Revealed by the Reformation.

2Thess. 2:3 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; 4 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. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Note: For the Papacy to be the head of a one-new world government, “Prophecy” must foretell “a restoration of her power” GC 578.4. For the wound to be healed the papacy would have to be Un revealed-concealed again. Impossible this was the work of the reformation. There are no prophecies of the restoration of her power after its wound much less some 222 years later. This could not be THE deadly wound. The following, like the revealed of 2 Thess., above took place in 1798. See WoundHealed.pdf ProtestantPopery3.pdf

1798 The Wound.

The periods here mentioned--"forty and two months," and "a thousand two hundred and threescore days"--are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. (See Appendix) At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile. . . GC 266.3

All too well the people had learned the lessons of cruelty and torture which Rome had so diligently taught. A day of retribution at last had come. It was not now the disciples of Jesus that were thrust into dungeons and dragged to the stake. Long ago these had perished or been driven into exile. Unsparing Rome now felt the deadly power of those whom she had trained to delight in deeds of blood. "The example of persecution which the clergy of France had exhibited for so many ages, was now retorted upon them with signal vigor. The scaffolds ran red with the blood of the priests. The galleys and the prisons, once crowded with Huguenots, were now filled with their persecutors. Chained to the bench and
toiling at the oar, the *Roman Catholic clergy experienced all those woes which their church had so freely inflicted on the gentle heretics.*" (See Appendix.) {GC 283.1}{GC 584.2}

Dan. 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and *they (the ten horns) shall take away his dominion,* to consume and to destroy it *unto the end.*

Rev. 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall *make her desolate and naked,* and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, *until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

Note: This was future from Johns day not ours. Verses 12 and 13 of Rev. 17 were fulfilled from 538-1798, Dan. 7:26 and verses 16 and 17 of Rev. 17 were after 1798. The words of God concerning the papacy were of its reign for only 1260 years, and has been fulfilled. The deadly wound was healed in 1802 when Napoleon re-established the papacy after disbanding it!

**Here is the deadly wound Healed.**

*Though a new pope was soon afterward elected, the papal hierarchy has never since been able to wield the power which it before possessed.* GC 266.3. WoundHealed.pdf

**After 1798.**

Rev. 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he *spake as a dragon.* 12 And *he exerciseth all the power* of the first beast before him,

Note: After the wound was healed who exercises all the power? Not the papacy, the two horned beast. And with what voice does the two horned beast speak? Not that of the papacy. It is the two horned beast that gives life unto the image, not by or for the papacy. It is the two horned beast that causes the image to speak, not by or for the papacy. It is the two horned beast that causes all to receive a mark, not by or for the papacy. It is the two horned beast that causes those who do not have it to not buy or sell, not by or for the papacy. Protestants are mentioned twice in the 3 Angels messages of Of Revelation 14. 1st in the second Angels message under Babylon and again under the 3rd’s message as
Rev. 13:15 And **he had power** to give life **unto the image** of the beast, that the image of the beast should both **speak**, and cause that as many as would not **worship the image** of the beast should be **killed**. 16 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: 17 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.

These **professed Christians** read of the sufferings of the martyrs, and tears course down their cheeks. They wonder that men could ever become so hardened as to practice such cruelty toward their fellow men. Yet those who think and speak thus are at the same time holding human beings in slavery. And this is not all; they sever the ties of nature and cruelly oppress their fellow men. They can inflict most inhuman torture with the same relentless cruelty manifested by papists and heathen toward Christ's followers. Said the angel, **"It will be more tolerable for the heathen and for papists"** in the day of the execution of God's judgment than for such men.” The cries of the oppressed have reached unto heaven, and angels stand amazed at the untold, agonizing sufferings which man, formed in the image of his Maker, causes his fellow man. Said the angel, “The names of the oppressors are written in blood, crossed with stripes, and flooded with agonizing, burning tears of suffering. God's anger will not cease until He has caused this **land of light** to drink the dregs of the cup of His fury, until He has rewarded unto Babylon double. Reward her even as she rewarded you, double unto her double according to her works; in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.” EW 275.23 {D&R 674.1}

**At the time when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution**, John beheld a **new power** coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. **This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God**, is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized--the United States. {ST, February 8, 1910 par. 5} "1798"

"I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon's mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. **Then I saw the Mother of Harlots; that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints.** I saw that as the mother has been **declining** in power, the daughters had been **growing**, and soon **they will exercise** the power
once exercised by the mother." {SpM 1.4}

At The End Turned Upon Pastors Not Papists.

Those who teach the people to regard lightly the commandments of God sow disobedience to reap disobedience. Let the restraint imposed by the divine law be wholly cast aside, and *human laws would soon be disregarded*. Because God forbids dishonest practices, coveting, lying, and defrauding, men are ready to trample upon *His statutes as a hindrance to their worldly prosperity*; but the results of banishing these precepts would be such as they do not anticipate. *If the law were not binding, why should any fear to transgress? Property would no longer be safe. Men would obtain their neighbor's possessions by violence, and the strongest would become richest. Life itself would not be respected. The marriage vow would no longer stand as a sacred bulwark to protect the family. He who had the power, would, if he desired, take his neighbor's wife by violence. The fifth commandment would be set aside with the fourth. Children would not shrink from taking the life of their parents if by so doing they could obtain the desire of their corrupt hearts. The civilized world would become a horde of robbers and assassins; and peace, rest, and happiness would be banished from the earth.* GC 584.1-585.1.

*Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. They see that they have rebelled against the Author of all just and righteous law. The setting aside of the divine precepts gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error. No language can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever--eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talents and eloquence now see these things in their true light. They realize what they have forfeited by transgression, and they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God has loved them.* GC 655.3

The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers. *Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things; they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep
**it holy.** Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. "We are lost!" they cry, "and you are the cause of our ruin;" and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed. GC 655.4 See GC 283.2

**An Examination of EGW.**

The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause "the earth and them which dwell therein" to worship the papacy--there symbolized by the beast "like unto a leopard." The beast with two horns is also to say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;" and, furthermore, it is to command all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive the mark of the beast. Revelation 13:11-16. It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Verse 3. The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, "his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Paul states plainly that the "man of sin" will continue until the second advent. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8. To the very close of time he will carry forward the work of deception. And the revelator declares, also referring to the papacy: "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." Revelation 13:8. In both the Old and the New World, the papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church. GC 578.4.

Note: Read all of the chapter 35 for it described how fully protestants take on the principles of the papacy.

“And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power.”
Note: This statement as defined by SDA’s is not consistent with her other quotes on this topic some of which appear below. Nor is it with other SDA Pioneers. Nor is it in with the Bible. So where’d it come from? All places these Bible verses are used by her this statement does not appear. They have changed/revised/altered SDA pioneer book why not hers. How many read the Great Controversy and conclude Armageddon to be a spiritual battle, or the 144,00 is a figurative number, or the church is the bride? When in reality they should be able to discern by a thus saith the Lord what prophecy has said. See ProtestantPopery3.pdf ProtestantismsWork.pdf

What the Bible should say for this sentence to be so, yet it does not say this:—Rev. 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the first Beast, that the first beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the first beast should be killed. Etc.

What Does Prophecy Foretell?

If popery or its principles shall again be legislated into power, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who will not sacrifice conscience and the truth in deference to popular errors. This evil is on the point of realization. {5T 712.1}

Note: Popery or its principles. Here popery refers to a system of which evangelicals have already adopted as the structure for leadership. Principles refer to the union of church and state administration—And prophecy foretells a restoration of her principles. Why? Her power is not restored to her, it is given to the two horned beast. Rev. 13:15-17. See GC 443-445.

But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamb-like horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and "exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him." The spirit of persecution manifested by paganism and the papacy is again to be revealed. Prophecy declares that this power will say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast." [Revelation 13:14.] The image is made to the first or leopard-like beast, which is the one brought to view in the third angel's message. By this first beast is represented the Roman Church, an ecclesiastical body clothed with civil power, having authority to punish all dissenters. The image to the beast represents another religious body clothed with similar power. The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. Here is to be found an image of
the papacy. When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution, as were God's ancient people. Almost every century furnishes examples of what bigotry and malice can do under a plea of serving God by protecting the rights of Church and State. Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience. In the seventeenth century thousands of non-conformist ministers suffered under the rule of the Church of England. Persecution always follows religious favoritism on the part of secular governments. {4SP 277.2}{4Sp 503.3}{GC 445.1}{GC88 445.1}{D&R 546.3; 518.2-519.3}

"... our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, ..." --{5T 451.}

Some urge that the Catholic religion is not what it once was; that the principles to which Protestants could not concede, and indignantly rose up to war against, were held by Catholics in the days of their ignorance and barbarism. They say that the present high mental development of the people would never allow them to adopt the plan of action carried out in the past,--compelling the conscience upon religious subjects. But there is nothing in the Scriptures to assure us against the reinstatement of popery. Protestants today are a self-sufficient, world-loving people; but they must have some religion, and prefer that consisting of forms and outward display, rather than the simplicity of the true religion of Jesus Christ. They are too wise in their own conceit to seek God for counsel and direction,--to open the Guide Book which points them to the only way that leads to heaven. They close their hearts to Jesus in his humiliation, self-denial, and self-sacrifice, and open the door to the delusions of Satan. {RH, January 1, 1889 par. 10}

Those who preach unpopular truth in our day meet with determined resistance, as did the apostles. They need expect no more favorable reception from a large majority of professed Christians than did Paul from his Jewish brethren. There will be a union of opposing elements against them; for however diverse from each other different organizations may be in their sentiments and religious faith, their forces are united in trampling under foot the fourth commandment in the law of God. {LP 86.2}

Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice, but a change will come; the movements are now being made. The Christian world is
now making movements which will necessarily bring the commandment-keeping people to notice. There is a daily suppression of God's truth for the theories and false doctrines of human origin. There are plans and movements being set on foot to enslave the consciences of those who would be loyal to God. The law-making powers will be against God's people. Every soul will be tested. O that we would as a people be wise for ourselves and by precept and example impart that wisdom to our children! Every position of our faith will be searched into, and if we are not thorough Bible students, established, strengthened, settled, the wisdom of the world's great men will be too much for us.--Letter 12, 1886. {2SM 386.2}

Marvelous in her shrewdness and cunning is the Romish Church. She can read what is to be. She bides her time, seeing that the Protestant churches are paying her homage in their acceptance of the false Sabbath, and that they are preparing to employ the very means which she herself employed in by-gone days. Those who reject the light of truth will yet seek the aid of this self-styled infallible power to exalt an institution that originated with her. How readily she will come to the help of Protestants in this work, it is not difficult to conjecture. Who understands better than popery how to deal with those who are disobedient to the church? {4SP 397.1}

The National Reform movement, exercising the power of religious legislation, will, when fully developed, manifest the same intolerance and oppression that have prevailed in past ages. Human councils then assumed the prerogatives of Deity, crushing under their despotic power liberty of conscience; and imprisonment, exile, and death followed for those who opposed their dictates. If popery or its principles shall again be legislated into power, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who will not sacrifice conscience and the truth in deference to popular errors. This evil is on the point of realization. {5T 712.1}

The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance. God meant that His people should be far in advance of the position which they occupy today. But now, when the time has come for them to spring into action, they have the preparation to make. When the National Reformers began to urge measures to restrict religious liberty, our leading men should have been alive to the situation and should have labored earnestly to counteract these efforts. It is not in the order of God that light has been kept from our people--the very present truth which they needed for this time. Not all our ministers who are giving the third angel's message really understand what constitutes that message. The National Reform movement has been regarded by some as of so little importance that they have not thought it
necessary to give much attention to it and have even felt that in so doing they
would be giving time to questions distinct from the third angel's message. May
the Lord forgive our brethren for thus interpreting the very message for this
time. \{5T 714.2\}

The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time. The
watchmen are asleep. We are years behind. Let the chief watchmen feel the urgent
necessity of taking heed to themselves, lest they lose the opportunities given them
to see the dangers. \{5T 715.1\}

The National Reform movement, that the world and the church have linked
hands to bring about, will manifest the same oppression, haughtiness, arrogance,
and intolerance which have prevailed in past ages. The powers of human councils
then assumed the prerogatives of Deity, crushing under their despotic will, liberty
of conscience and the right of individual responsibility; and imprisonment, exile,
and death followed for all who opposed their dictates. \{RH, January 1, 1889 par. 8\}

It is time for God's people to work as never before, because of the increase of
wickedness. The God-fearing, commandment-keeping people should be diligent,
not only in prayer, but in action; and this will bring the truth before those who have
never heard it. The world is overborne with falsehood and iniquity, and those
whom God has made the depositaries of his law, and of the pure religion of Jesus,
must be determined to let their light shine. If they do nothing to disabuse the minds
of the people, and through ignorance of the truth our legislatures should abjure the
principles of Protestantism, and give countenance and support to the Roman
fallacy, the spurious sabbath, God will hold his people who have had great light,
responsible for their lack of diligence and faithfulness. But if the subject of
religious legislation is judiciously and intelligently laid before the people, and
they see that through Sunday enforcement the Roman apostasy would be re-
enacted by the Christian world, and that the tyranny of past ages would be
repeated, then whatever comes, we shall have done our duty. \{RH, December 24,
1889 par. 4\} \{RH, March 9, 1911 par. 17\}

And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The
principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Roman
Catholic Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with
as much vigor now as in past centuries. Protestants little know what they are
doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday
exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome
is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. *Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws;* in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured. {GC 581.1}

Note: The principles of union between church and state and not Catholicism itself—Romanism acted out by the image.

The Protestant churches, having received doctrines that the Word of God condemns, will bring these to the front and force them upon the consciences of the people, just as the papal authorities urged their dogmas upon the advocates of truth in Luther’s time. The same battle is again to be fought, and every soul will be called upon to decide upon which side of the controversy he or she will be found. {CTr 323.5}

The vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, people, and tongues. *The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.* To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb, but as speaking like a dragon. . . . {TM 117.4}

10. *This beast* not only compels the earth and its inhabitants to worship the first beast, as above noticed, but *it causes them that dwell upon the earth to make an image* to the first beast. This can be done only by a union of church and state, or by so subordinating the civil to the ecclesiastical power that the state will be compelled to enforce the tenets and requirements of the church. *A religious amendment to the constitution of the united states would speedily insure this result.* {4Sp 503.3}

"The beast" mentioned in this message, whose worship is enforced by the two-horned beast, is the first, or leopardlike beast of Revelation 13—the papacy. *The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas.* . {GC 445.2}

*As the Protestant churches reject the clear, Scriptural arguments in defense of*
God's law, they will long to silence those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible. Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing, and acknowledge the claims of the papal sabbath. {GC 592.2}

The Most Direct Statements of Protestants doing the same Thing.

But what is the "image to the beast"? and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two- horned beast, and is an image to the beast. It is also called an image of the beast. Then to learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast itself--the papacy.

When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of "heresy." In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.

Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines. Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience. An example of this is given in the long-continued persecution of dissenters by the Church of England. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, thousands of nonconformist ministers were forced to flee from their churches, and many, both of pastors and people, were subjected to fine, imprisonment, torture, and martyrdom. GC 443.1-3

Charles Beecher, in a sermon in the year 1846, declared that the ministry of "the evangelical Protestant denominations" is "not only formed all the way up under a tremendous pressure of merely human fear, but they live, and move, and breathe in a state of things radically corrupt, and appealing every hour to every baser element of their nature to hush up the truth, and bow the knee to the power of apostasy. Was not this the way things went with Rome? Are we not living her life over again? And what do we see just ahead? Another
general council! A world's convention! Evangelical alliance, and universal creed!"—Sermon on "The Bible a Sufficient Creed," delivered at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Feb. 22, 1846. When this shall be gained, then, in the effort to secure complete uniformity, it will be only a step to the resort to force.

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. GC 444.3-445.1

Note: Protestant are directly mentioned in the Great Controversy 117 times. More indirectly, therefore it deals with the History of Protestants as present truth.

The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people. In Matthew 24, in answer to the question of His disciples concerning the sign of His coming and of the end of the world, Christ had pointed out some of the most important events in the history of the world and of the church from His first to His second advent; namely, the destruction of Jerusalem, the great tribulation of the church under the pagan and papal persecutions, the darkening of the sun and moon, and the falling of the stars. After this He spoke of His coming in His kingdom, and related the parable describing the two classes of servants who look for His appearing. Chapter 25 opens with the words: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins." Here is brought to view the church living in the last days, the same that is pointed out in the close of chapter 24. In this parable their experience is illustrated by the incidents of an Eastern marriage. GC 393.2

Note: This last quote as with the Bible referred to mentions protestants 2 times once in Matthew 24, again in chapter 25! The Papacy just once. Where is “a restoration of her power?”