

## ***Since Ancient Israel is a History of Modern Israel.***

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***History will be repeated.*** False religion will be exalted. The ***first day*** of the week, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, will be set up as was the image at Babylon. All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath. This is Satan's plan to make of no account the day instituted by God, and given to the world as a memorial of creation. { ST May 6, 1897, par. 14 }

The decree enforcing the worship of this day is to go forth to all the world. In a limited degree, it has already gone forth. In several places the civil power is speaking with the voice of a dragon, ***just as the heathen king spoke to the Hebrew captives.*** { ST May 6, 1897, par. 15 }

Trial and persecution will come to all who, in obedience to the Word of God, refuse to worship this false sabbath. ***Force is the last resort of every false religion.*** At first it tries attraction, as the king of Babylon tried the power of music and outward show. If these attractions, invented by men inspired by Satan, failed to make men worship the image, the hungry flames of the furnace were ready to consume them. So it will be now. The Papacy has exercised her power to compel men to obey her, and she will continue to do so. We need the same spirit that was manifested by God's servants in the conflict with paganism. Giving an account of the treatment of the Christians by the emperor of Rome, Tertullian says, "We are thrown to the wild beasts to make us recant; we are burned in the flames; we are condemned to prisons and to mines; we are banished to islands,—such as Patmos,—and all have failed." So it was in the case of the three Hebrew worthies; their eye was single to the glory of God; their souls were steadfast; the power of the truth held them firmly to their allegiance to God. It is in the power of God alone that we shall be enabled to be loyal to him. { ST May 6, 1897, par. 16 }

Note: "History will be repeated," by who? {GC 283.2} then to those by {GC 637.2 —protestant ministers 655.3,4} Babylon was a union of church and state.

***. . . 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}

When the power invested in kings is allied to goodness, it is because the one in responsibility is under the divine dictation. When power is allied with wickedness,

it is allied to satanic agencies, and it will work to destroy those who are the Lord's property. ***The Protestant world has set up an idol sabbath*** in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and ***they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy***. For this reason, I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country [places] where they may cultivate the land and raise their own produce. Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits. I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crisis. {12MR 219.4}

But today in ***the religious world*** there are multitudes who, as they believe, ***are working*** for the establishment of the kingdom of Christ as an earthly and ***temporal dominion***. They desire to make our Lord the ruler of the kingdoms of this world, the ruler in its courts and camps, its legislative halls, its palaces and market places. ***They expect Him to rule through legal enactments, enforced by human authority. Since Christ is not now here in person, they themselves will undertake to act in His stead, to execute the laws of His kingdom.*** The establishment of such a kingdom is what the Jews desired in the days of Christ. They would have received Jesus, had He been willing to establish a temporal dominion, to enforce what they regarded as the laws of God, and to make them the expositors of His will and the agents of His authority. But He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36. He would not accept the earthly throne. { DA 509.2}

When men indulge this accusing spirit, they are not satisfied with pointing out what they suppose to be a defect in their brother. If milder means fail of making him do what they think ought to be done, they will resort to ***compulsion***. Just as far as lies in their power they will force men to comply with their ideas of what is right. This is what the Jews did in the days of Christ and ***what the church has done ever since whenever she has lost the grace of Christ. Finding herself destitute of the power of love, she has reached out for the strong arm of the state to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees. Here is the secret of all religious laws that have ever been enacted, and the secret of all persecution*** from the days of Abel to our own time. {MB 126.2}{SSP 257.2}

"We propose to incorporate in our national Constitution the moral and religious 'command. 'In it [the Sabbath]' sabbath "thou shalt do no work,' except the works of necessity, and ***by external force of sheriff we propose to arrest and punish all violators of this law.***"—Rev. M. A. Gault, in letter dated June 3, 1889.

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}

Nearest the throne are those who were once zealous in the cause of Satan, but who, plucked as brands from the burning, have followed their Saviour with deep, intense devotion. Next are those who perfected Christian characters in the midst of falsehood and infidelity, those who honored the law of God when the Christian world declared it void, and the millions, of all ages, who were martyred for their faith. And beyond is the "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, . . . before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Revelation 7:9. Their warfare is ended, their victory won. They have run the race and reached the prize. The palm branch in their hands is a symbol of their triumph, the white robe an emblem of the spotless righteousness of Christ which now is theirs. GC 665.2

### *That at What Time?*

Dan. 3:5 That *at what time* ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: 6 And whoso *falleth not down* and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery

furnace. 7 ***Therefore at that time***, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

Note: What Time? the first day of the week, Sunday. Only 3 Israelites refused WHY? What was Babylon known for? See link below, therefore those represented by Babylon in Revelation chapter 18 would carry this same characteristic.

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"The fallen denominational churches comprise babylon." TM 61.3

"The churches have become as described in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation" 7BC 979. also GC 389, 380-390.

Webster. 1956. pg. 1708.

**Sun'day**, *n.* [AS. *sunnan daeg*, that is, day of the sun; G. *sonntag*; Dan. and Sw. *sondag*; D. *zondag*; so called because ***this day*** was anciently dedicated ***to the sun*** or its worship]

On going into Babylon they had been instructed by the Lord to build houses and plant vineyards, to marry and increase in numbers, and to pray for the peace and prosperity of Babylon, for their captivity would last seventy years. The people of God had the observance of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment to preserve their peculiarity and keep them from mingling Margin with the heathen. ***The time came when the Babylonians, who were sun-worshippers, mocked the Jews because of the Sabbath.*** They were forbidden to celebrate their feasts; priests and rulers were degraded and persecuted. The Babylonians often demanded songs from the Jews. "They that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion;" but their hearts were mournful. "Israel is a scattered sheep," wrote Jeremiah; "the lions have driven him away; . . . Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones." The Babylonians boasted that it was no sin to oppress the Jews, reasoning that God had placed the Hebrews in bondage because of their sins. {1901 SNH, SDP 64.4}

In the fertile valleys of the Tigris and the Euphrates there dwelt an ancient race which, though at that time subject to Assyria, was destined to rule the world.

Among its people were wise men who gave much attention to the study of astronomy; and *when they noticed that the shadow on the sundial had been turned back ten degrees, they marveled greatly.* Their king, Merodachbaladan, upon learning that this miracle had been wrought as a sign to the king of Judah that the God of heaven had granted him a new lease of life, sent ambassadors to Hezekiah to congratulate him on his recovery and to learn, if possible, more of the God who was able to perform so great a wonder. {PK 344.1}

This change of names was probably made on account of the signification of the words. Thus, Daniel signified, in the Hebrew, God is my judge; Hananiah, gift of the Lord; Mishael, he that is a strong God; and Azariah, help of the Lord. These names, each having some reference to the true God, and signifying some connection with his worship, *were changed* to names the definition of which bore a like relation *to the heathen divinities and worship of the Chaldeans.* Thus Belteshazzar, the name given to Daniel, signified keeper of the hid treasures of Bel; Shadrach, inspiration of the sun (which the Chaldeans worshiped); Meshach, of the goddess Shaca (under which name Venus was worshiped); and Abednego, servant of the shining fire (which they also worshiped). {1897 UrS, DAR 28.2} {PK 480.3}

Note: The Chaldeans are the descendants of canaan son of Ham Gen. 10:6, 15-18. Ham certainly knew of the 7th day Sabbath. A falling away from the Sabbath to sunday. Here is the reason the Chaldeans observed the sun going back ten degrees and sending embassage to Hezekiah. 2Chron. 32:31; Isa. 38:8; 2Kings. 20:8-11.

## ***What Prepared Israel for the observance of the First day of the week?***

### ***A softening to alternative Theology.***

Eze. 8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and *they worshipped the sun toward the east.*

Note: On what day? Israel had be preaching alternative theology for some time, therefore when Nebuchadnezzar made his decree the church had been fully

prepared to comply. So Today by the preaching of spurious theology SDA's are prepared to COMPLY with Sunday legislation. {GC 637.2—protestant ministers}like {GC 283.2}

Due. 12:30 Take heed to thyself that thou be *not snared by following them*, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that *thou enquire not* after their gods, saying, *How did these nations serve* their gods? even so will I do likewise. . . 18:9 When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, *thou shalt not learn to do after* the abominations of those nations.

Eze. 23:13 *Then I saw that she was defiled*, that they took both one way, 14 And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion, 15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the *Babylonians of Chaldea*, the land of their nativity: 16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she *doted* upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. 17 And *the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love*, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and *she was polluted with them*, and her mind was alienated from them.

Note: In the Last days many in God's church want what the denominational church has, and do what they do as expressed in Rev. Chapter 18. Just before the captivity Jeremiah and Ezekiel Labored to turn them from false theology and their response:

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Eze. 13:Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I

am the Lord.

Jer. 2:8 The priests *said not*, Where is the Lord? and they that handle the law *knew me not*: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied *by Baal*, and walked after things that do not profit. . . For the pastors are become brutish, and *have not sought* the Lord: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered. . . 12:10 Many pastors have *destroyed* my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because *no man layeth it to heart*. . . 23: Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and *driven them away*, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord.  
*Read this whole chapter 23.*

2Kings 23:4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, *to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove*, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. 5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom *the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places* in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto *Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets*, and to all the host of heaven. *2Kings 1:3,4; See 1Kings 11:7,33; Hosea 1:2; 2:8, 13; 4:5-; 6:7; 9:9,10;13:1,2; Amos 5:26; Micah 1:5-7; 2:1,3,5-;3:11; 6:16; Zeph. 1:4-6; Acts 7:39,42,43.\**

Webster. 1956. pg. 130.

**Bā āl. n. : pl Bā'āl-im.** [Gr. *Baal*. from Heb. *Ba'al*, lord, or owner.]

1. The supreme male divinity of the syro-Phenicians; *the sun god, the lord or master*, representing productive power. The name is used in Scripture in combinations designating different ideas of a lord, or different function of a divine character; as, *Baal berith* is the lord of the covenant; *Baal phegor*, the lord of the dead; *Baal zebub*, literally the god of the flies, meaning the god of the philistines.
2. [pl.] The idols or divinities called *Baal*, taken as a whole.

Jer. 28: Then the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but *thou shalt make for them yokes of iron*. For thus



saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also. Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; ***The Lord hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.*** Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the Lord. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Note: God had told them through Moses Lev. 26 and Deu. 28 and many other prophets what would happen. So the people should have known. So today the Bible, EGW, J. White, U. Smith, S, N, Haskell, J.N. Loughborough all foretold protestants imitating the union of church and state. Yet today we have the same deception taking place by those who profess to Shepards.

Jer. 44:17 But ***we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth,*** to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. 18 But ***since we left off*** to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, ***we have wanted all things,*** and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. 19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

Note: We have been unable to buy and sell! They tried to escape persecution and hardship by complying with the national religion—we are just like you—no longer were they peculiar. See Exo. 5:21., Moses Labored to stir up Israel from their Egyptian slumber:—“And they said unto them, The Lord look upon you, and judge; because ***ye have made our savour to be abhorred*** in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.”

## ***Church Authority or Scriptural Authority?***

The law of Consent.



The everlasting truth, incorporated in the Declaration of the Independence of the United States, that "**governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed,**" is repudiated by a growing party in our own country, and denounced as the "old Philadelphia lie." **They would have it that governments derive all their powers directly from God. Said power, to be interpreted and applied by His agents, alias themselves.** {RH Jan. 28, 1902. U.S. pg. 56 The Decisive Sign. para. 3}

Note: So to in matters of religion, morality. See Jesus before Pilate, shall I crucify your King? Here is the Jews moment to acknowledge Him as God, "we have no king but Caesar. John 15:14 Ye are my friends, ***if ye do whatsoever I command you.*** 1John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Rom. 6:16 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? 1Sam. 8:5;12:12;

Acts 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. . . 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Note: NO one is under solemn duty to, there is no scripture that places anyone under obligation of church authority to disregard scriptural authority. This is what Liberty of conscience means.

“. . . The most spiritual and devoted in all the churches caught the flame and ***many who had been trained to worship their church and their minister, here learned to "fear God" alone, and "give glory to him."*** This message weaned us from this world, and led us to the feet of Jesus, to seek forgiveness of all our sins, and a free and full salvation through the blood of Christ. Dear Brethren, Was this message "from heaven or from men?" I know your answer—"from heaven," Amen. *The Third Angels Message. J White pg. 2.*

Note: The political principal, that an elected official has total immunity, has been developed in the christian churches. The congregations have been disciplined to submission to church authority without question, therefore effecting elections. In the church Consent of the governed, loyalty to a man has taken the place of loyalty to God and a "Thus saith the LORD." It was the work of the church that prepared

the people to accept Sunday in Daniels day. “. . . Certain it is that there has been among us a departure from the living God and a turning to men, putting human in place of divine wisdom.” { 5T 707.2}

"When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in a flag and carrying a cross."—Sinclair Lewis, 1935.

Note: How is this counterfeit system maintained? Carrot for those who follow and a stick for those who live by a thus saith the LORD. Or worse alienation of those who refuse to give up what they know they've read in scripture by their church or biological families—that they should not buy or sell.

### *To Whom does this refer?*

*As the storm approaches, a **large class** who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By **uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit**, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, **employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls.** They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2} {GC88 608.1} {4SP 426.1} {Mar 196.2} {FLB 336.7} {LDE 180.6}*

Now is come the time of the revelation of the grace of God. Now is the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed. Satan will seek to divert the minds of those who should be established, strengthened, and settled in the truths of the first, second, and third angels' messages. *The students* in our schools should carefully study Daniel and the Revelation, so that they shall not be left in darkness, and the day of Christ overtake them as a thief in the night. I speak of this book because it is a means of educating those who need to understand the truth of the Word. This book should be highly appreciated. *It covers much of the ground we have been over in our experience.* If the youth will study this book and learn for themselves what is truth, they will be saved from many perils. {1MR 63.4}

Note: This refers to Uriah Smiths Book, the process by which they restudied what they'd been taught by the churches that removed them from their fellowship. The before and after are what their brethren do.

Already the judgments of God are abroad in the land, as seen in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in peril by land and by sea. The great I AM is speaking to those who make void His law. When God's wrath is poured out upon the earth, who will then be able to stand? Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness **when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test.** At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason. The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader. 5T 136.2; 2TT 31.2

Note: If the Majority forsakes us? Will the Majority give up the church, the tithes and offerings, the positions the authority? No. Then where do those go whom the majority forsakes? Here it would do well to compare the instruction by Paul 1Tim 3:1,2,10,13; Titus 1:7 verses church credentials. Or seeing a new elder ordained right after his baptism the same day. Hearing a sermon, raising concern about the content and met with the response he didn't mean that. Or go tell him about the sermon, I did he wouldn't listen in an effort to confuse those who are faithful to Gods word.

***What shall be said of those who go to this period of church history, and even to later times, to correct their Bibles?*** Paul said that men would rise in the very midst of the elders of the apostolic church, who would speak perverse things, and that men would turn away their ears from the truth, and would be turned unto fables. Are the traditions of this period of sufficient importance to make void God's word? The learned historian of the popes, Archibald Bower, uses the following emphatic language:—HSFD 198.4

“To avoid being imposed upon, we ought to treat tradition as we do a notorious and known liar, to whom we give no credit, unless what he says is confirmed to us by some person of undoubted veracity.... False and lying traditions are of an early date, and the greatest men have, out of a pious credulity, suffered themselves to be imposed upon by them.” HSFD 198.5

Mr. Dowling bears a similar testimony:—HSFD 198.6

“***The Bible, I say, the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants!***” Nor is it of any account in the estimation of the genuine Protestant *how early* a doctrine originated, if it is not found in the Bible. He learns from the New Testament itself that there were errors in the time of the apostles, and that their pens were frequently employed in combating those errors. Hence, ***if a doctrine be propounded for his acceptance, he asks, Is it to be found in the inspired word? Was it taught by the Lord Jesus Christ and his apostles?*** ... More than this, we will add, that though Cyprian, or Jerome, or Augustine, or even the fathers of an earlier age, Tertullian, Ignatius, or Irenaeus, could be plainly shown to teach the unscriptural doctrines and dogmas of Popery, which,

however, is by no means admitted, still the consistent Protestant would simply ask, *Is the doctrine to be found in the Bible?* Was it taught by Christ and his apostles? ... *He who receives a single doctrine upon the mere authority of tradition, let him be called by what name he will, by so doing steps down from the Protestant rock, passes over the line which separates Protestantism from Popery, and can give no valid reason why he should not receive all the earlier doctrines and ceremonies of Romanism upon the same authority.*" HSF 199.1

" . . . *We want Bible evidence for every point we advance. . .*" {11MR 231.1}

***By Church Members, Country men and Family Members.  
Probation had not closed for Ancient Israel.***

"Most of the early believers were cut off from family and friends by the zealous bigotry of the Jews. *Many of the converts had been thrown out of business and exiled from their homes,* because they had espoused the cause of Christ." LP 14.2

"They had on several occasions *bribed* the Roman authorities to pass over without comment instances where the Jews had taken *the law into their own hands,* and tried, condemned, and executed prisoners according to their national custom." LP 16.1

Paul now returned to Damascus, and preached boldly in the name of Jesus. The Jews could not withstand the wisdom of his arguments, and *they therefore counseled together to silence his voice by force—the only argument left to a sinking cause.* They decided to assassinate him. The apostle was made acquainted with their purpose. The gates of the city were vigilantly guarded, day and night, to cut off his escape. The anxiety of the disciples drew them to God in prayer; there was little sleeping among them, as they were busy in devising ways and means for the escape of the chosen apostle. Finally they conceived a plan by which he was let down from a window, and lowered over the wall in a basket at night. In this humiliating manner Paul made his escape from Damascus. LP 34.2

Note: Because SDA's can give no Scriptural authority for the Evangelical doctrines which they now preach, they resort to force.

"5. And now mark the work of apostasy: This work never begins by thrusting out God's institutions, but always by bringing in those of men and at first only asking that they may be tolerated, while yet the ones ordained of God are sacredly observed. This, in time, being effected, the next effort is to make them equal with the divine. When this has been accomplished, the third stage of the process *is to honor them above those divinely commanded;* and this is speedily succeeded by the fourth, in which the divine institution is *thrust out with contempt,* and the

whole ground given to its human rival." *The Complete Testimony Of The Early fathers* J N Andrews pg. 4.4.

One fact of deep interest will conclude this chapter. ***The first great effort made to put down the Sabbath was the act of the church of Rome in turning it into a fast while Sunday was made a joyful festival.*** While the eastern churches retained the Sabbath, a portion of the western churches, with the church of Rome at their head, turned it into a fast. As a part of the western churches refused to comply with this ordinance, a long struggle ensued, the result of which is thus stated by Heylyn:— HSF 280.1

“In this difference it stood a long time together, till in the end the Roman church obtained the cause, and Saturday became a fast almost through all the parts of the western world. I say the western world, and of that alone: the eastern churches being so far from altering their ancient custom that in the sixth council of Constantinople, A.D. 692, they did admonish those of Rome to forbear fasting on that day upon pain of censure.” HSF 280.2

Wm. James, in a sermon before the University of Oxford, thus states the time when this fast originated:— HSF 280.3

“The western church began to fast on Saturday at the beginning of the third century.” HSF 280.4

Thus it is seen that this struggle began with the third century, that is, immediately after the year 200. Neander thus states the motive of the Roman church:— HSF 280.5

“In the western churches, particularly the Roman, where opposition to Judaism was the prevailing tendency, this very opposition produced the custom of celebrating the Saturday in particular as a fast day.” HSF 280.6

By Judaism, Neander meant the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath. Dr. Charles Hase, of Germany, states the object of the Roman church in very explicit language:—HSF 281.1

“The Roman church regarded Saturday as a fast day in direct opposition to those who regarded it as a Sabbath. Sunday remained a joyful festival in which all fasting and worldly business was avoided as much as possible, but the original commandment of the decalogue respecting the Sabbath was not then applied to that day.” HSF 281.2

Lord King attests this fact in the following words:— HSF 281.3

“Some of the western churches, that they might not seem to Judaize, fasted on Saturday, as Victorinus Petavionensis writes: We use to fast on the seventh day. And it is our custom then to fast, that we may not seem, with the Jews, to observe the Sabbath.” HSF 281.4

Thus the Sabbath of the Lord was turned into a fast ***in order to render it despicable before men.*** Such was the first great effort of the Roman church toward the suppression of the ancient Sabbath of the Bible. HSF 281.5

Note: Here is how the way is prepared for Satan to personate Christ. The churches pass the Sunday law then Satan will appear.