified it, and made it a HOLY DAY. It is really the world's birthday, a day set apart to be a continuous reminder of God's great works of creation. Is it reasonable that God would want to change this holy day?

In Gen. 2:1-3 we find the record as follows: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God BLESSED the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which he had made."

In the fourth commandment of the law given at Sinai man was reminded of this seventh day Sabbath. Evangelist Dwight L. Moody says: "The Sabbath was binding in Eden, and it has been in force ever since. This fourth commandment begins with the word 'REMEMBER,' showing that the Sabbath already existed when God wrote the law on the tables of stone at Sinai." But someone has meddled with the law of God because today the world in general is keeping another day. Somebody has made a change; somebody has substituted another day. But I maintain and will cite evidence to prove that GOD NEVER CHANGED THE SABBATH from the seventh to the first day of the week.

We read in Psalm 19:7, 8: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." God would not change PERFECTION. Nobody changes perfection. You would not take your child, a perfect child, to the doctor and have his ear cut off; nor would God change a perfect law.

In Deut. 4:2 God says: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH OUGHT FROM IT, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." Dear Friends, if God says "NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH OUGHT FROM IT" He certainly did not intend to take anything from the commandments Himself, or add anything to them.

In Rev. 22:19 it says: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." I feel accountable unto God to preach the truths of God's Word because I know that if I take anything away or if I add anything, God will take my name out of the book of life, and there will be no place for me in the Holy City.

We read in Psalm 111:7 and 8: "The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. THEY STAND FAST FOREVER AND EVER, and are done in truth and uprightness." God says that His commandments stand—how long? FOREVER AND EVER. Do you think that God would contradict Himself and throw away, change, destroy, or abolish His commandments when He says they stand fast FOREVER AND EVER?

In Mal. 3:6 God says: "FOR I AM THE LORD, I CHANGE NOT . . ." In Num. 23:19 it says: "God is not a man, that he should lie . . ." Dear Friends, you would not think of accusing God of lying! God does not lie. When God says that He is not going to change His commandments He means what He says. We can be sure that it was not God who changed the seventh day Sabbath to Sunday.

In Psalm 89:34 God says: "My covenant will I break not, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." What is it that went out of the lips of God? God spoke His commandments audibly in the presence of man on Mount Sinai. One of those commandments is the fourth commandment which says: "REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy . . . the seventh day is the Sabbath." God spoke this commandment at Sinai, and He says: "I will not alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." I believe God means what He says.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, a leading Protestant minister and ex-president of the Federated Council of Churches, says: "Those who tell us that the decalogue is out of date must be either very foolish or very ignorant . . . That code belongs to all times and places, and no generation can escape it." "Dayton Herald," July 7, 1932. While this doctrine that the law has been abolished is frequently preached from many modern pulpits

today, we must not be deceived, for God has no intention of abolishing His perfect, holy law.

Is there any reason to change the law of God? No, for it is PERFECT. God says: "Take not away from it." "Add not to it." Is there anything wrong with the command, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"? Has God changed that? "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." Has God changed that? "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord Thy God in vain." Do you think God has changed that? Is there anything wrong with the 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 . . ." Do you think that God has changed that command?

Or consider the fifth commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother." Anything wrong with that? Or the sixth: "Thou shalt not kill." Or the seventh: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Or the eighth: "Thou shalt not steal." The ninth: "Thou shalt not bear false witness." The tenth: "Thou shalt not covet." Do you think there is anything imperfect about this law? God does not think so, for He says: "I will not alter" it. "I change not."

"The Moody Monthly," October, 1933, a Protestant publication, says: "The moral law was given to Israel in trust for all mankind. It contains the elementary rules of moral and religious duty and embodies the eternal principles of right and wrong." You cannot change God's law. There is no man who has the right to change God's Ten Commandments. God says: "I will not alter the thing that has gone out of My lips." That is because His commandments are the very foundation of His government.

"The Moody Monthly," of October, 1933, also says: "The moral law . . . HAS NEVER BEEN ABROGATED, but is as unchangeable as its Author, and is of perpetual and universal obligation." The commandments represent the very character of God. They are as unchangeable as God himself. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, I ask you to please check YES on Proposition No. 1, as we have proved on the basis of God's own unimpeachable testimony that GOD NEVER CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

Now look at Proposition No. 2: JESUS NEVER CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. In Mark 2:27 and 28 Jesus says: "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." Since Jesus was with His Father in the creation of this world, He may rightfully be called "Lord of the Sabbath."

In a \$500 prize essay given at Dartmouth College, Rev. George Elliott made this statement: "As Lord of the Sabbath, He doubtless had the power to set it aside entirely; a power which certainly He has nowhere exercised, either by Himself or through His apostles." **The Abiding Sabbath**, p. 168. Christ did not change the Sabbath, dear Friends, although many accuse Jesus Christ of abolishing the commandments at the cross.

Jesus says in Matt. 5:17: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to FULFIL." Once a preacher said to me: "There is nothing in the New Testament about keeping the commandments." So I read these words of Jesus to him. "O, Yes," he said, "but that means that the law has been fulfilled or brought to an end. It has been abolished." Just let me read it that way and see how foolish it sounds. Jesus said: "THINK NOT THAT I AM COME TO DESTROY the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to DESTROY." Can you see how unreasonable that is?

What does the word "fulfil" mean? It means to obey. If I ask you to get up and sit in another chair, you get up, fulfilling my command. You are obeying me. Jesus was obedient to the law of God in all things. The prophet Isaiah said: "The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable." This certainly does not mean that He will destroy His law. Let us see how Jesus used that word "FULFIL" in other instances.

We find in Matt. 3:15 that after Jesus had asked John to baptize Him John said: "No, I am not worthy." "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to FULFIL all righteousness. Then he suffered him." Now if the word "FULFIL" means to abolish or destroy or do away with, then Jesus was saying, "John, it becometh us to destroy, or abolish, or do away with all righteousness." But do you believe that Jesus would say we ought to abolish righteousness?

No, for Jesus says: "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matt. 5:18. A jot or tittle is just a small marking similar to the dot over an "i" or the cross of a "t". The Ten Commandments contain 55 jots and 35 tittles, making a total of 90 jots and tittles. The Sabbath commandment contains 19 jots and 17 tittles, a total of 36 jots and tittles.

If Jesus had destroyed the fourth commandment, the Sabbath commandment, He would have been destroying the law, tampering with the very law that He said He would not destroy. If He abolished the fourth commandment, and yet He said not one jot would pass from the law, it would have been a terrible blunder; for He would have been practicing deceit and telling falsehoods. He would have abolished almost one-third of all the jots and tittles of the law. I do not believe He would do that, do you?

Jesus also said: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Dear Friends, I would hate to be the least in the sight of God. Some people rate very low in God's sight. Satan and his angels must rate very low. I would have to break one of God's commandments and rate lower than that.

Many today are doing exactly what Satan wants, arguing against the law of God, contradicting Jesus Himself, and trying to make Him the

anti-Christ. If Jesus did change or abolish the law, that would prove Him to be anti-christ. For the Bible tells us the anti-Christ will tamper with the law of God. Here is a statement from John Wesley: "In the highest rank of the enemies of the gospel of Christ, are they who . . . teach men to break not one only . . . but all the commandments at a stroke; who teach . . . 'What did our Lord do with the law? HE ABOLISHED IT. There is but one duty, which is that of believing'." Works of Wesley, Sermon 25, Vol. 1, p. 225. Dear Friends, we must not only believe but obey God's law. Do not believe anyone who teaches that we need only to BELIEVE.

Do you think Jesus intended for the commandments to be abolished when He said: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." In the "International Sunday School Lesson," Aug. 7, 1932, it says: "Christ came to fulfil, not to destroy. The Christian will keep the commandments, not in order to find acceptance with God, but because he is accepted. Keeping the law is simply the result of grace." Jesus came to FULFIL the law, to be obedient, to magnify it, to make it honorable. Being under grace does not mean that we are not under obligation to keep God's law.

Again we find Jesus saying to His disciples: "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day." He was speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, 39 years after He went back to heaven. Josephus tells us that in the middle of the week the Roman armies came, besieged the city, then withdrew for no apparent reason whatsoever, giving the Christians opportunity to flee before the Sabbath. Why would Jesus tell them to pray if He was changing the day, anyway?

We find in Luke 4:16: "And He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." If you had lived in Nazareth you would have seen Him every Sabbath day, the same Sabbath that is kept in the Jewish synagogue today, after His week's work was done, going down to the synagogue. Every Sabbath—because it was His custom.

A Bermuda editor says: "The Bible . . . tells us how God commanded the seventh day to be kept a memorial of Creation. It tells how the command was repeated on Sinai. It tells how the SON OF GOD HIMSELF KEPT THE SEVENTH DAY. It says nowhere that Christians should keep a different day from the Jews, His chosen people." "The Catholic Bulletin," Feb. 7, 1954, No. 6, Jesus kept the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday, setting an example for all Christians.

Jesus said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law." And we read in Heb. 13:8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Do you suppose if Christ were here today He would keep Sunday? He kept the Sabbath 1900 years ago when He was here. The Bible says that Jesus does not change. He has never commanded a change in the Sabbath day. I am sure He would still keep the true original seventh day Sabbath if He were here today.

Dear Friends, let us not accuse Jesus of changing the Sabbath. T. C. Blake, D.D., a Presbyterian minister, says: "The idea has been advanced by some that the Sabbath was instituted for the benefit of the Jews . . . and that . . . it was 'done away with' in the coming of Christ. SUCH A POSITION IS UTTERLY UNTENABLE." **Theology Condensed**, pp. 471, 472. If anyone has not yet checked Proposition 2, I ask you, on the authority of Jesus Christ, please check YES on No. 2: JESUS NEVER CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

Proposition 3. THE APOSTLES NEVER CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. Some say that only the Jews kept the Sabbath after the resurrection of Christ. But the Bible says that the apostles were still keeping the Sabbath, and preaching to both Jews and Gentiles in the synagogue on the Sabbath day many years after Christ's ascension. There was only one day kept in the synagogue and that was the seventh day, or Saturday, and the Bible calls it the Sabbath day.

Of the apostle Paul we read in Acts 17:2: "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures." So twenty-two years after Jesus returned to heaven Paul still had the custom or manner of keeping the Sabbath holy. Evidently Paul knew nothing about a change in the Sabbath—so it surely had not been changed.

In Acts 13:14, fourteen years after the ascension, it says: "But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down." Luke, I am sure, was writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and he still calls the seventh day, or Saturday, the day kept in the synagogue—the Sabbath day.

Then we read in Acts 13:42: "And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath." Just think, the Gentiles wanted to hear the same things. They knew what day was the Sabbath day. In fact they had never heard of any other day of worship. They did not say, "We want you to preach to us next Sunday." It was on Sabbath that they expected the disciples to preach.

Now, did the Gentiles come out to hear? In Acts 13:44 we read: "And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." So the whole city came on the Sabbath day, the same Sabbath day of the commandment to hear the apostles preach. There were both Jews and Gentiles in the synagogue that Sabbath.

In Acts 16:13 it says: "And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither." Some say that they only went to the synagogues to reach the Jews, and of course went on the Jewish Sabbath. But here we find that the apostles had their little meeting by a river, since no church was to be found in that place. And that meeting was held on the Sabbath day—the seventh day of the commandment.

Again we read in Acts 18:4 and 11, speaking of Paul: "And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks . . . And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them." A year and six months. That is 78 consecutive Sabbath days that Paul preached to the city of Corinth. It is true that Paul preached one Saturday night until midnight, or on the first day of the week, for at that time a day was from sundown to sundown. But at Corinth he preached 78 times on Sabbath, the seventh day, or Saturday.

In the **Dictionary of Christian Antiquities** by Smith and Cheetham we read: "The notion of a formal substitution BY APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY of the Lord's Day (Sunday) for the Jewish Sabbath . . . has no basis whatever, either in Holy Scripture or in Christian antiquity." So the notion that the apostles changed the Sabbath HAS NO BASIS in history or Scripture.

Dr. Peter Heylyn of the Church of England sums it up conclusively: "Take which you will, either the Fathers or the moderns, and we shall find no Lord's day instituted by any apostolic mandate, no Sabbath set on foot by them upon the first day of the week." Since from the evidence cited this proposition has been proved conclusively. Members of the Jury, please mark YES on Proposition 3. THE APOSTLES NEVER CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

Proposition 4. THE BIBLE HAS FORETOLD AN ATTEMPTED CHANGE OF THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. Certainly no man has the right to abrogate the laws of God when God himself says: "I will not alter the thing that has gone out of my lips." But the Bible makes it very plain that a power will arise to attempt this very thing.

Rev. George Elliott once said: "Long should pause the erring hand of man before it dares to chip away with the chisel of human reasoning one single word graven on the enduring tables by the hand of the infinite God." What a solemn thought! Let us reread it: "Long should pause THE ERRING HAND OF MAN before it dares to chip away with the CHISEL OF HUMAN REASONING one single word graven on the enduring tables by the hand of the infinite God."

The apostles were warned of the anti-Christ who would come. In I John 2:18 we read: ". . . Ye have heard that antichrist shall come . . . whereby ye may know that it is the last time." So we may expect anti-Christ to work near the end of time, or the last time, near the end of the world. Only "anti-Christ" or one attempting to take the place of Christ would dare to change His holy law.

Paul spoke of the anti-Christ in II Thess. 2:3 and 4: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Paul here speaks of the anti-Christ power sitting on a throne, claiming to be God.

Notice that Paul calls the anti-Christ "the man of sin." In I John 3:4 it says: ". . . Sin is the transgression of the law." So the anti-Christ is a lawbreaker. He is a transgressor of God's law. He is the man of sin. He will not accept God's law. He calls himself God, is worshipped as God, and shows himself that he is God, claiming powers belonging to God alone. This is the anti-Christ power.

Archbishop of Mainz has said: "The Lord our God no longer reigns, he has resigned all power and authority to the Pope." Pope Leo XIII has said: "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." Claiming to be God on earth, the man of sin sits on a throne, accepting the worship of men, a man who thinks that he has power equal to God. It must be the anti-Christ himself making these statements.

In Daniel 7:25 the anti-Christ is described as follows: "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of times." Daniel says that the anti-Christ will speak GREAT WORDS against the most High. The pope claims to be God. He also claims to forgive sins. Are these not "great words" against God? Daniel also says the anti-Christ shall wear out the saints; that is, persecute the saints of God. During the Dark Ages the papal church slaughtered saints by the millions.

The anti-Christ will also "think to change times and laws." The American Revised Version translates this phrase much better. It says: "He shall think to change the times and the law." The context forces us to one conclusion, that the times and the law here referred to are the times and the law of the Most High God.

In its own writings the papacy claims to have power to "change the times and the law." We quote: "The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ." **Decretal, de Translat. Episcop. Cap.** Here is a man on earth who claims to be God, who has persecuted Christians, who sits on a throne, who claims infallibility, who claims to forgive sins, who claims power to change times, abrogate the law of God, dispense with the things of God, and destroy even the precepts of Christ. This must be the anti-Christ!

We now know that the pope claims to have the power to change times and the law, but has the papacy made any attempt to do this? **The Catholic Encyclopedia** says: "The church . . . after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, or the seventh day of the week, to the first, made the third commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord's Day." Vol. IV, p. 153. So the Catholic church claims not only to have the power to change the "times and the law" but to have changed the day of rest from Saturday to Sunday, and to have changed the commandments of God, leaving out some and adding some.

The apostles knew that apostasy would come into the church. In Acts 20:29 and 30 Paul says:

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Paul knew that these damnable heresies would come into the church, and night and day with tears warned them to watch. Members of the Jury, I ask you to mark YES on Proposition 4: THE BIBLE HAS FORETOLD AN ATTEMPTED CHANGE OF THE SABBATH FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

Proposition No. 5. ROMAN CATHOLICS BOAST THEY CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY. They readily admit that they have done this. They continually throw it into the faces of the Protestants as a challenge. "For," say they, "you claim the Bible only as your guide and still you keep the Sunday that we have established without Bible authority."

Dr. Eck, in controversy with Martin Luther, said: "The church has changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday on its own authority, WITHOUT SCRIPTURE." Yes, dear Friends, the Sabbath was changed without authority of the Bible, without authority of God, Jesus, or the apostles—only the authority of the Catholic Church.

Father Enright wrote: "We keep Sunday in obedience to the law of the Catholic Church. The Church made this law after the Bible was written; hence the law is not in the Bible." From a letter, April 26, 1902. Catholics do boast of this change, for they feel that it shows the great power of the church.

Father Enright also says: "There is but ONE CHURCH on the face of the earth which has the power, or CLAIMS POWER, to make laws binding on the conscience, binding before God, binding under penalty of hell-fire. For instance, the institution of Sunday," So in their own words the Catholics admit that their church is the only church answering the description of the anti-Christ in the Bible, claiming power belonging only to God.

A Catholic Catechism says: "The Church . . . changed the day . . . from Saturday to Sunday . . . How great is the authority of the Church . . . an authority which is acknowledged by the universal practice of the whole Christian world . . . since they observe . . . the first day . . . kept holy only from the tradition and teaching of the Catholic Church." **Catechism Made Easy**, No. 2, Gibson, Vol. 1, pp. 341, 342. What a pity that Protestants should follow the mandates of the papacy instead of the simple Bible!

Rev. Henry T. Cafferata says: "Protestants who say that they go by the Bible and the Bible only . . . must be rather puzzled by the keeping of the Sunday when God distinctly said, 'Keep holy the Sabbath Day,' . . . Without knowing it, they are obeying the authority of the Catholic Church." **The Catechism Simply Explained**, p. 85. There are many earnest Christians in all denominations who do not realize that they are obeying the anti-Christ by keeping Sunday.

Rev. Stephen Keenan says: "The Church . . .

substituted Sunday for Saturday . . . The uniform, universal, and perpetual TRADITION of all ages and nations ATTESTS THE ANTIQUITY OF, AND CONSEQUENTLY the Divine assent to this change." **Catechism of Christian Religion**, pp. 296, 297. Just think! Because Sunday has been kept for so long, CONSEQUENTLY God approves. Such reasoning!

Most Rev. John Hughes says: "Let Protestants keep holy, if they will, the first day of the week . . . but LET THEM REMEMBER that this cannot possibly release them from the obligation of keeping another day which Almighty God has ordered to be kept holy, because on that day He 'rested from all His work'." "The Clifton Tracts," Vol. 4, p. 10.

John A O'Brien, Ph.D., a Catholic, says: "Nowhere in the Bible is the Sunday designated as the Lord's day; the day mentioned is the Sabbath, the last day of the week. The early (Catholic) Church . . . DELIBERATELY CHANGED THE DAY TO SUNDAY." "Finding Christ's Church," Copyright, 1950. Members of the Jury, on the basis of this evidence, I ask you to mark YES on Proposition No. 5: ROMAN CATHOLICS BOAST THEY CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY.

Proposition No. 6. PROTESTANTS ADMIT THE SABBATH WAS CHANGED FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY WITHOUT DIVINE COMMAND. A Protestant professor, Edward Odum, says: "We keep the first day of the week as the Sabbath . . . because we . . . have followed the heathen Papist Church from early ages. Moreover, not one word can be found in the Old or New Testament, to indicate that either God or His Son Jesus ever attempted to change this sign. We know well, that the Roman Catholic Church changed the day; and thus proved the truthfulness of the word which says of the Man and sin, that he changes days and signs and times. Our Christian Church has followed the Pagan lead of Rome too far, and too often."

A Protestant magazine, "Christian Standard," of Cincinnati, says: "Thousands of sincere Christians know that calling Sunday the 'Holy Sabbath' has no warrant whatever from Christ or His Apostles." Many Protestants know Sunday is not the Sabbath, but because it is the popular day to keep, they do not question the validity of the day.

Philip Carrington, an Episcopal, says: "The Bible commandment says on the seventh day thou shalt rest. That is Saturday. Nowhere in the Bible is it laid down that worship should be done on Sunday." "Toronto Daily Star," Oct. 26, 1949. Episcopalians admit that there is no Bible authority for Sunday observance, neither is there any Scriptural obligation to keep that day holy.

Clovis G. Chappel, a Methodist, says: "One will search the Scriptures in vain for authority for changing from the seventh day to the first . . . Our Christian Sabbath, therefore, is not a matter of positive command. It is a gift from the church." **Ten Rules for Living**, p. 61. No other than the Roman Catholic church claims to have made this gift to the world.

A Lutheran, John T. Mueller, says: "But they

err in teaching that Sunday has taken the place of the Old Testament Sabbath . . . for Scripture has in no way ordained the first day of the week in place of the Sabbath. There is simply no law in the New Testament to that effect." **Sabbath or Sunday**, pp. 15, 16. Lutherans freely admit that there is no Bible authority for Sunday-keeping.

The Christian Church says: "The first day of the week is never called the Sabbath anywhere in the entire Scriptures. There never was any change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. There is not any place in the Bible any intimation of such a change." **First-Day Observance**, pp. 17, 19. True, the Sabbath has never changed! It was just an attempted change. The keeping of the seventh day is still obligatory for all of God's children.

R. W. Dale, a Congregationalist minister, says: "The Sabbath was founded on a specific, divine command. We can plead no such command for the obligation to observe Sunday." **The Ten Commandments**, pp. 106, 107. Congregationalists agree with Lutherans, Methodists, and the other Protestant churches that there is no divine command for Sunday observance.

Again from the same author we quote: "There is not a single sentence in the New Testament TO SUGGEST that we incur any penalty by violating the SUPPOSED sanctity of Sunday. **The Ten Commandments**, pp. 106, 107. So the Congregationalists know that Sunday is not a holy day. How well stated by this Congregationalist minister! "The supposed sanctity of Sunday."

In a Methodist magazine we read: "In the days of very long ago the people . . . worshipped the sun . . . The people became Christians and were ruled by an emperor whose name was Constantine. This emperor made Sun-day the Christian Sabbath . . . so our Sunday is a sun-day, isn't it?" "Sunday School Advocate," Dec. 21, 1921. Yes, the Methodists are right. Sunday has been accepted from paganism, and is the day on which the sun god was worshipped.

Episcopal Bishop Seymour admits that: "We have made the change, from the seventh to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy catholic and apostolic church of Christ." **Why We Keep Sunday**.

Finally, Dr. Heylyn of the Church of England, says: "Thus we see upon what ground the Lord's day stands; on CUSTOM first, and VOLUNTARY CONSECRATION . . . countenanced by the authority of the Church of God (Catholic), which tacitly approved the same; and FINALLY confirmed and ratified by Christian princes throughout their empires." Members of the Jury, please mark YES on Proposition 6: PROTESTANTS ADMIT THE SABBATH WAS CHANGED FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY WITHOUT DIVINE COMMAND.

Proposition No. 7. HISTORY VERIFIES THE SABBATH WAS CHANGED FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY AFTER THE DAYS OF THE APOSTLES. We have given evidence to prove that neither God, Jesus, nor His disciples changed the Sabbath. The Bible has prophesied an attempted change, and the Catholic church not only admits but boasts of the change. Does history verify this?

Chambers Encyclopaedia says: "Unquestion-

ably the first law, either ecclesiastical or civil, by which the sabbatical observances of Sunday is known to have been ordained is the sabbatical edict of Constantine, A.D. 321." Art. Sunday. This law was not passed until the fourth century after Christ. So the early Christians observed the seventh day Sabbath just as Jesus and the apostles did.

From the same *Encyclopaedia* we read: "By none of the Fathers before the 4th century is it (Sunday) identified with the Sabbath, nor is the duty of observing grounded by them, either on the fourth commandment, or on the precept of Christ or His apostles." Article, Sabbath. At the time this law was passed, the church authorities made no attempt to identify Sunday with the Sabbath.

Sir William Domville says: "Centuries of the Christian era passed away before Sunday was observed by the Christian church as a Sabbath. History does not furnish us with a single proof or indication that it was at any time so observed previous to the Sabbatical edict of Constantine in A.D. 321." *Examination of Six Texts*, p. 291.

Dr. Summerbell says: "The Roman Catholic Church has totally apostatized. It reversed the fourth commandment, doing away with the Sabbath of God's Word, and instituting Sunday as a holy day." *History of the Christians*, p. 418. It was after Constantine established Sunday as a holy day by civil law that the church accepted it and decreed that no work be done on that day.

John Eadie, D.D., L.L.D., says: "SABBATH . . . A Hebrew word signifying rest . . . Sunday was a name given by the heathens to the first day of the week, because it was the day on which they worshipped the sun." *A Biblical Cyclopaedia*, p. 561. It was Constantine's plan to reconcile pagans and Christians by establishing a common day of worship, so the heathen day was chosen.

Wm. Prynne, an English historian, says: "The seventh-day Sabbath was . . . solemnized by Christ, the apostles, and primitive Christians, till the Laodicean Council did in a manner quite abolish the observance of it." *Dissertation on the Lord's Day*, pp. 33, 34. At this council the church accepted what Constantine had done and adopted Sunday instead of the Sabbath to please the heathen, the pagan sun worshippers. The heathen also brought their images, their holy beads, their crucifixes, and holy water, the doctrines of purgatory and confessional, and many other pagan doctrines into the church.

Prof. Hutton Webster says of Sunday: "What began, however, as a pagan ordinance, ended as a Christian regulation; and a long series of imperial decrees, during the fourth, fifth, and sixth centuries, enjoined with increasing stringency abstinence from labor on Sunday." *Rest Days*, p.

270. In 538 A.D. the pope passed a law that nobody could work on Sunday, even the farmers had to cease their work on Sunday. People keeping Sunday in honor of the resurrection are not honoring the resurrection but the sun god Apollo.

Dr. Hiscox, author of the *Baptist Manual*, says: "What a pity that it (Sunday) comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the sun-god, when adopted and sanctioned by the papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestants." WHAT A PITY, indeed! Yet so few have the courage to step out and keep God's holy Sabbath even when they know the origin of the counterfeit day.

Finally, we have a direct statement of the defendant in absentia, and this statement incriminates him, for he admits he is the one responsible. Let us quote Cardinal Gibbons: "Of course the Catholic Church claims to have changed the Sabbath, and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority." Members of the Jury, I ask that you vote YES on Proposition 7, for we have proved beyond a doubt that HISTORY VERIFIES THE SABBATH WAS CHANGED FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY WITHOUT DIVINE COMMAND. I believe when you retire to the Jury Room you will formulate a verdict of guilty beyond any reasonable doubt. I ask you to declare the defendant guilty as charged.

The Judge: Members of the Jury, you may retire to your room for deliberation on the evidence of the witnesses and the argument of the attorney. When you have arrived at a fair and impartial verdict, you may come into the courtroom with your decision. (Special Music.) (The Jury deliberates and returns with the verdict.)

The Judge: We have the verdict from the Special Jury. The Foreman has returned with the verdict of GUILTY. What do you, the General Jury decide? Are you going to be with Jesus Christ, or are you going to turn against Him as did the Jews when He was here on earth? Are you going to accept the teachings of a man or are you willing to accept what Jesus taught?

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Rom. 6:16. It is not so much a question of days as it is obedience. Are you yielding to God or to the dictates of a man? Literally millions have been deceived and are accepting the MARK, the authority of the anti-Christ, refusing to accept the authority of Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends, to whom will you give yourselves servants to obey? How many tonight will raise their hands with me and say: "I choose Christ. I will follow Jesus Christ and not the dictates of a man." God bless you.

THE UNITED STATES IN PROPHECY

The rise and fall of many nations have been predicted in Bible prophecy. We have shown already how accurately these prophecies have been fulfilled. A nation as great and powerful as the United States would surely be dealt with in God's prophetic Word. And just as surely as God predicted the rise and fall of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome, He has foretold the rise of the United States of America.

God permitted the Apostle John to see the future of our country almost 2000 years before these events actually took place. John has described these events to us in the prophecy of Revelation 13. God knew when the United States would arise, what kind of government it would have, and what would take place in its history.

The Beast power described in the first ten verses of Revelation 13, as we have already discovered in our prophetic study, represents the Papal Church of Rome. In describing this Beast power the Bible says that **THE BEAST WOULD BLASPHEME GOD**, that he would **PERSECUTE THE SAINTS OF GOD**, and that he would **RULE FOR 42 MONTHS**. We have discovered in our study that 42 months is a literal period of 1260 years.

This prophecy reveals that the Beast would establish his government upon the same spot where Pagan Rome, or the DRAGON had his seat of authority, that is, the City of Rome. Adolf Harnach says: "Whatever Roman elements the barbarians and Arians left . . . (came) under the protection of the Bishop of Rome . . . The Roman Church in this way pushed itself into the place of the Roman World-Empire, of which it is the actual continuation; the empire had not perished, but only undergone a transformation." **What is Christianity?** pp. 269, 270. The Papacy is the only power in history that took over the seat of authority of Pagan Rome.

It says in Revelation that this **BEAST POWER** would blaspheme God. The Bible says that it is blasphemy for a man to call himself God. In a Roman Catholic publication we read: "'Thou art a priest FOREVER,' says the ordaining Bishop . . . He is no longer a man, a sinful child of Adam, but an 'alter Christus,' ANOTHER CHRIST . . . Forever a priest of the Most High WITH POWER OVER THE ALMIGHTY." **Eucharistic Meditations**. Certainly claiming to be another Christ is blasphemy to God. But the claim that a priest has "POWER OVER THE ALMIGHTY" is certainly sacrilege!

The Bible also tells us that for a man to claim to forgive sins is blasphemy. Michael Muller says: "Seek where you will, through Heaven and earth, and you will find but one created being who can forgive the sinner . . . That extraordinary being is the priest, the Catholic priest." **The Catholic Priest**. The Bible says the Beast power will **BLASPHEME GOD**. Is there any doubt who this Beast power represents? Who else **CLAIMS** to forgive sins?

John the Revelator tells us that this **BEAST POWER** would **PERSECUTE** the Saints of God.

Historian Cramp says: "In vain did inquisitors rage, and plot, and torture, and burn . . . Councils had thundered their curses, popes had issued their bulls, and inquisitors had exhausted their ingenuity—but it was all in vain. **THE CHURCH OF GOD STILL LIVED.**" **Baptist History**, pp. 106, 112. It is estimated that around eighty million Christians were slain as martyrs for their faith in the Bible by the Papal Church. But "the church of God still lived."

The Papacy ruled supreme for 1260 years, as the prophecy indicated it would. This supremacy was from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. In Rev. 13:3 we read: "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death . . ." The Beast received this deadly wound in 1798 A.D. when Napoleon sent his leading General, Berthier, to Rome to take the Pope to France as a prisoner where he died. All of Europe thought that the Papacy was dead when the Pope died in France. So this part of the prophecy has also been accurately fulfilled.

The prophecy also reveals that the Beast will have a **MARK** that will be enforced upon millions in this world. It is not difficult to discover what the Mark of the Beast is, for the Beast power boasts of his **MARK** of authority. Let us read what Cardinal Gibbons says: "Of course the Catholic church claims to have changed the Sabbath, and the act is a **MARK** of her ecclesiastical authority." The Papal church freely admits that it changed God's Holy Sabbath Day from Saturday to Sunday, and that this is a **MARK** of her authority.

This is a violation of God's law, but the Papacy boasts of this act because practically the whole world has accepted the authority of the Papal church above the authority of God. Therefore they say, "**SUNDAY IS OUR MARK OF AUTHORITY!**" . . . The church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance to Sunday is **PROOF OF THAT FACT.**" **Catholic Record**, London, Ontario, September 1, 1923.

Again, the Catholics say, "Deny the authority of the Catholic Church, and you have no adequate or reasonable explanation or justification for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday." "Catholic Record," London, Ontario, Sept. 1, 1923. Many ministers realize that there is no Bible authority for keeping Sunday, still they refuse to keep God's Holy Sabbath Day.

The President of Redemptorist College, Priest Enright, says: "**SUNDAY IS NOT THE SABBATH . . .** Any school boy knows that Sunday is the first day of the week." Friends, just look on any calendar and you can see what day of the week Sunday is. How can anyone claim Sunday to be God's Holy Sabbath?

Priest Enright continues: "I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who will prove by the Bible alone that Sunday is the day we are bound to keep, and **NO ONE HAS CALLED FOR THE MONEY.**" If there is no Bible proof that the Sabbath has been changed to Sunday, why is it so universally kept?

Priest Enright tells us: "It was the Holy Catholic Church that changed the day of rest from Saturday, the seventh day, to Sunday, the first day of the week." Now whom do you think we should obey, God who says: "The seventh day is the Sabbath," or the Catholic church?

Which church does the whole civilized world obey? Priest Enright tells us: "The Bible says: 'Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day,' but the Catholic church says, 'No! By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day, and command you to keep the first day of the week' And, lo! the entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church!" Quotations from a lecture given in June, 1893.

The Catholic Church admits that Sunday is a pagan day. "The Church took the pagan philosophy and made it the buckler of faith against the heathen. She took the pagan, Roman Pantheon, temple of all the gods, and made it sacred to all the martyrs; so it stands to this day. She took the Pagan Sunday and made it the Christian Sunday. She took the Pagan Easter and made it the feast we celebrate during this season." "The Catholic World," March, 1894, p. 809.

Continuing from "The Catholic World," of the same date, we read: ". . . the sun was a foremost god with heathenism . . . The sun has worshippers at this hour in Persia and other lands . . . There is, in truth, something royal, kingly, about the sun, making it a fit emblem of Jesus, the Sun of Justice. Hence the church in these countries would seem to have said: 'Keep that old, pagan name. It shall remain consecrated, sanctified.' And thus the Pagan Sunday, dedicated to Balder, became the Christian Sunday, sacred to Jesus." Just to think that the church sanctioned that the old pagan "Sunday" be substituted for the Lord's Day!

Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, author of the "Baptist Manual," recognizes the fact that the ancestry of Sunday is PAGAN, for he says: "What a pity that it (Sunday) comes branded with the MARK OF PAGANISM, and christened with the name of the sun god, when adopted and sanctioned by the papal apostacy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism." (In a paper read Nov. 13, 1893, before a Baptist Convention of Ministers.) The Bible clearly reveals who the Beast is, and you can plainly see from these statements what his mark of authority is, and how he has deceived nearly the whole world with this great religious counterfeit.

The prophecy of Rev. 13 tells us that this Beast power would receive a deadly wound, and according to the 10th verse, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword . . ." So in 1798 at the end of the 1260 years of prophetic time allotted to the papacy the Beast was to be led into captivity.

What is the next unusual scene that John the Revelator describes? "And I beheld another beast coming out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Rev. 13:11. Notice that this beast does not come up out of the water, which in prophecy represents peoples, na-

tions, multitudes, and tongues. (Rev. 17:15.) But he comes up out of the earth, which is just the opposite of water. In other words, he comes up in an area which is not populated with people.

This creature that John the Revelator sees coming up out of the earth with two horns like a lamb sounds very much like the American buffalo, or bison. Evidently John had never seen a creature like it because he was not able to call it by name. The American bison is an animal that is native to our country. It is the only beast in America that has two horns like a lamb. The American buffalo is a symbol of our great nation, and appears on the American nickel and also on the flag of the Secretary of the Interior.

We all know that this government was founded upon two lamb-like principles, civil and religious liberty. Written in the Constitution of the United States we find this statement: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government, for a redress of grievances." Bill of Rights, Article 1.

Notice, too, that this 2-horned beast arises just at the time when the BEAST POWER is led into captivity, which was in 1798 A.D. There is only one major power that arose at that time, and it is the United States of America. The United States government was just coming into power in 1798, the year that the papacy received its deadly wound. It was in 1798 that Napoleon sent Berthier to Rome and the pope was taken captive, and later died in captivity.

The United States was lamb-like in character, guaranteeing freedom to all who dwelt within its borders. The Statue of Liberty is the great emblem of the freedom to be enjoyed in our country. The principles of religious and civil freedom have made our nation the great power that it is in the world today. The founding and tremendous growth of the United States of America was in the providence of God.

Daniel Webster, at the laying of the corner stone of the Extension of the Capitol, July 4, 1851, said: "Who does not admit that this unparalleled growth of prosperity and renown is the result, UNDER PROVIDENCE, of the union of these States under a general Constitution which guarantees to each State a Republican form of government, and to every man the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, free from civil tyranny and ecclesiastical domination."

The people who founded our nation were exiles of oppression and tyranny. Puritans, Pilgrims, Quakers, and others who sought for an asylum in this new land had as a slogan, "We want a nation without a King, and a church without a Pope." They had suffered awful persecutions in the old country, and their greatest desire was for FREEDOM. They were willing to die for it. They were DETERMINED to incorporate it into their Constitution.

The Bible refers to this persecution thus: "And the serpent (devil) cast out of his mouth water as a flood, after the woman (flood of persecution on

the church), that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood." Rev. 12:15. But through the centuries of persecution, there were always those who served God faithfully, many of them martyrs to the faith.

The next verse in Rev. 12 is very important, as it shows that it was in the providence of God that this country was discovered. "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth." By the discovery of America the church, or the woman, was helped. The flood of persecution was swallowed up by the earth. A haven was found at last for the oppressed. God providentially led men to discover this country so His church could thrive, and the gospel could be sent before the coming of Jesus to all the world without hindrance or interference from the government.

Unfortunately at first the early settlers of this country could not get rid of the persecution spirit, and in the early days of American history people were persecuted for their religious convictions. They were punished if they did not go to church on Sunday. They had lived under oppression so long that they did not know how to eliminate persecution from their systems. Consequently, they put people in stocks, and had whipping posts, and even had a penalty of death against those who were religious offenders.

But there were those who bravely opposed these religious laws. Perhaps the most notable of all was Roger Williams, who founded the Colony of Providence, Rhode Island. There he guaranteed to all, regardless of race or religion, complete freedom to worship God as they pleased. The principles of Roger Williams' government were inculcated in the guarantees of freedom that were later adopted in the Constitutional Convention. It was the foremost desire of the founders of this government to make freedom a guaranteed privilege for all.

This is stated in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed."

In George Washington's reply to the Baptists of Virginia in 1798, he said: "Every man, conducting himself as a good citizen, and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshipping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience." **Writings of George Washington**, Vol. 3, p. 321.

Ulysses S. Grant made the following statement: "Leave the matter of religious teaching to the family altar, the church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contribution. Keep the church and State forever separate." Speech at Des Moines, Iowa, 1875.

In 1823 James Madison, the Father of our Constitution, said: "Religion is not in the purview of human government. Religion is essentially distinct from government and exempt from its

cognizance, a connection between them is injurious to both." From a letter to Edward Everett, 1823.

Thomas Jefferson, the Author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote: "Almighty God hath created the mind free; that all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burdens, or by civil incapacitations, tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy, and meanness, and are a departure from the plan of the holy Author of our religion, who, being Lord of both body and mind, yet chose not to abrogate it by coercions on either, as was in His almighty power to do." "Notes on the State of Virginia," p. 235.

Wise old Benjamin Franklin said: "When religion is good, it will take care of itself; when it is not able to take care of itself, and when God does not see fit to take care of it, so that it has to appeal to the civil power for support, it is evidence to my mind that its cause is a bad one."

In his farewell speech in 1796, George Washington said: "Resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its (Constitution's) principles, however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect in the forms of the Constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system thus undermine what cannot be directly overthrown."

And so these leaders have warned us that we should never change the principles upon which our government was founded, and which have made our nation the great power that it is in the world. Whenever we repudiate the principles of our Constitution by the union of church and state, as in the days when the BEAST united with the state and ruled the world, we will be making an image to the beast, and we will be inviting catastrophe to our system of government.

Politics and religion do not mix. They should always be kept separate. Jesus states very clearly in Luke 20:25: ". . . Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." I wish we could close the study of this great prophecy right here, but we must go on, and the remainder of the story is not so pleasant. The prophecy tells us that while this nation arose with lamb-like qualities, "HE SPAKE LIKE A DRAGON." The dragon voice has been heard down through the ages, and always there has been persecution wherever it was heard.

The prophecy tells us in Rev. 13:12: "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." The United States government will exercise all the power of the first beast, the Roman Catholic church.

In verses 13 and 14, the prophecy continues: "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

What a tragic transformation from a lamb to

a dragon, from liberty to oppression, from religious freedom to religious intolerance. All the persecuting characteristics of the beast are to be repeated, for it says that he will exercise all the power of the first beast, that he will cause or compel them that dwell on the earth to worship the first beast.

Notice, too, that he will do great wonders so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. The United States is the power that has discovered and developed the atomic and hydrogen weapons. Our government literally has caused fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men, and we are told that he will deceive them that dwell on the earth by means of the miracles that he has the power to do in the sight of the beast. America has become the miracle-working nation—great miracles of invention. Actually, all the things we do can be done in the "sight of the beast" and of the world since the inception of television.

Not only is America known for its mechanical genius and inventions, but it is also rapidly becoming known as a nation of miracles in the religious realm. No other country boasts of so many so-called miracle workers as does ours. The miracles that are performed today are among the great deceptions that will deceive, if possible, the very elect. Most people today are convinced more by these so-called miracles than by the truths of God's Word.

Men want signs and wonders rather than a plain "thus saith the Lord." This opens the way for the enemy of God to deceive the whole world. Jesus predicted of the last days as follows: "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before." The principles upon which America was founded are gradually being lost. Well might we remember Washington's farewell address: "RESIST with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles."

The churches of America and the world are endeavoring to unite in a great world federation. What is the purpose of this? It is to gain more power and influence with the governing bodies of our nation, and of the nations of the world. What are the religious leaders thinking today? They are thinking about unity, and a great religious revival to save our country and the world from atomic destruction. They are thinking in terms of influencing the legislature to bring into enactment religious laws that will compel the conscience.

Yes, Protestant America has even considered uniting with the Catholic church. Many Protestant ministers today are paying homage to the Papal church. Notice this statement made by a Protestant minister, **Rev. W. S. Ireland of Los Angeles, California:** "We purpose to organize a Sunday rest league and erect a guillotine in the United States in view of which every politician will recognize the fact that he is destined to political beheadal if he does not give us the legislation we demand."

The editor of the official organ of the National Reform Association says: "Whenever they (the Roman Catholics) are willing to co-operate in resisting the progress of political atheism, we will

gladly join hands with them." "Christian Statesman," Dec. 11, 1884. If the Protestant churches of America compel the legislature of the United States government to enact Sunday laws, it will mean the revival of the Dark Ages and the Dragon voice. This will be the enforcement of the **MARK OF THE BEAST.**

In a Congress of Catholic Laymen, held Nov. 10-12, 1889, just five years after the offer in the "Christian Statesman" to join hands," this response was made to the Protestant offer of cooperation: "There are many Christian issues upon which Catholics could come together with non-Catholics and shape legislation for the public weal." "Chicago Daily Inter-Ocean," Nov. 13, 1889.

From the same source we quote again: "In spite of rebuff and injustice, and overlooking zealotry, we should seek an alliance with non-Catholics for proper Sunday observance." When a national Sunday law is finally passed in the United States of America, this will constitute the union of church and state and the revival of the Dark Ages. This will be the image to the beast. When I say that your child is the living image of you, you know that the child looks like you, or is like you in actions. So, when we make an image to the beast, we will do as the beast did.

In 1873, the vice-president of the National Reform Convention, Jonathan Edwards, said: "We want state and religion; and we are going to have it. It shall be that so far as the affairs of the state require religion, it shall be religion, the religion of Jesus Christ."

Jonathan Edwards continued: "The Christian oath and Christian morality shall have in this land 'An UNDENIABLE LEGAL BASIS.' We use the word 'RELIGION' in its proper sense, as meaning a man's personal relation of faith and obedience to God." **The Two Republics** by Jones, p. 723. These statements are taken from the proceedings of the National Convention to secure the Religious Amendment to the Constitution. Here Protestants plainly tell us that they want State and Religion, and that **THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE IT.**

Another satanic agent is "The Lord's Day Alliance," and from one of their own leaflets we quote: "What are the objects of The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States? (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 far as possible to set the example of Sabbath observance. (4) To press the rest day feature of the fourth commandment until every toiler in the land has guaranteed unto him 52 full rest days a year."

It is too bad that this organization does not know that the fourth commandment doesn't say to keep Sunday, but the seventh day, or Saturday. Today almost every state in the Union has Sunday blue laws. It is true that they are not enforced as they might be, but some day the prophecy tells us this nation **WILL COMPEL** men to worship the **BEAST** and receive his **MARK.**

As one writer says: "When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrines 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." **Great Controversy**, White, p. 445.

On June 3, 1889, a Protestant, Rev. M. A. Gault, wrote: "We propose to incorporate in our national Constitution the moral and religious command, 'In it thou shalt do no work,' except the works of necessity, and BY EXTERNAL FORCE of sheriffs we propose to arrest and punish all violators of this law." **American State Papers**, W. A. Blakely, 3rd Ed., 1943, p. 238.

Another prominent Protestant minister, Dr. H. W. Millington, says: "We may not be able to control the weather, but we are going to control Congress in reference to the securing of a Sunday law." There have been efforts to secure such a law since the turn of the century, but now there is more united and determined effort to enforce Sunday observance, and to punish all violators.

In Rev. 13:15 we read: "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." This church and state organization will speak, or legislate, and command that as many as will not fall in line with this great revival sponsored by a united church and the state should not only be punished but killed.

In the 16th and 17th verses of Rev. 13 we read: "And he causeth all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name." The mark in the forehead or the hand does not necessarily represent a literal marking, but it can be explained as follows: The forehead is the seat of our thinking or beliefs; the hand is the symbol of our works.

We call a good workman a good hand. Many thousands will believe that Sunday is the Sabbath and will believe that this day which the beast calls his MARK of power to be a holy day, and therefore will be marked in their foreheads, the seat of their beliefs and thinking. Thousands of others know that Sunday is not the Sabbath of the Lord our God, and that it is false—counterfeit, but rather than suffer the reprisals against those who refuse to accept it, they will go along with it even though they don't believe it. So by their works they will accept the MARK, which is symbolized as being received in the hand.

As the advocates of Sunday blue laws say: "We are laboring with all our might to carry the religious Sabbath (Sunday) with our right hand and the civil Sabbath with our left. Hundreds of thousands will receive it as a religious institution (in the forehead). All the rest will receive it as a civil institution (in the hand) and thus we will sweep the whole nation." "The Michigan Sabbath Watchman," Dec. 1891. Some will receive it as a religious institution, really believing that Sunday is a holy day, and others will accept it as a civil institution, knowing that it is not the true Sabbath.

Already Sunday laws are being enforced in many cities in the United States. There are many inconsistencies in these laws. For instance, in some places it is possible to buy beer and other intoxicating drinks in the taverns, but the grocery stores must be closed, and you cannot even buy milk for the baby. In cities where Sunday laws are enforced it is easier to buy tobacco, liquor, and other non-essentials than to buy necessary food.

There are actually some cities in America that are closed up tightly on Sunday. Those who refuse to obey the laws are severely punished. This is just a faint whisper of what is coming in the future. Whether we realize it or not, this very night the image of the beast is already being built. The uniting of the churches in a great federation, with attempts to influence the legislative authorities of the government, is the beginning of the building of an image to the beast, or a likeness of the beast.

As trouble continues to increase in our world, with the prospect of a terrible atomic war in the near future, the people are going to turn to religion as a last resort. Unfortunately, there will be the enforcement of religious laws to compel men to go to church on Sunday. It will not make them more religious. It will only make them hypocrites. It is much easier to pass laws than to transform lives.

When America repudiates the principles of civil and religious freedom, the last stronghold of freedom and democracy in our world will be lost. It will be the signal for the close of this earth's probation, for God will then close up His work. America is the last base from which the gospel missionary movement is going to the world. When this base has been destroyed by a uniting of the church and state, there will be no reason then for the Lord to continue His work in the world. There will no longer be a land of freedom from which to carry the gospel.

In Rev. 12:17 we read: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus." So Satan is going to make war with the last church that keeps the commandments of God. Only those who have courage and fortitude will be able to stand in the days ahead. Beloved, are you going to join hands with the beast in the keeping of Sunday, or will you join hands with God and obey His truth?

We read in Rev. 13:8 and 9: "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. If any man have an ear, let him hear." Notice again the words, "ALL THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH SHALL WORSHIP HIM, WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE." The names of all those who worship the beast and his mark, will be blotted out of the Lamb's Book of Life.

How do we worship the beast? We'll let the Catholics tell us the answer to this question: "The Church changed the Sabbath to Sunday and all the world bows down and worships upon that day in silent obedience to the mandates of the Catholic Church." "Hartford Weekly Call," Feb. 22, 1884.

Will you stand firm when the great test comes? Will you be able to say with the apostles of old, "We ought to obey God rather than men?"

A marvelous reward is promised to those who will hold fast the faith. This reward is described in Rev. 15:2: "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." Dear Friends, only those who have gotten the victory over the beast, his image and his mark will stand on the sea of glass.

And in Rev. 15:3 we read: "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints." Only those who have

gotten the victory over the beast will be able to sing the wonderful song of victory.

Do you love Jesus? In John 14:15 Jesus says: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "Without me, ye can do nothing." John 15:5. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love . . ." John 15:10. If you keep the commandments of God, asking Jesus to help you, you will stand with the saints on that sea of glass, singing the song of victory.

In closing we read Rev. 22:14: "Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." I wonder, dear Friends, tonight, how many of you are determined to hold fast to God's truth? How many are going to be true to God, come what may? If you are, will you stand to your feet with me? Let us pray.