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

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As space allows every monthly issue, we cite and offer comments/observations based on the Bible and the inspired writings of Ellen G. White and other authorities of other disciplines, mainly religious and theological, *on both current events as well as older information deemed relevant as additional clarification and enhancing enlightenment on the subject at hand---*which have become readily verifiable and accessible like never before made possible by the dawn of the digital age and the internet.

We have no hidden agendas, only an "eye single to the glory of God" (Matt. 6: 22; Luke 11: 34, K.J.V.) by helping proclaim God's precious special and specific messages for these last days called the third angels' message, as summarized in Revelation 14: 6-12 which comprehends and embraces all the merciful final warnings of a God of divine love, divine mercy, and divine justice.

The word "divine" is intentionally redundantly used above because mankind today, sadly and alarmingly including countless honest Christians, have long fallen, as in *enamored* by Satan, the chief charlatan, manipulator, "father of lies and murderer from the beginning," working through his special agencies, both evil spirits (fallen angels) and human beings (both willing, or deceived) with one of his most *most dangerous of counterfeit "two-edged swords*"— the corrupted definitions and concepts of "love"-- it has been made to mean every and any other thing than that which was originally *divine* in origin. Note the following article I shared with others a while back:

The Three Greek Words for "Love"

The Greek, from which our New Testament Scriptures was translated from, had three words to describe love. Only one of them determines our eternal salvation. The following were adapted from the book, *"With Jesus in His Sanctuary"* by Leslie Hardinge, Ph.D., which I strongly recommend all Bible students acquire and study for themselves for its Bible-based powerful presentation of the Sanctuary Message and Doctrine, of the five fundamental pillars of present truth with Jesus as the Center of it all!

Eros was the name of the Greek god of sexual love, and so *eros* came to mean love which was an outgrowth of his nature. *Eros* is driven by sexual drives and emotions, and

is a longing, a yearning desire for the unpossessed. *Eros* thinks only of self and selfpreservation. Our English words erotic, erogenous and erotica are derived from this Greek root-word. *Eros* and its derivatives are *never* found in the New Testament. In the Septuagint two of its forms occur, but rarely (Est. 2:17; Prov. 4:6; Exe. 16:33; Hos. 2:5).

Philos. The common Greek word for love between people,--friends, children and companions, and often based on a blood-relationship,--was *philos*. Several English words have sprung from this root combined with its objects. *Phil-adelphia* means love of brother. *Phil-anthrophy* means love of mankind. *Philo-sophy*, love of wisdom, etc. While this love is actuated by *emotions* [such as feelings], these exist of a different level from this which drive *eros*. *Philos* often occurs in the Scriptures. However, respect and reverence are not involved in *philos*.

Agape. The third Greek term is agape, "a word born within the bosom of revealed religion; it occurs in the Septuagint (2 Sam. 3:15; Cant. 2:4: Jer. 2:2), and in the Apocrypha (Wisdom 3:9); but there is *no trace of it in any heathen writer whatever*." A peculiarly Christian term, *agape*, it describes God's relationship with man. As a consequence of "*God's love shed abroad in our hearts*" (Rom. 5:5) we are able to build ideal relationships with each other on a richer and higher plain (1 John 4:7-11).

Agape is not driven by emotion or feeling but solely by principle. It describes the forming of relationships on a carefully considered intellectual and spiritual level with the objective of bringing about every good result to all concerned. "It expresses a more reasoning attachment, a choice and selection, respect and reverence. While we are "continually bidden to *'agapan ton Theon* (Matt. 22:37; Luke 10:27; 1 Cor. 8:3), and good men are declared to do so (Rom. 8:28; 1 Pet. 1:8; 1 John 4:21), the *'philein ton Theon'* is never commanded of them for God, the Father, indeed both *'agapon ton Huion'* (John 3:35 "The Father loves the Son"), and also *philei ton Huion'* (John 5:20)." *God requires, expects, and accepts only the agape-love shown to Him, through His Son Jesus Christ.*

The Godhead's love, *agape* (God-Heb.11:3; Jesus Christ-Col. 1:16,17; Holy Spirit-Gen. 1:2; Ps. 104:30, created the universe "in the beginning," and God saw that "everything was very good" (Gen. 1:31). Goodness contains the idea of universal well-being. There is absolutely nothing of *self* in agape. Agape-love is self-less love. In the beginning, God's love-creation, therefore, required the setting up of all relationships necessary for the maintenance and enhancement of every form of existence in a state of perfection. God is perfect and all His ways and works are perfect. Thus His work of creation and redemption are perfect. Ps. 18: 30; 19:7; Matt. 5:48; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 4: 13; 1 John 4: 15-19; 5:1-3.

One cannot give what he does not have nor teach what he does not know. They may try and in fact many do and these explain why there are so much disappointments, failures, and disenchantment with "religion" that has been infamously characterized as "the opium of the masses" by Karl Marx and Engels, popularly known as the founders of the atheistic isms of Socialism and Communism. Only those who have learned by humble, constant submission of heart and will to God, dedicating their lives and consecrating all they are and have to Jesus, by "faith that works by love and purifies the soul" will actually experience what it means to love God with "all their heart, soul, mind, and strength" (Mark 12:30, 31). They are empowered by the Father in Christ, imparted through the third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, to agape-love their "neighbors" even as God loves them. This highest, most sublime, holiest, and purest love begins and is especially manifested towards immediate family members and relatives and automatically spills over towards their spiritual family of the household of faith, and onto human society!

The first and last simple questions really are: Is the invisible God of eternal love, life, and truth revealed through Christ His only-begotten Son and "the brightness of His glory and the express-image of His person" (Heb. 1: 3), really the love of *your l*ife?

Thus all information, comments, and analyses offered here, as imperfect and inadequate as they are relative to the measureless width, height, depth and expanse of divine truth and wisdom, have been and will only be done prayerfully and humbly, to serve the following purposes, specifically on the power identified in the two major prophetic books of the Bible, Daniel in the Old, and the Revelation in Testament respectively, including apostle Paul's specific references to it as already starting to form in his time and onto its final work at the closing hours of earth's probation in his epistle to the Thessalonians.:

I. To "*expose*" or reveal more clearly--- not because of any prejudice nor malicious intent "but by charity towards all," and by the compelling need of the hour urged below by God's servant and messenger for these last days --- "*the wickedness* of the man of sin and son of perdition who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped. So that he sits as God in the temple of God showing himself that he is God" (2 Thesssalonians. 2: 3).

This power different from the rest of the horn powers revealed in Daniel is the same *antichristian* beast power shown to Daniel and described as "another little horn power that had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking pompous words" (**Dan.7: 8**). Daniel continues describing him as: "and about the ten horns [ten nations into which Rome was divided] that were on its head, and about *the other horn which came up*, before which three [horns] fell [The antipapal Arian nations of the *Vandals, Visigoths*, and *Ostrogoths*], namely *that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.*" **v 20**.

Daniel continues: "I was watching: and *the same horn was <u>making war against</u> <u>the saints</u>, and prevailing against them." v 21. The ten horns are ten kings [kingdoms] who shall arise from this kingdom [Rome]. And <i>another* shall rise after them; and *he shall be different* from the first ones and shall *subdue three kings*. **v 24**. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall *intend (think, K.J.V.)* to change

times and law. Then the saints shall be given to his hand for *a time and times and half a time* [1260 years]." *v* **25**.

History Repeated

"Unconquerable Forces Waiting. - Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God [meaning, diligently and daily study and contemplate upon His word intellectually and spiritually and follow His life example of self-denial and self-sacrifice] will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed. *The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden to men*.

NOTE: Biological parents as well as all who have been placed in positions of responsibilities and opportunities for helping shape and mold the values and moral characters of infants and young children: Train up, by precept and example the young ones in the love and fear of God—by the grace of God and your due diligence, for "what you sow you shall reap." Do not measure or pre-judge them for their years for they were born in the last days of earth's history—with all its added challenges and temptations of the last days. They may be chosen and empowered by God through the Holy Spirit and ministry of angels to proclaim the special messages just before earth's probation permanently closes and perform miraculous things demonstrating the power of God to do the impossible if and when the older and supposedly more qualified members of the church, including you and I, fail to rise to the occasion for fear of losing our lives, temporal goods, and conveniences. It is during that combined fearful and glorious time when God will manifestly bypass those whom He first chose to proclaim the special, unpopular truths but chickened out at the last minute. The work will not suffer. He will make "even the rocks to cry out!"

"We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is set to work. Past history will be repeated; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth....

"Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, <u>for history will be repeated</u>. . . . We, with all our religious advantages, <u>ought to know far more today than we do</u> <u>kno</u>w.

"Angels desire to look into the truths that are revealed to the people who with contrite hearts are searching the word of God and praying for greater lengths and breadths and depths and heights of the knowledge which He alone can give.

"As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament Scriptures is full of truth we need to understand. *Satan has blinded the minds of many so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study*. But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days; and he says, 'Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the (p. 116) words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.' "The books of Daniel and the Revelation should be bound together and published. A *few explanations* of certain portions *might* be added, but I am *not sure* that these would be needed.

"This is the suggestion that I made to Elder Haskell* which resulted in the book which he published. *The need is not filled by this book*. It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel, as giving fuller light on the subjects dealt with in Daniel. The object is to bring these two books together, showing that they both relate to the same subjects.

"A message that is **to arouse the churches** is to be proclaimed. Every effort is to be made to give the light not only <u>to our people</u>, <u>but to the world</u>. I have been instructed that the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be printed in small books, with the necessary explanations, and should be sent all over the world. <u>Our own people need to have the light placed before them in</u> <u>clearer lines</u>. [Obviously meaning it has not been emphasized and made brighter and plainer as part of present, sealing truth as it should have been!]

"The vision 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 [languages and major dialects]. 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

"As we near the close of time, there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power; heathen deities will manifest their signal power, and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world [where the concentration of population is found]; and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled. By a variety of images the Lord Jesus represented to John the wicked character and seductive influence of those who have been distinguished for their **persecution** of God's people.

"All need wisdom carefully to search out the *mystery of iniquity* [2 Thess. 7-12] that figures so largely in the winding up of earth's history. . . . In the time in which we live, the Lord has called His people and He has given them a message to bear. He has called them **to expose the wickedness of the man of sin** who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thought to change times and laws, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation, as holy unto the Lord.

"The perils of the last days are upon us, and in *our work* we are *to <u>warn</u>* [not lull to sleep with ear-pleasing, sin-excusing "peace-and-safety" messages! 1 Thess. 5:3] the people of the danger they are in. *Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched*. If our people are *half-awake*, if they realize the *nearness* of the events portrayed in the Revelation, *a reformation would be wrought in our churches*, and many more would believe the message. We have no time to lose; *God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account*. [God has called us to be alert watchmen and light bearers!] "Advance new principles, and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways [Heb. 4: 12, 13, etc.] *But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude* [an example, unfortunately, is Donald Trump, the current sitting president of America, who is openly describe as "controversial."]. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, **uplift Jesus as the center of all hope**, 'the Root and Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star.'

"Dig Deeper. – We do not go deep enough in our search for truth. Every soul who believes present truth will be brought where he will be required to give a reason of the hope that is in him [2 Pet. 3: 15]. The people of God will be called to stand before kings, princes, rulers, and great men of the earth [Matt. 10: 18, etc], and they must know that they do know what is truth.

"They must be *converted* men and women. *God can teach you* **more in one moment** [if truly converted, that is] by His Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth. The universe is looking at the controversy that is going on upon the earth. At an infinite cost, God has provided for every man an opportunity to know that which will make him wise unto salvation [2 Tim. 3: 15]. How eagerly do angels look to see who will avail himself of this opportunity! When a message is presented to God's people, they should not rise up in opposition to it; they should go to the Bible, comparing it with the law and testimony [Isa. 8: 20], and if it does not bear this test, it is not true. God wants our minds to expand. He desires to put His grace upon us. We may have a feast of good things every day, for God can open the whole treasure of heaven to us." – ELLEN G. WHITE, *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, Pacific Press Publishing Asso., Boise, Idaho, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, pp. 116-119.

II. To uplift the character-glory of the Father, as Christ did. Jesus' main mission on earth and throughout the universe was not only the salvation of fallen man but was for the highest purpose of glorifying the Father and at the same time fulfilling the covenant made with the Father "before the foundations of the earth were laid" to be man's substitute and surety" if man should fall, and he did fall by yielding to Satan's temptations. Satan's enmity and war directed against Jesus Christ was because the "only begotten Son of the Father was full of grace and truth," and was "the *express* image of His person." His enmity towards Christ emanated from pride of beauty, jealousy, and covetousness that culminated in the first open war against Christ, "the way, the truth, and the life."

It must be emphasized and explained repeatedly that the "truth" we speak of is "*the truth as it is in Jesus*" because there are a thousand and one "truths" that have nothing to do with salvation and, in fact, are craftily manufactured "truths" designed to deflect the attention of those searching for *saving truths* that satisfy the soul's wants, not temporal power and riches. What we claim and appropriate by faith is "all of Christ's power and authority in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28: 16-30.) These include the most fundamental of rights and privileges *---religious liberty and the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, not*

*the commandment of fallen men or edicts of church and state councils---still g*uaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, at the opening of each issue, current and not-so-current news and articles we deem *relevant* as further enlightenment upon the subject at hand which are readily accessible and instantly confirmable, made possible as never before to past generations by the digital age and the internet.

Many keen observers think this generation and digital technology that characterizes it as very likely the *last frontier* through which (1) Satan, "the enemy of God and man" whom Paul quite uniquely refers to only once as "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience "(Eph. 2: 2) (2) the "man of sin, Satan's main agency on earth, and (3) the rapidly-forming "image of the beast" that started out as "the beast with lamb-like horns" are working for the closing up of the six- thousand-year-oldagenda for world dominion and control through deception, temptation, war, disease, famine, upheavals of nature, particularly **spiritualism** after the *modern order of things.* And then finally, and strangely in the face of all other means and methods that have been updated and "modernized," the ages-old time methods and implements of persecution and torture which were invented and employed by the infamous Office of the Inquisition of the Roman Church during the Dark Ages upon the seventh-day Sabbath, commandment-keeping, faithful churches and saints of the Old World, led by their courageous godly reformers who today are constantly being demonized as "revolutionaries and "rebels against church authority"! Seventh-day Adventists and their godly pioneers coming from the various denominations of the Methodist Church, Baptists, etc., have been privileged to be depositaries of these detailed prophetic revelations information over 172 years ago though the inspired pen of Ellen G. White, having "the Spirit of Prophecy and the testimony of Jesus Christ":

The Role of Persecution Against the People of God from the Beginning to the Closing Scenes of Earth's History.

"Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16: 18. Dating back, bible prophecy preserved the history of the ten northern kingdoms of Israel that deteriorated earlier in apostasy resulting in their defeat and dispersion by the Assyrians who preceded the Babylonians, and the two southern kingdoms of Judah (when they were already occupying the earthly promised land of Canaan and their heathen occupants) who also *eventually* turned into idolatry resulting in the (a) 70-year Babylonian Captivity and exile under Nebuchadnezzar, as prophesied in Jeremiah 25: 11, 12; 29: 10. See Daniel's recorded vision in Daniel 9: 24-27. (b) "The "abomination of desolation of the Jewish people and their venerated temple and city of Jerusalem led by Titus, son of the *Roman* emperor Vespasian in A.D. 70. The carnage, a sheer horror to the surrounding nations observing the strange sight taking place right before their very eyes, took place for six months starting Passover where and when Jerusalem was fully vested with all Jewish people, particularly males. Over a million were massacred by the enraged and blood-crazed Roman soldiers. The rest were dragged off as captives of war to be enslaved, raped, and made objects of

unheard-of, inhuman deadly sports and combats with starved beasts of prey in the Roman ampitheaters, remnants of which still stand today in Rome about a mile away from the Vatican city itself. See Jesus mini-apocalypse recorded in Matthew 25. Prophesied the delivery of the subjugated nation and the rebuilding of the "walls and streets" of Jerusalem within 49 years, resulting in the return of a *Babylonian-influenced chosen people*, at the time of Christ. These is where Phariseeism originated from and became one of the worst enemies of truth, Christ, and His faithful disciples.

"The destruction of Jerusalem is a fearful and solemn warning to all who are trifling with the offers of divine grace, and resisting the pleadings of divine mercy. Never was there given a more decisive testimony to God's hatred of sin, and to the certain punishment that will fall upon the guilty.

"The Savior's prophecy concerning the visitations of God's judgments upon Jerusalem is to have another fulfillment of which that terrible desolation was but a faint shadow. In the fate of the chosen city we may behold the doom of a world that has rejected God's mercy and trampled upon His law. Dark are the records of human misery that earth has witnessed during its long centuries of crime. The heart sickens and the mind grows faint in contemplation. Terrible have been the results of rejecting the authority of Heaven.

"But a scene yet darker is presented in the revelation of the future. The records of the past,---the long procession of tumults, conflicts, and revolutions, the 'battle of the warrior, with confused noise, and the garments rolled in blood,'(Isa. 9: 5)---what are these, in contrast with the terrors of the last day when the restraining Spirit of God shall be wholly withdrawn from the wicked, no longer to hold in check the outburst of human passion and satanic wrath! The world will then behold, as never before, the results of Satan's rule.

"But in that day, as in the time of Jerusalem's destruction, God's people will be delivered, 'everyone that shall be found written among the living' Christ has declared that He will come the second time, to gather His faithful ones to Himself; 'Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." – p. 37

Source of the quotes below: Vol. 4 Spirit of Prophecy, Conflict of the Ages Series by Ellen G. White, "Character and Aims of the Papacy" chapter XXX, Pacific Press: Oakland, CA, Review & Herald: Battle Creek, Michigan, 1884 edition. (emphasis mine):

p. 385: "Satan instigates the worship of IMAGES, the invocatioon of SAINTS, and the exaltation of the POPE, to attract the minds of the people from God and His Son. To accomplish their ruin, he endeavors to turn their attention from Him through whom alone they can find salvation. He will direct them to *any one that can be substituted* for the One who has said, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.' Matt. 11: 28.

"It is Satan's constant effort to 1] *misrepresent the character of God*, 2] the *nature of sin*, 3) *and the real issues at stake in the great controversy*. By his sophistry he blinds the minds of men, and secures them as his agents **to war**

against God. By perverted conceptions of the divine attributes, **heathen nations** were led to believe human sacrifices necessary to secure the favor of Deity; and the <u>most horrible cruelties</u> have been perpetrated under the various forms of <u>idolatry</u>. " – p. 385

p. 380: "ROMANISM is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. There is an *increasing indifference* concerning the doctrines that *separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy;* the opinion is gaining ground that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession [or more accurately, compromise?] on *our* part [not theirs!] will bring us to a better understanding with Rome.

"The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon **the liberty of conscience** which has been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery, and held that to remain at peace with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how *widely different* are the sentiments now expressed.

"The defenders of popery [also referred to as papal apologists"] declare that she has been maligned; and the Protestant world is inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the Romish Church of today by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness [properly described as the Dark Ages brought on by the Roman Church's deadly, bloody, cruelly inhumane campaign against the Bible and anyone and everyone who dared translate any portion of it into the common language, publish, circulate, read and study it. They were called "heretics" and submitted to the worst and most "creative" forms of torture and persecution ever invented by man! They have tried to extinguish by any means records of these monstrous policy and acts but God has seen to it that enough are preserved to . They excuse her *horrible cruelty* as the result of the barbarity of the times, and plead that *civilization* [instead of the Holy Spirit working through the Scriptures and the testimony of the uncompromising lives of God's true martyrs and commandment-keeping saints!] has changed her sentiments.

Doctrine of Infallibility is the Stumbling block to the Church Admitting Her Gross Heresies and Abominations

"Have these persons forgotten the claim of infallibility for <u>eight hundred years</u> put forth by this haughty power? So far from relinquishing this claim, the Church in the <u>nineteenth century</u> has affirmed it with greater positiveness than ever before. As Rome asserts that she has never erred, and never can err, how can she renounce the principles which governed her course in past ages?

'The papal church will *never* relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in *her persecution* of those who reject their dogmas, she holds to be right; and would she not repeat the same acts, should the opportunity be presented?

"But notwithstanding all the efforts to establish Sunday sacredness, *papists themselves publicly confessed the divine authority of the Sabbath*, and the

human origin of the institution by which it had been supplanted. In the sixteenth century a papal council plainly declared: 'Let all Christians remember that the seventh day was consecrated by God, and hath been received and observed, not only by the Jews, but by all others who pretend to worship God; though we Christians [Roman Catholics] have changed their Sabbath to the Lord's day.' Those who were tampering with the divine law were not ignorant of the character

"A striking illustration of Rome's policy toward those who honor the [seventh-day Bible] Sabbath was given in her long and bloody persecutions of the Waldenses. [they have already discarded their previously irreconcilable differences with the Roman persecutors "apologizing" instead of specifically confessing their terrible sins of persecution of an honest, God-fearing, lawabiding people and asking forgiveness from God and the Waldenses themselves]

Great Controversy 1911 edition, p. 610-611:

"Persecution in its varied forms is a development of a *principle* which will exist as long *as Satan exists** and Christianity has vital power. *No man can serve God without enlisting against himself the opposition of the hosts of darkness*. Evil angels will assail him, alarmed that his influence is taking the prey [those deceived and controlled by them and are yielding to his unnumbered schemes and temptations] from his hands. *Evil men*, rebuked by his example, will unite with them in seeking to separate him from God by alluring temptations. When these do not succeed, then a compelling power is employed *to force the conscience.*"

"But as long as Jesus remains man's intercessor in the sanctuary above, <u>the</u> <u>restraining power of the Holy Spirit is felt by rulers and people</u>. <u>It still controls</u>, <u>to some extent</u>, <u>the laws of the land</u>. Were it not for these laws [as imperfect and corrupted by covetous and avaricious powers-that-be], the condition of the world would be much worse than it now is.

"While many of our rulers are active agents of Satan, God also has His agents among the leading men of the nation. [Biblical examples: Joseph in atheistic Egypt; Daniel and the three Hebrew youth in the dissipated courts of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon; Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea as members of the Christ-hating Sanhedrin. According to the *Mishnah*, in its earliest history, the Sanhedrin was composed of 71 members, with the high priest as its chairman].

"The enemy moves upon his servants to propose measures that would greatly impede the work of God; but statesmen who fear the Lord are influenced by *holy angels* to oppose such propositions with *unanswerable arguments*. Thus a few men will hold in check a powerful current of evil." [Atty. Alonzo Trevor Jones' powerfully written arguments revealed to surprised eyes and minds of many of the legislators of that time the unconstitutional nature of the various Sunday law bills introduced to U.S. Congress in 1888 and about a decade later. His works such as the pamphlet "Individuality in Religion," etc., should be studied by all who are preparing mind and heart for the rapidly-approaching final test of faith.

(To be continued next month)

*Satan will exist up to the end of the Biblical millennium or "a thousand years," which starts only when Christ returns the second time. He will be chained by circumstances of a desolated earth with no one to tempt for all the wicked are dead while all the righteous dead have been raised at Christ's second coming and brought to heaven where they "reign as priests and kings for a thousand years in executive judgment as they "judge both wicked men and angels" together with God, the four creatures, and the four and twenty elders" as to the length of punishment each will receive for their roles in the corruption of mankind and the earth. Satan burns the longest until nothing of him remains.

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But this technology is certainly can be used by God who rules over all in hastening the proclamation of earth's final merciful warning of the first, second, and third angel' messages. Moreover, God will finally take over the reins of the whole work in His mighty hands through the last outpouring of the power of the Godhead through the Holy Spirit in the promised latter rain to seal in earth's final soul harvest

We unrelentingly encourage the reader to be a modern-day Berean (Acts 7:11) and verify all suggestions, inferences, claims, and conclusions arrived at up in our issues for yourselves by testing them all by the Scriptures (). Begin with prayer and decidedly set aside any *preconceived ideas* you may have, forged into the realms of gospel truth by tradition, Church teachings, and constant repetition through the centuries of both the religious and non-religious worlds. Preconceived ideas unsustainable by the closes scrutiny of Scripture is self-induced cruel enemy of "the truth as it is in Jesus."

We are not attempting to create more confusion than already exists, hence the word "Babylon," meaning confusion, but to uphold *the truth as it is in Jesus*, no more, no less. Thus, if you are tracking or interested in the subjects of the Church of Rome, also referred to by Bible and history scholars as "the popish church" or the "church of Rome" and their role in mankind's history according to Bible prophecy, chances are you have read these materials.

But with ______ has to compete for consideration because of our busy schedules and attention amped by the avalanche of all kinds of news and contents in this digital age of the internet and social network in addition to the standard media, revealing the apostate, corrupt, and deceptive nature of the hierarchy of the Church of Rome as revealed in the major prophecies of the Bible. In His wisdom, God continues to use other agencies and means to emphasize the vital importance of prayerfully and diligently studying these prophecies by the divine guidance and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of holy angels who excel in strength, protecting all who are seeking for the true gospel, and the present, sealing truths for these last days and in their hearts are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. It is such who will be protected from being further deceived by the crafty designs of the father of lies, Satan, working through his agencies. It is only in His unconditional love yet conditional longsuffering that God in Christ has prolonged earth's probation time so both skeptics, credulous, and the honestly-deceived masses may be awakened to understand the true nature of the great controversy between Christ and Satan, the exceeding malignity of sin and the mystery of iniquity and the divine plan for the complete redemption of both fallen man and the corrupted earth which has been counterfeited by the apostate "Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and the Abominations of the Earth." Revelation 17:____.

Now this from Vatilkeaks:

'Catholic Church Wholly Owns German Pornographic Publishing House.' 3/24/2017. <u>http://www.vatileaks.com/annoucements/catholic-</u> chruch-wholly-owns-german-pornographic-publishing-house.

"16-Nov-20-11: Controversy erupted in Germany this week with revelations about the Catholic Church's ownership of Weltbild, one of the world's largest pornographic publishing groups. The Church originally purchased Weltbild during the early years of the papacy of John Paul II (1978-2005) and gradually transformed it into one of Germany's largest media companies that every year sells hundreds of thousands of erotic books from its 2500 titles. 'To arrive at such a level, millions and millions of offerings and money transfers of the church have gone up in smoke. As far as the German bishops are concerned, 'Weltbild' represents a kind of bank; over the years, they have invested nearly 182 million Euros in church dues' (The Independent, November 13th, 2011).

"Bishops buy-up pornographic publishing houses

In 1998, and with the help of millions of dollars in a Church tax levied on believers, the company merged with five publishing houses of the 'Georg von Holtzbrinck' group and became the 'Droemer&Knaur' publishing corporation that specializes in producing pornographic material. 'German bishops currently hold 50 percent of 'Droenmer&Kanaur', which which means that they are no longer just peddlers of erotic and pornographic material (through 'Weltbild'), they are now producers (The Independent). Another Catholic acquisition was Blue Panther Books, which was excluded from the list of participating publishers at this year's Frankfurt Book Fait allegedly because of the pornographic content of the titles.

"A 30-year marriage between bishops, dioceses, sex, money and power.

The revelations were made in Buchreport, an industry newsletter, and then reported in a German newspaper, Die Welt. It was revealed that Eltbild has 6, 400 employees and an annual turnover of 1.7 billion euros, and is German's largest bookseller after Amazon. On November 13th, 2011, 'Vatican Insider' reported that 'members of the 'Weltbild' board include representatives from 12 German Catholic dioceses and the 'Verband der Diozesen Deutschlands' (VDD or the Association of German Dioceses). The latter is a consortium of all the German episcopates, established to oversee mutual matters of law and finance. Shareholders of the 'Weltbild' company include the Dioceses of Trier, Aachern, Bamburg, Eistatt, Fulda, Freiburg, Musnster, Passau, Regensburg, Trier and Wursburg and the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising. The largest shareholdings are in the hands of, amongst others, the Association of German Dioceses (24.2%), the Archbishopric of Munich and Freising (13.2 %) and the Diocese of Trier (11.6 %). However, all German bishops are in fact co-owners of 'Weltbild,' through their membership in the Association of German Dioceses.'

"Pornography published with full consent of leading bishops.

The Independent reported that Weltbild's managing director, Carel Haff 'was quoted as saying that the revelations had provoked 'a very intense and critical dialogue' within the company. Catholic bishops responded with a statement that 'a filtering system failure' at the publishing house had allowed the books to stay on to the market. 'We will put a stop to the distribution of possibly pornographic content in [the] future,' they said. But Bernhard Miller, editor of the Catholic magazine PUR, dismissed the clerics' reaction as *grossly hypocritical*. *He alleged that the pornography scandal at Weltbild had been going on for at least a decade with the Church's full knowledge*.

"Mr. Miller said that in 2008, a group of concerned Catholics had sent bishops a 70-page document containing irrefutable evidence that Weltbild published books that promoted pornography, Satanism and magic. They demanded that the publisher withdraw the titles. But their protests appear to have been completely ignored. Writing in the Die Welt newspaper, Mr. Miller said that most of the bishops refused to respond to the charges. 'The sudden proclaimed astonishment of many church leaders that pornographic material is being distributed by their publishing house, is play acting – bad play acting,' Mr. Miller said. 'Believers have been complaining to their bishops about this for years' (The Independent). Complaints were also made to the Vatican, and it is inconceivable to think that the late Pope John Paul II, and the now current pope, German-born Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI), did not know about one of the Church's pornographic divisions operating in Germany. [This Vatileaks news piece was written before Benedict XVI suddenly resigned, and Bergoglio was elected and took the name Francis, the first Jesuit pope]. These revelations come at a time