

## Protestants do it all for Themselves

Rev. 13:14 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. 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:

Note Protestants cause the image to be worshipped. They Give life to the image. Protestants pass/command a law as their mark. 1). It does not read: he had power to give life to the beast. 2) as many as would not worship the beast should be killed. 3). That the mark is past for the first beast. Why? Because protestants take Sunday as the day that best honors redemption. Not that the papacy said so.

They unite on Doctrine.  
Pass a Sunday law.

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 445.1

SDA's join them.

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}

Protestants unintended befits to all, even Catholics that worship on Sunday.  
Romanists may declare it that does make it so.  
Protestants have the power to command a SundayLaw.

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.

Romanists declare that "the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church."--Mgr. Segur, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today*, page 213. The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the *churches* would themselves form an image to the beast; *hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image*. GC 448.3.

"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}

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}*

*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"*

The Two horned beast exercises all the power now to give life to the image.

**Power.** 1849. *ēxōusia*, *ex-oo-see'-ah*; from 1832 (in the sense of ability); *privilege*, i.e., (subj.) *force, capacity, competency, freedom*, or (obj.) *mastery*, (concr. *magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token, of control*), *delegated influence*:—authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

**Pow'ēr**, n. 6. Command; the right of government or actual government; dominion; rule; sway; authority; as, the United States has power over the Phillipines.

**Syn.**—Faculty, capacity, efficacy, energy, capability, potentiality, force, might, ability, strength, susceptibility, influence, dominion, sway, command, government, agency, authority, rule, jurisdiction, effectiveness, caliber, cause.

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

**Exerciseth.** 4160. *pōiēō*, *pay-eh'o*, to *make* or *do*.

**ex'ēr-cīse**, v.t.; exercised, *pt., pp.*; exercising; *ppr.* 1. To employ actively; to exert, to cause to act in any manner; as, to *exercise* the body or the hands; to *exercise* the mind or judgement.

2. To use; to exert; to perform the duties of; as, to exercise authority or an office.