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The 'Man of Sin' of Bible Prophecy and his activities and career - Part XI

Called to be Witnesses for Christ in the Third Angel's Message

I wish to emphasize by reiteration that the overarching goal and mission of all our studies, reports, and papers is, to uplift Jesus Christ as the only "Way, Truth and Life," the center of all hope, "the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and Morning star."

This task is a high and holy privilege of helping in a little way to herald, not in uncertain but in "trumpet tones" the truth as it is in Jesus which unavoidably includes presenting Bible-based warnings included in Christ's "the words of life." These are the exact opposite of widely-accepted, ear-pleasing yet soul-destroying peace-and-safety messages and doctrines that displease those who do not wish such truths to be brought to the attention of the masses.

Pertinent extracts from the book *Great Controversy* (or Volume Four of the Conflict of the Ages series) —which I have been upholding and encouraging all to read for themselves from the very beginning of this ministry--clearly explain the reasons as to who and why the last messages of warning in the Bible are rejected (emphasis and words in brackets added unless otherwise indicated):

"When God sends men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires *every person endowed with reasoning powers* to heed the message. The fearful judgments against the worship of the beast and his image (Rev. 14: 9-11), should lead *all* to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it. *But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth, and are turned into fables.* [2 Tim 4: 3, 4]. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days [particularly after 1844], 'The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.' *That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love.*

"But God will have *a people upon the earth* to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines, and the basis of all reforms [this is the real and original Protestant creed]. The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and

discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority,--- not one or all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should *demand* a plain 'thus saith the Lord' in its support.

"Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to *bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology*, as their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves. *Then, by controlling the minds of these leaders, he can influence the multitudes according to his will.*

"When Christ came to speak *the words of life*, the common people heard Him gladly; and many, even of the priests and rulers [religious and civil], believed on Him. But the *chief of the priesthood and the leading men of the nation* [i.e., the Jewish nation at that time] were determined to condemn and repudiate His teachings. Though they were baffled in all their efforts to find accusations against Him, though they could not but feel the influence of the divine power and wisdom attending His words, yet *they encased themselves in prejudice; they rejected the clearest evidence of His Messiahship*, lest they should be forced to become His disciples. *These opponents of Jesus were men whom the people had been taught from infancy to reverence, to whose authority they had been accustomed to implicitly to bow.* 'How is it,' they asked, 'that our rulers and learned scribes do not believe in Jesus? Would not these pious men receive Him if He were the Christ?' *It was the influence of such teachers that led the Jewish nation to reject their Redeemer.*

"The spirit which actuated those priests and rulers is *still* manifested by many who make a high profession of piety. They refuse to examine the testimony of the Scriptures concerning *the special truths for this time*. They point to their own numbers [numerical superiority], wealth [who is the richest church today?], and popularity, and look with contempt upon the advocates of truth as *few, poor, and unpopular, having a faith that separates them from the world.*

"Christ foresaw that the undue assumption of the authority indulged by the scribes and the Pharisees would not cease with the dispersion of the Jews [Diaspora]. *He had a prophetic view of the work of exalting human authority to rule the conscience, which had been so terrible a curse to the church in all ages.* And His fearful denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees [see Matthew 23: 1-39, etc.], and His warnings to the people not to follow these blind leaders ["The blind leaders lead the blind and both fall into a ditch." Matt. 15: 14; Luke 6: 39], were placed on record as an admonition to *future generations.*

"The Roman Church reserves to the clergy the right to interpret the Scriptures. On the ground that ecclesiastics alone are competent to explain God's word, it is withheld from the common people. Though the [Protestant] Reformation gave the Scriptures to all, yet *the self-same principle* which was maintained by Rome prevents multitudes in Protestant churches from searching the Bible for themselves. They are taught to accept its teachings *as interpreted by the church*; and there are thousands who dare receive nothing, however plainly revealed in

Scripture [such as the seventh-day Sabbath and the investigative judgment], that is contrary to their *creed*, or established teaching of their church.

“Notwithstanding the Bible is full of warnings against false teachers, many are ready thus to commit the keeping of their souls to the clergy. There are today thousands of *professors of religion* [they claim to be Christians] who can give no other reason for points of faith which they hold than that they were so instructed by their religious leaders. They pass by the Savior’s teachings almost unnoticed, and place implicit confidence in the word of the ministers. But are ministers infallible? [The Papacy claims it is infallible!] How can we trust our souls to their guidance *unless we know from God’s word* that they are light-bearers [not false teachers]?”

“A lack of moral courage to step aside from the beaten track of the world, leads many to follow in the steps of learned men; and by their reluctance to investigate for themselves [often out of pride], they are becoming hopelessly fastened in the chains of error. They see that *the truth for this time* [present truth of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14] is plainly brought to view in the Bible, and they feel the power of the Holy Spirit attending its proclamation; yet they allow the opposition of the clergy to turn them from the light. *Though reason and conscience are convinced*, these deluded souls dare not think differently from their minister; and their individual judgment, their eternal interests, are sacrificed to the unbelief, the pride and prejudice, of another.

“Many are the ways by which Satan seeks through human influence to bind his captives. He secures *multitudes* to himself by attaching them by the silken cords of affection to those who are enemies of the cross of Christ. Whatever this attachment may be, *parental, filial, conjugal, or social*, the effect is the same’ the opposers of truth exert their power to control the conscience, and the souls held under their sway have not sufficient courage or independence to obey their own convictions of duty.” - Ellen G. White, “*The Great Controversy*,” “*Scriptures a Safeguard*” chapter. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, CA, 1888, 1907, 1911 editions, pp. 594-597.

According to the last book of the Bible, Revelation, the most solemn message and work *ever* given to man in the last days of earth’s six-thousand year history, now into the twenty-first century, is the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages of Revelation 14--- earth’s final warnings.

The remnant of *her seed*” has the most unique work and message entrusted to it like no other since the beginning of the Gospel age, nor after, till earth’s probation closes. They are “God’s people upon the earth” in the last days. Why? They are the last church remaining that “maintains the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines, and the basis of all reforms” and who “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” Rev. 14: 12.

Only one church---in the face of the *prophesied* end-time reunification of all the major Protestant churches with the Papacy (from whom their founders broke off in *protest* to her false doctrines, gross abuses, persecutions, suppression of religious liberty and freedom of conscience)---meets all the specifications of

prophecy as the remnant of the apostolic church's seed: the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ellen G. White says:

"The world is watching Seventh-day Adventists because it knows something about their profession of faith and of their high standard, and when it sees those who do not live up to their profession, it points at them with scorn." Thus, she cautions: "There must be no pretense in the lives of those who have so sacred and solemn a message as we have been called to bear." – *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 24.*

Once one is convicted and convinced by the Holy Spirit and intellectually and spiritually understands the third angel's message and voluntarily and willingly fulfills Christ's simple requirements to be "baptized by water and the spirit" (John 3: 1-21), he qualifies for the high and holy privileges of being adopted into the commonwealth of heaven, a member of Christ's spiritual kingdom and family on earth. He also becomes responsible and accountable for all his God-given talents, particularly time, to be His witness, ambassador, and worker, accelerating the proclamation of earth's final warning. They become part of the "third angel" of Revelation 14, and, under the power of the Holy Spirit poured out in the promised latter rain, part of the "fourth angel" of Revelation 18 that gives the *final* loud cry that closes earth's probation.

Cheap Christianity brings confusion and reproach to religion

What is genuine Christianity? What is the religion of Christ? Confusion reigns. Mainstream Christianity is confused. The world-at-large is very confused over religion. The root word for Babylon is "babel," meaning, confusion. If those who claim to be Christians, presumptuously and blasphemously "take the name of the Lord in vain" by using this title as a badge of distinction in order to perpetuate exploitation of the weak and vulnerable, boost political agendas, enhance business enterprises, or worse, in order to further deceive the credulous—they must remember that "all are to stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14: 10; cf. Eccl. 12: 13, 14.

Marco Rubio, in his failed bid to become the presidential nominee for the Republican Party (for election cycle 2016) remarkably said:

"Every institution in our society has failed us. Higher education has failed us. *Organized religion has failed us*, the media is failing us, politicians and political parties are failing us, government is failing us. Every major institution we once relied on are failing us in the last 20 years and the people are frustrated." – *Marco Rubio, in his failed bid to be presidential nominee of the GOP, in a speech during final event in his hometown in Florida, March 16, 2016.*

Countless have been driven into agnosticism and atheism out of utter disillusionment and disgust over the deception and hypocrisy of the professed Christian religions. But those honestly deceived, when they see the truth, will cease to be deceived as they receive the truth and follow it. But the willingly and

rebelliously ignorant, though convicted, enlightened, and given the opportunity of being disabused of the alleged confusion over the religion of man and the religion of Christ will continue to reject the truth until complete darkness settles over their minds and their conscience is seared.

Seventh-day Adventists are “special” only in the sense that they, like ancient Israel in the Old Testament times, have been entrusted with a special work and commission for the last days. The extensive quotes are necessary so that the whole context will readily reveal that the counsel is not limited to Seventh-day Adventists only but for all who profess to be **Christians**—whether historic Protestants (and their numbers have dwindled dramatically), Evangelicals, Pentecostals, or Roman Catholics. If read without prejudice and prayerfully, it will be perceived as truly a universal or “catholic” Christ-like admonition!

Ellen G. White wrote:

“In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given work of the most solemn import---the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.

“The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned [not entertained and given false hopes], and God’s people are to be true to the trust committed to them. They are not to engage in speculation [whether in business, doctrinal, or prophetic interpretations], neither are they to enter into business enterprises with unbelievers, for this would hinder them in their God-given work.

“Christ says of His people: ‘Ye are the lights of the world.’ Matthew 5: 14. It is not a small matter that the4 counsels and plans of God have been so clearly opened to us. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to understand the will of God as revealed in the sure word of prophecy [2 Pet. 1: 19-21]. *This places on us a heavy responsibility.* God expects us to impart to others the knowledge He has given us. It is His purpose that divine and human instrumentalities shall unite in the proclamation of the warning message.

“So far as his opportunities extend, *everyone* who has received the light of truth is *under the same responsibility as was the prophet of Israel* to whom came the word: ‘Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word of My mouth, and warn them from Me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou doth not speak to warn the wicked man from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou has delivered thy soul.’ Ezekiel 33: 7-19, K.J.V.

“Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait

until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor *before we tell him how to avoid them?* Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, 'even at the doors.' [of probation-time opportunity]. *Let us read and understand before it is too late.*

"We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow to others. The Holy Spirit is to animate and pervade the whole church, purifying and cementing hearts. *Those who have been buried with Christ in baptism are to rise to newness of life, giving a living representation of the life of Christ.* [See Romans chapter 6.] *Upon us is laid a sacred charge.* The commission has been given us; 'God ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.' Matthew 28: 19, 20, margin. You are dedicated to the work of making known the gospel of salvation. Heaven's perfection is to be your power."

"A Holy Life. It is not only by preaching the truth, not only by distributing literature, that we are to witness for God. *Let us remember that a Christ-like life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity, and that a cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling.* Not all the books written can serve the purpose of a holy life. Men will believe, not what the minister preaches, but what the church lives. Too often the influence of the sermon preached from the pulpit is counteracted by the sermon preached in the lives of those who claim to be advocates of truth.

"It is the purpose of God to glorify Himself in His people before the world. *He expects those who bear the name of Christ to represent Him in thought, word, and deed.* Their thoughts are to be pure and their words noble and uplifting, drawing those around them nearer the Savior. The *religion of Christ* is to be interwoven with all they do and say. Their every business transaction is to be fragrant with the presence of God.

"Sin is a hateful thing [never to be justified or excused or its forgiveness purchased with money and "good works" as taught in the doctrine and unholy traffic of Indulgences of the Papal church]. It marred the beauty of a large number of angels [one third]. It entered our world [Rom. 5: 12] and well-nigh obliterated the *moral image* of God in man. But in His great love, God provided a way whereby *man might regain the position from which he fell* in yielding to the tempter. Christ came to stand at the head of humanity, to work out in our behalf a perfect character. Those who receive Him are born again.

"Christ saw humanity, through the working of the mighty growth of sin, possessed by the prince of the power of the air [Eph. 2:2] and putting forth gigantic strength in exploits of evil. He saw also that a mightier power was to meet and conquer Satan. 'Now is the judgment of this world,' He said, 'now shall the prince of this world be cast out.' John 12: 31. *He saw that if human beings*

believed on Him, they would be given power against the host of fallen angels, whose name is legion. Christ strengthened His soul with the thought that, by the wonderful sacrifice which He was about to make, the prince of this world would be cast out *and men and women placed where, through the grace of God, they could regain what they had lost.*

“The life that Christ lived in this world, men and women can live through His power and under His instruction. In their conflict with Satan they may have all the help that He had. They may be more than conquerors through Him who loved them and gave Himself for them. [Rom. 8: 37].

“The lives of professing Christians who do not live the Christ life are a mockery to religion. Everyone whose name is registered in the church roll is under obligation to represent Christ by *revealing the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit.* [1 Pet. 3: 3, 4]. They are to be His witnesses, making known the advantages of walking and working as Christ has given them example. The truth for this time is to appear in its power in the lives of those who believe it, and is to be imparted to the world. Believers are to represent in their lives its power to sanctify and ennoble.

“Christ’s Representatives. The inhabitants of the heavenly universe expect the followers of Christ to shine as lights in the world. *They are to show forth the power of the grace that Christ died to give men.* God expects those who profess to be Christians to reveal in their lives the highest development of Christianity. *They are recognized representatives of Christ, and they are to show that Christianity is a reality.* They are to be men of faith, men of courage, whole-souled men, who, without questioning, trust in God and His promises.

“All who would enter the city of God, must, during their earthly life set forth Christ in their dealings. *It is this that constitutes them the messengers of Christ, His witnesses.* They are to bear a plain, decided testimony against all evil practices, pointing sinners to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. He gives to all who receive Him, power to become the sons of God. regeneration is the only path by which we can enter the city of God. It is narrow, and the gate by which enter is strait; but along it we are to lead men and women and children, teaching them that, *in order to be saved,* they must have a new heart and a new spirit. *The old, hereditary traits of character must be overcome.* The natural desires of the soul must be changed. All deception, all falsifying, all evil speaking, must be put away. The new life, which makes men and women Christ-like, is to be lived.

“Steadfast Adherence to the truth. There must be *no pretense in the lives* of those who have so sacred a solemn a message as we have been called to bear. *The world is watching Seventh-day Adventists because it knows something of their profession of faith* [particularly their emphasis of keeping holy the Sabbath of the fourth commandment as the memorial of creation, healthful living, righteousness by faith, and preparing for the second coming of Christ] and of their high standard, and when it sees those who do not live up to their profession, it points as them with scorn.

NOTE: This is the same problem with all who profess their religion, church, or denominational membership or preferences but do not live up to their own respective fundamental doctrines, i.e., if they are even remotely conversant with them at all!

NOTE: Consider the godly, consistent, shining examples of the youthful Joseph in *atheistic* Egypt, and Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in *pagan* Babylon! *They showed forth in their lives and words---their moral character--- the power of the grace that Christ died to give men.* In vivid contrast, numberless Christians have been deceived by their leaders as to the meaning of grace, how it is received, what it is given for, and from whom it is obtained! Thus, if they speak of receiving God's grace, they have "received it in vain" (see. 2 Cor. 6: 1) for, as an inevitable result, they "turn the grace of our Lord into lasciviousness or licentiousness." Jude 4. That's what the Doctrine of Indulgences of the Roman Catholic Church encouraged, which is why even the honest papists themselves, such as Martin Luther, were scandalized by it but only Martin Luther had the courage to expose it, of course, by God's grace. Thus the flame for the great Protestant Reformation was lit. But alas, gradually and progressively, it has been extinguished by the work of the Counter Reformation headed by the Jesuits. We see the finishing touches in the reunification of all the churches with Rome in an accelerating clip after the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council held in the early 1960s. All paths lead back to Rome, as they said correctly

"Those who love Jesus will bring all their lives into harmony with His will. They have chosen to be on the Lord's side, and their lives are to stand out in vivid contrast with the lives of the worldlings. The tempter will come to them with his blandishments and bribes, saying: 'All these will I give thee if thou wilt worship me.' [Matt. 4: 9].*

NOTE: The highest form of worship is not high and lavish religious ceremonies but unconditional obedience—whether to Christ or the Antichrist!]

"But they know that he has nothing worth receiving, and they refuse to yield to his temptations. *Through the grace of God they are enabled to keep their purity of principle [not mere policy] unsullied.* Holy angels are close beside them, and *Christ is revealed in their steadfast adherence to the truth. They are Christ's minutemen, bearing, as true witnesses, a decided testimony in favor of the truth.* They show that there is a spiritual power that can enable men and women not to swerve an inch from the truth and justice for all the gifts that men can bestow. Such ones, wherever they may be [whether in "Jerusalem" or in "Babylon;" whether with believers or unbelievers], will be honored of heaven because they have conformed their lives to the will of God, caring not what sacrifice they are called upon to make.

"A World-wide Message. The light that God has given His people is not to be shut up within the churches that already know the truth. It is to shed abroad into the [morally and spiritually] dark places of the earth. Those who walk in the light as Christ in the light will co-operate with the Savior by revealing to others what He has revealed to them. It is God's purpose that *the truth for this time* [since after 1844 and onward] shall be made known to every kindred [or tribe, N.K.J.V.] and nation and tongue and people. Rev. 14: 6, 7. In the world today men and women are *absorbed in the search for worldly gain and worldly* There are thousands upon thousands who give no time or thought to the salvation of the soul.

NOTE: "Worldling. – The true definition of a worldling is: One absorbed in the search for worldly gain and worldly pleasure and gives no time of thought to the salvation of the soul whter his or for others. The blame and guilt for this world-wide this sin largely lays at the door of the

churches, the Church of Rome in particular, for teaching in their pulpits up and down Christendom that the soul is “immortal;” and that it “wings its way to Paradise immediately after death—which is but perpetuating Satan’s very first lie to Eve in Eden: “Thou shalt not surely die.” Gen. 2: 17; 3: 1-4. This lie is made even more abominable by adding to it, two related Antichristian doctrines of “Limbo or Purgatory”, and an “eternally-burning hell”! The masses have been held in bondage to the confusion and fear created by these fatal errors. They must be “called out of these darkness into God marvelous light” of truth!

“Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in certain tones. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard of the truth for this time. We are not to establish institutions to rival in size and splendor the institutions of the world but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into His labors, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.”

“As a people we greatly need to humble our hearts before God, pleading His forgiveness for our neglect to fulfill the gospel commission [embodied in the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14]. “—Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, 00. 19-25, Review & Herald,____

NOTE: “God expects those who profess to be Christians to reveal in their lives the highest development of Christianity. They are recognized as representatives of Christ, and they are to show that Christianity is a reality”---not an illusion or an “opiate of the masses” as Karl Marx called “religion.” We can hardly fault him for his critique because mainstream Christianity has, and continues to misrepresent Christ and the truths of the Bible, particularly the Roman Catholic Church.

Who is the “her” in Revelation 12: 17?

“Her” here is the pure “woman”— the faithful church through the ages—“a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Rev. 12: 1, KJV.

This is in vivid contrast to the “Great Whore shown to John in vision at Patmos:

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the *great whore* that sitteth upon many waters. With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. “So,” John says, “he” (one of the seven angels) “carried me away in the spirit [in vision] into the wilderness: and I saw a *woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.* And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration [“marveled with great amazement,” N.K.J.V.]

The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast: “But the angel said to me, Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery [or secret] of the woman and the beast that

carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those *who dwell on the earth will marvel* [as in “the whole world wondered after the beast” Rev. 13: 3] , whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

“Here is the mind which has wisdom. [as in Rev. 13: 18]. The seven heads are seven mountains [or hills] on which the woman sits.”

NOTE: See Dave Hunt’s book: “A Woman Rides the Beast” available on Amazon.com. Rome is the city built on seven hills where, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia “the entire are of [the] Vatican proper is now confined.”

GOD’S LAW MADE VOID In AMERICA. – Maranatha (Daily Devotional) Review & Herald Publishing Asso. Washington D.C. Hagerstown MD., p. 179:

“A time is coming when the law of God is, in a special sense, to made void in our land [the United States]. The rulers of our nation, will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God’s people will be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils [Congress], shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God, will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land.” *Review & Herald, Dec. 18, 1888.*

“When the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for His people, that they might worship Him according to the dictates of their own consciences, that land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread, the land which God has favored by making it the depository of the pure religion of Christ---when that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God’s law---*it is then that the final work of **the man of sin** [the Papacy] will be revealed. Protestants* will throw their whole influence and strength on the side of the Papacy; by a national act enforcing the false sabbath [Sunday], they will give life and vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, reviving her tyranny and oppression of conscience. Then it will be time for God to work in mighty power for the vindication of His truth.

“The prophet [John] says: ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen . . . And I hear another voice from heaven, saying, COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.’ Rev. 18: 1-5. **When do her sins reach unto heaven? When the law of God is finally made void by legislation.** Then the extremity of God’s people is His opportunity to show who is the governor of heaven and earth. As a Satanic power is stirring up the elements from *beneath*, God will send light and power to His people, that he message of truth may be proclaimed to all the world.” *Signs of the Times, June 12, 1893.* (Continued next month)