

Maranatha: The Lord is Coming! *Part 13*



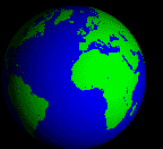
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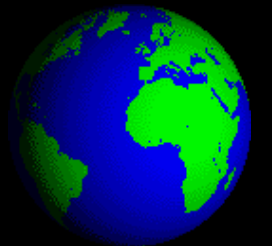
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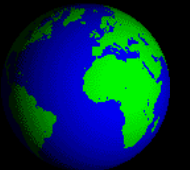


Enter The Ark of Hope

The Great Controversy between God and
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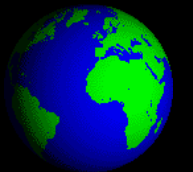
Get into the Ark **Sanctuary**



**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Ginger

Health Benefits of Ginger (Seek Medical Advice)

Ginger belongs to the Zingiberaceae family, and it's closely related to turmeric, cardamom, and galangal. It is commonly used as a spice. It's often called ginger root or, simply, ginger. You can use ginger fresh, dried, powdered, or as an oil or juice. It features in many recipes as well as processed foods, home remedies, and cosmetics.

Health Benefits of Ginger:

1. Contains gingerol, which has potent medicinal properties.
2. Can treat morning sickness and other forms of nausea.
3. May help with weight loss, according to studies.
4. Can help with osteoarthritis, joint pain and stiffness.
5. May lower blood sugar and improve heart disease risk factors.
6. Can help treat chronic indigestion and functional dyspepsia.
7. Reduce menstrual pain more effectively than pain killers.
8. May help lower triglycerides and LDL cholesterol levels.
9. Help reduce cancer risk due to gingerol and other compounds.
10. Improves brain function & protect against Alzheimer's disease
11. Ginger is useful for fighting bacterial and fungal infections.

Risks and side effects:

In large doses, however, it can cause the following symptoms in some people: abdominal discomfort, heartburn, diarrhoea, mouth and throat irritation.

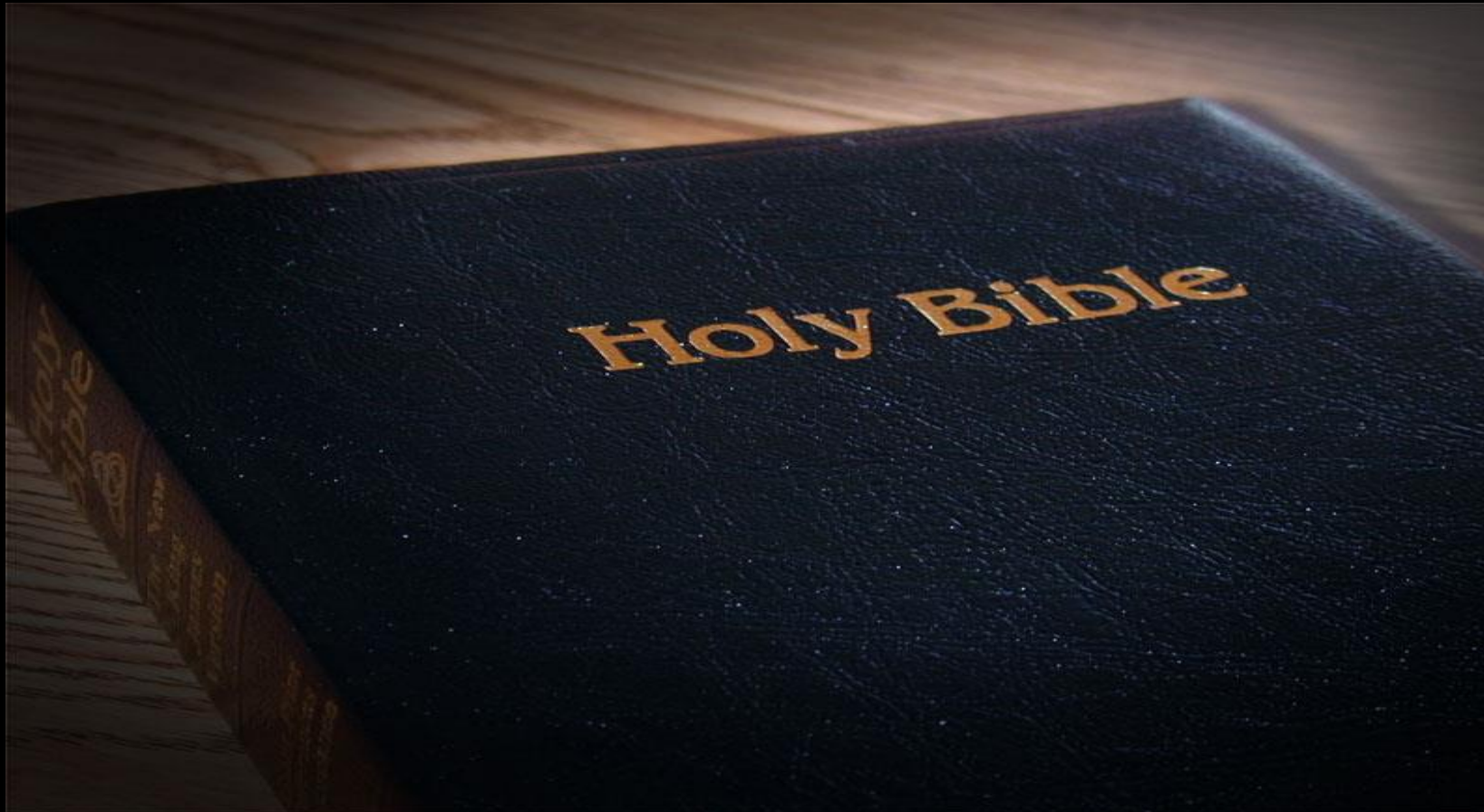


10 Incredible Health Benefits Of Ginger

1. Natural anti-inflammatory
2. Fights colds and flu
3. Promotes detoxification
4. Relieve digestive issues
5. Speeds up your metabolism
6. Protect against cancer
7. Relieves menstrual cramps
8. Lower blood pressure
9. Relieves tooth ache's
10. Lowers blood pressure



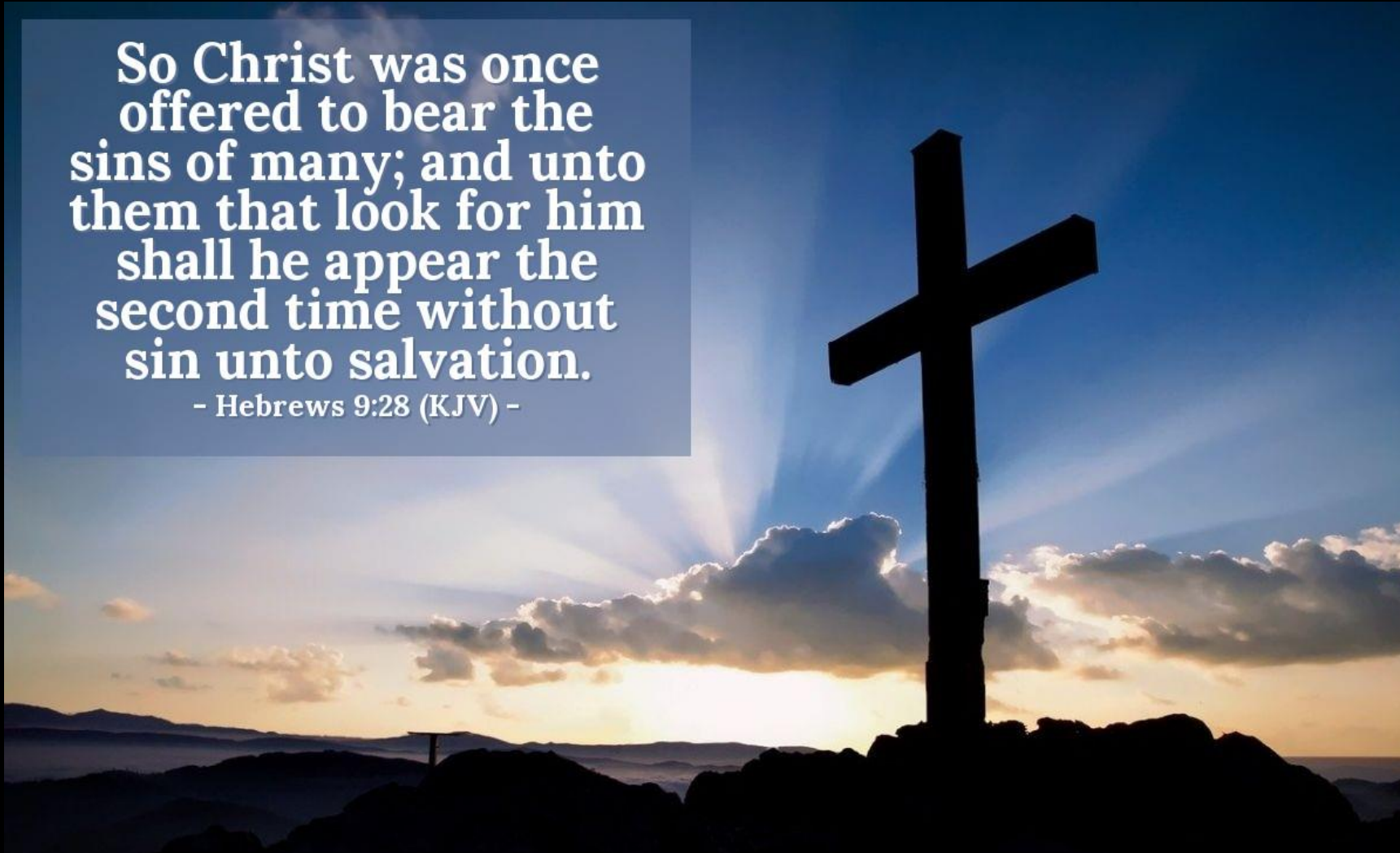
Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?



Yes, we Can!

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

- Hebrews 9:28 (KJV) -



Maranatha: The Lord is Coming!

Part 13



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Introduction: The Threefold Union of Religion

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:13, 14.

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation [the United States] will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. [Maranatha 190.1](#)

The Satanic Trinity

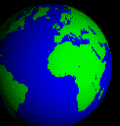
The Dragon



The Beast



The False Prophet



Introduction: The Threefold Union of Religion (cont'd)

Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience. . . .

[Maranatha 190.2](#)



Introduction: The Threefold Union of Religion **(cont'd)**

Papists, Protestants, and worldling will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.

[Maranatha 190.3](#)

When our nation [the United States] shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism. [Maranatha 190.4](#)



Satan and the Threefold Union

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast. Revelation 13:4.

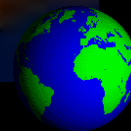
"He had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Though professing to be followers of the Lamb of God, men become imbued with the spirit of the dragon. They profess to be meek and humble but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by their actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be. This lamb-like power unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. And Satan unites with Protestants and Papists, acting in consort with them as the god of this world, dictating to men as if they were the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled as he pleases.

[Maranatha 191.1](#)

The BEAST from
the Earth (The United States)
In Revelation 13,
is going to change its behavior.



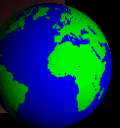
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Speaking
like a
Dragon.



Satan and the Threefold Union (cont'd)

If men will not agree to trample under foot the commandments of God, the spirit of the dragon is revealed. They are imprisoned, brought before councils, and fined. "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." "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." Thus Satan usurps the prerogatives of Jehovah. The man of sin sits in the seat of God, proclaiming himself to be God, and acting above God. [Maranatha 191.1](#)

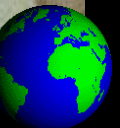
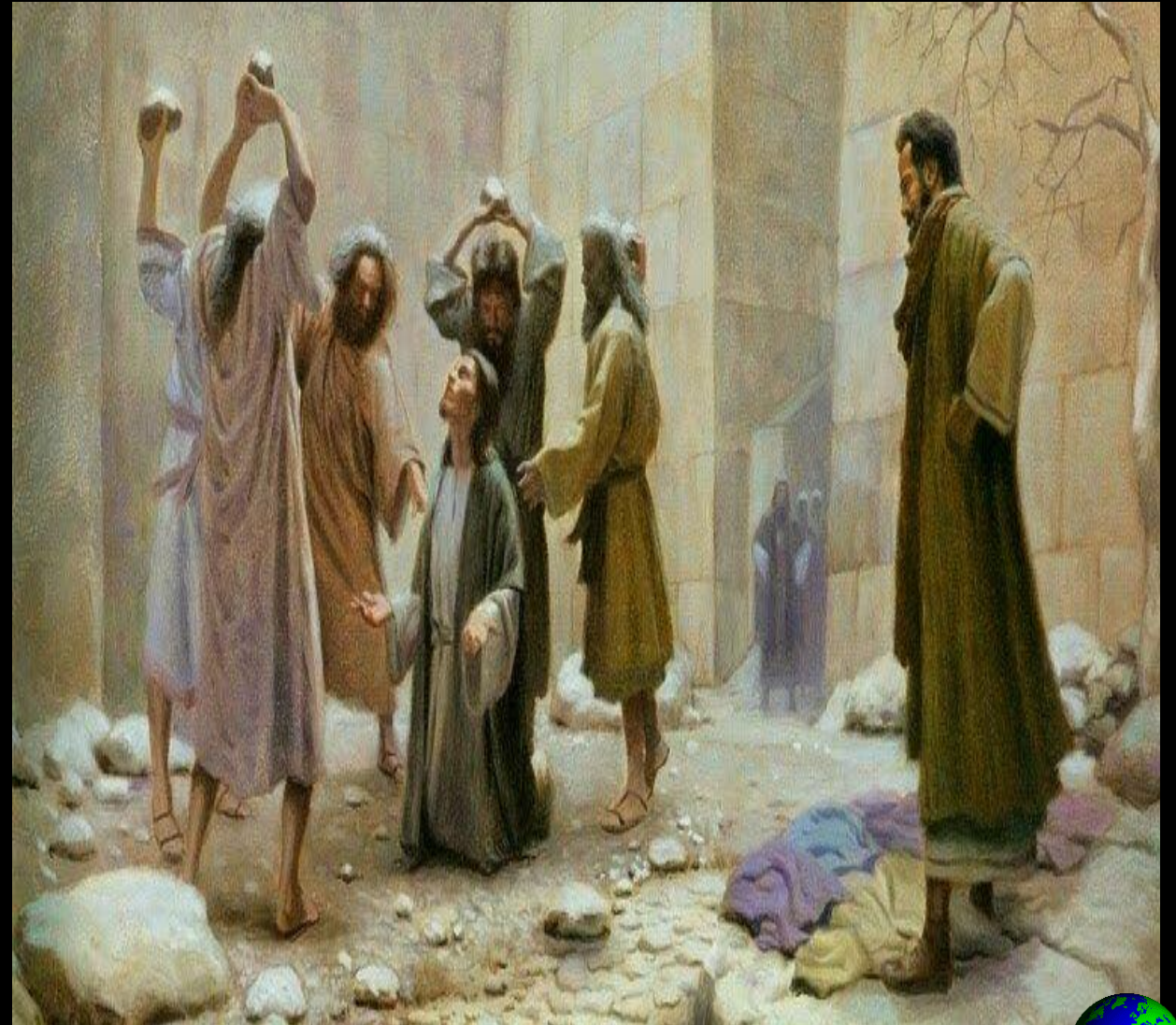
There is a marked contrast between those who bear the seal of God and those who worship the beast and his image.



Satan and the Threefold Union (cont'd)

The Lord's faithful servants will receive the bitterest persecution from false teachers, who will not hear the word of God, and who prepare stumbling blocks to put in the way of those who would hear. But God's people are not to fear. Satan cannot go beyond his limit. The Lord will be the defence of His people. He regards the injury done to His servants for the truth's sake as done to Himself.

When the last decision has been made, when all have taken sides, either for Christ and the commandments or for the great apostate, God will arise in His power, and the mouths of those who have blasphemed against Him will be forever stopped. Every opposing power will receive its punishment. [Maranatha 191.2](#)



The Corruption of Truth

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. [Matthew 24:23](#).

Before the last developments of the work of apostasy there will be a confusion of faith. There will not be clear and definite ideas concerning the mystery of God. One truth after another will be corrupted. [Maranatha 192.1](#)

After the truth has been proclaimed as a witness to all nations, every conceivable power of evil will be set in operation, and minds will be confused by many voices crying. "Lo, here is Christ; lo, He is there. This is the truth, I have the message from God, He has sent me with great light." Then there will be a removing of the landmarks, and an attempt to tear down the pillars of our faith. A more decided effort will be made to exalt the false sabbath, and to cast contempt upon God Himself by supplanting the day He has blessed and sanctified. This false sabbath is to be enforced by an oppressive law. [Maranatha 192.2](#)



The Corruption of Truth (cont'd)

In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. [Maranatha 192.3](#)

There will be false dreams and false visions, which have some truth, but lead away from the original faith. The Lord has given men a rule by which to detect them: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" ([Isaiah 8:20](#)). [Maranatha 192.4](#)



*"Wisdom hath builded her house,
she hath hewn out her seven pillars:"*

(Proverbs 9:1)

THE SEVEN PILLARS OF OUR FAITH; THE REMNANT CHURCH



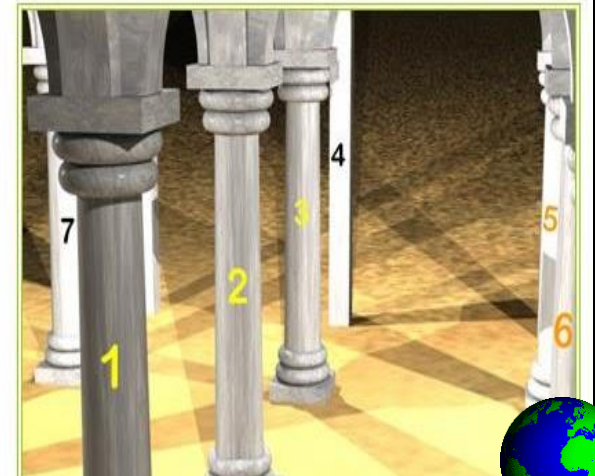
The Corruption of Truth (cont'd)

As we near the end of time, falsehood will be so mingled with truth, that only those who have the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be able to distinguish truth from error. We need to make every effort to keep the way of the Lord. We must in no case turn from His guidance to put our trust in man. The Lord's angels are appointed to keep strict watch over those who put their faith in the Lord, and these angels are to be our special help in every time of need. Every day we are to come to the Lord with full assurance of faith, and to look to Him for wisdom. . . . Those who are guided by the Word of the Lord will discern with certainty between falsehood and truth, between sin and righteousness.

[Maranatha 192.5](#)

7 pillars of our faith

- Sleep of death
- Salvation
- Sanctuary
- Sanctification
- Sabbath
- Spirit of Prophecy
- Second Coming



The United States in Prophecy

I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

[Revelation 13:11.](#)

One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America. [Maranatha 193.1](#)

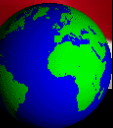
Here is a striking figure of the rise and growth of our own nation. And the lamb-like horns, emblems of innocence and gentleness, well represent the character of our government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. [Maranatha 193.2](#)



The United States in Prophecy (cont'd)

The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. God designed that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He designed that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges. [Maranatha 193.3](#)

But the enemy of all righteousness has designs upon God's purpose for this country. He will bring in enterprises that will lead men to forget that there is a God. Worldliness and covetousness, which is idolatry, will prevail through the working of the archdeceiver, till the law of God, in all its bearings, shall be made void. [Maranatha 193.4](#)



The United States in Prophecy (cont'd)

I have been shown that Satan is stealing a march upon us. The law of God, through the agency of Satan, is to be made void. In our land of boasted freedom, religious liberty will come to an end. [Maranatha 193.5](#)

When our nation, in its legislative councils, 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; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin.

[Maranatha 193.6](#)



Persecution by Protestants and Catholics

Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. [Matthew 10:22.](#)

There is no necessity for thinking that we cannot endure persecution; we shall have to go through terrible times. [Maranatha 194.1](#)

The persecutions of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost annihilated, will be more than rivalled when Protestantism and popery are combined. [Maranatha 194.2](#)

The commandment-keeping people of God erelong will be placed in a most trying position; but all those who have walked in the light, and diffused the light, will realize that God interposes in their behalf. [Maranatha 194.3](#)



Persecution by Protestants and Catholics (cont'd)

When everything looks most forbidding, then the Lord will reveal His power to His faithful ones. When the nation for which God has worked in such a marvelous manner, and over which He has spread the shield of Omnipotence, abandons Protestant principles, and through its legislature gives countenance and support to Romanism in limiting religious liberty, then God will work in His own power for His people that are true. The tyranny of Rome will be exercised, but Christ is our refuge.

[Maranatha 194.3](#)

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. [Maranatha 194.4](#)



Persecution by Protestants and Catholics (cont'd)

The Scriptures teach that popery is to regain its lost supremacy, and that the fires of persecution will be rekindled through the time-serving concessions of the so-called Protestant world. In this time of peril we can stand only as we have the truth and the power of God. . . . The prospect of being brought into personal danger and distress, need not cause despondency, but should quicken the vigour and hopes of God's people; for the time of their peril is the season for God to grant them clearer manifestations of his power. [Maranatha 194.5](#)



Persecuted for Christ's Sake

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. [2 Timothy 3:12](#).

As Christ was hated without cause, so will His people be hated because they are obedient to the commandments of God. If He who was pure, holy, and undefiled, who did good and only good in our world, was treated as a base criminal and condemned to death, His disciples must expect but similar treatment, however faultless may be their life and blameless their character. [Maranatha 195.1](#)

Human enactments, laws manufactured by satanic agencies under a plea of goodness and restriction of evil, will be exalted, while God's holy commandments are despised and trampled underfoot. And all who prove their loyalty by obedience to the law of Jehovah must be prepared to be arrested, to be brought before councils that have not for their standard the high and holy law of God. [Maranatha 195.2](#)



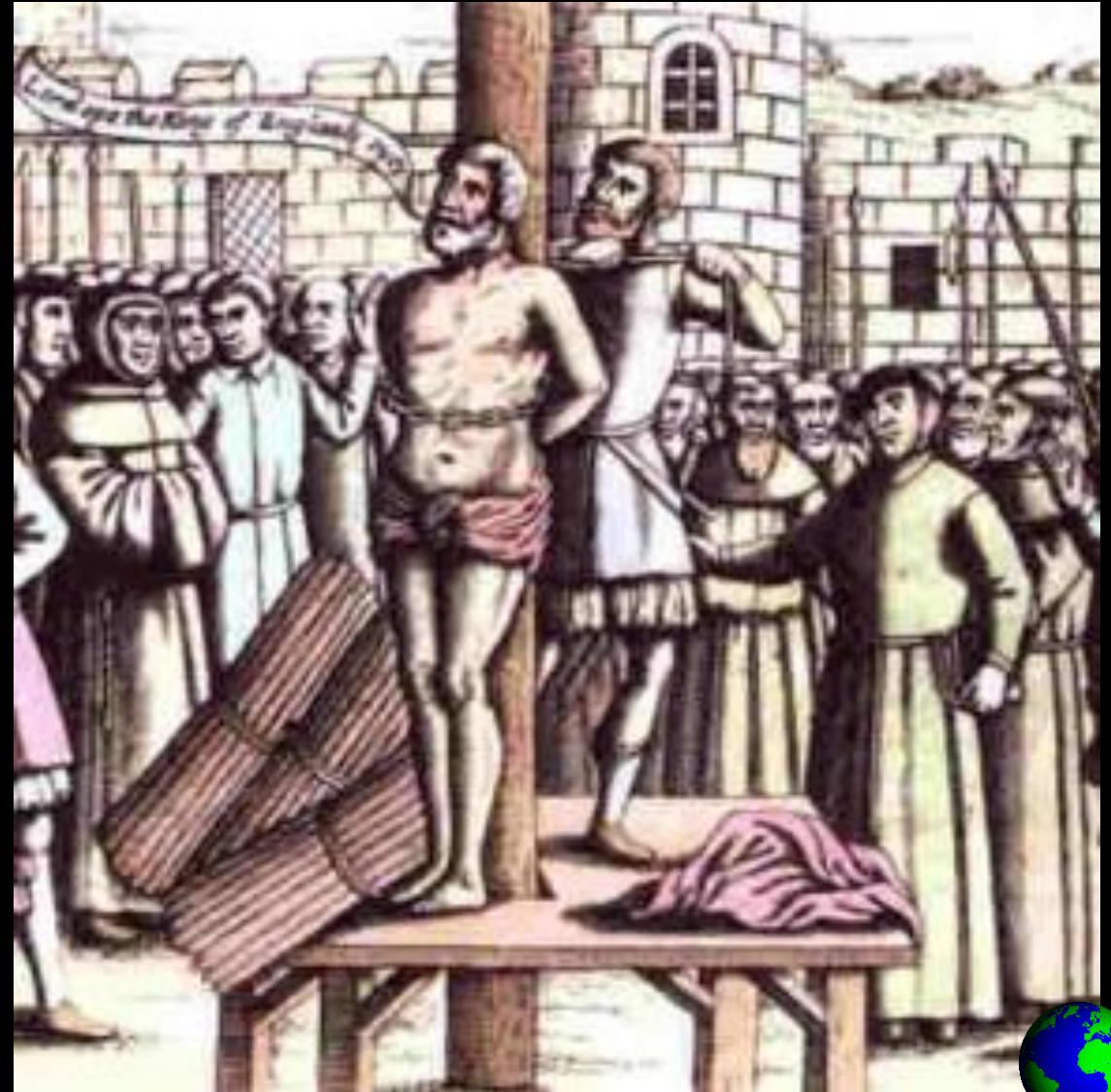
Blessed are they which are
persecuted
for righteousness' sake: for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10



Persecuted for Christ's Sake (cont'd)

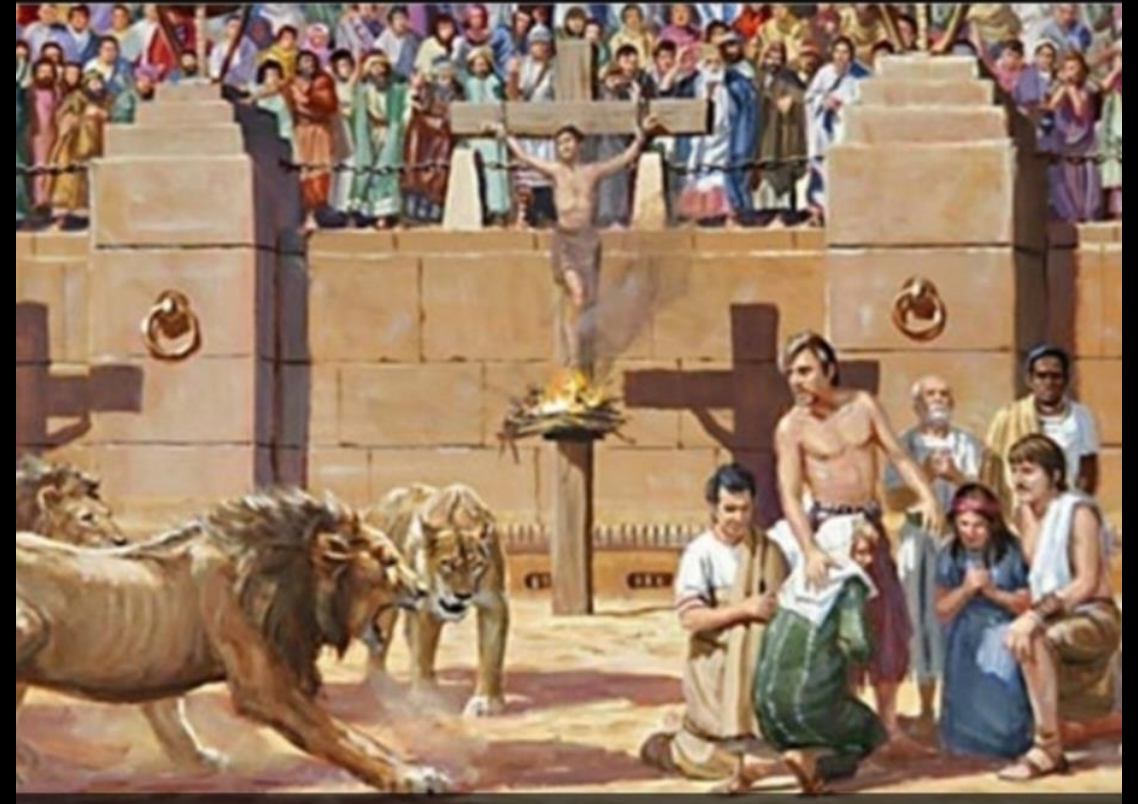
Those who live during the last days of this earth's history will know what it means to be persecuted for the truth's sake. In the courts injustice will prevail. The judges will refuse to listen to the reasons of those who are loyal to the commandments of God, because they know that arguments in favour of the fourth commandment are unanswerable. They will say, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die." God's law is nothing to them. "Our law" with them is supreme. Those who respect this human law will be favoured, but those who will not bow to the idol sabbath will have no favours shown them. [Maranatha 195.3](#)



Persecuted for Christ's Sake (cont'd)

In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage. So the false-hearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us when the difference will be apparent. Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the half-hearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity. [Maranatha 195.4](#)

HOW THE MARTYRS DIED.



**THOSE WHO WATCHED THE MARTYRS DIE,
BECAME CHRISTIANS.**



Former Brethren Worst Persecutors

Then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. [Matthew 24:10](#).

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. [Maranatha 196.1](#)



Former Brethren Worst Persecutors (cont'd)

The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of life itself, can induce them to make the least concession to false worship.

[Maranatha 196.2](#)

At that time the gold will be separated from the dross. . . . Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness. Those who have assumed the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will then appear in the shame of their own nakedness. [Maranatha 196.3](#)



Former Brethren Worst Persecutors (cont'd)

Among earth's inhabitants, scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. . . . In the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan's supreme effort is made to cause "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a false rest day, these faithful ones . . . will "*shine as lights in the world.*" . . . [Philippians 2:15](#). The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine. [Maranatha 196.4](#)



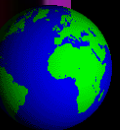
Betrayed by Friends and Relatives

A man's foes shall be they of his own household. [Matthew 11:36](#).

When the law of God is made void, and the church is sifted by the fiery trials that are to try all that live upon the earth, a great proportion of those who are supposed to be genuine will give heed to seducing spirits, and will turn traitors and betray sacred trusts. They will prove our very worst persecutors.

"Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them;" and many will give heed to seducing spirits. [Maranatha 197.1](#)

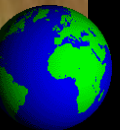
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Betrayed by Friends and Relatives (cont'd)

Those who apostatize in time of trial will bear false witness and betray their brethren, to secure their own safety. They will tell where their brethren are concealed, putting the wolves on their track. Christ has warned us of this, that we may not be surprised at the cruel, unnatural course pursued by friends and relatives. [Maranatha 197.2](#)

We shall find that we must let loose of all hands except the hand of Jesus Christ. Friends will prove treacherous, and will betray us. Relatives, deceived by the enemy, will think they do God service in opposing us and putting forth the utmost efforts to bring us into hard places, hoping we will deny our faith. But we may trust our hand in the hand of Christ amid darkness and peril. [Maranatha 197.3](#)



Betrayed by Friends and Relatives (cont'd)

The followers of Christ must expect to encounter sneers. They will be reviled; their words and their faith will be misrepresented. Coldness and contempt may be harder to endure than martyrdom. . . . [Maranatha 197.4](#)

Parents will turn harshly against their children who accept unpopular truth. Those who conscientiously serve God will be accused of rebellion. Property that was willed to children or other relatives who believe the present truth will be given into other hands.

Guardians will rob orphans and widows of their just dues. Those who depart from evil will make themselves a prey through laws enacted to compel the conscience. Men will take to themselves property to which they have no right. The words of the apostle will be verified in the near future: "*All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*" [Maranatha 197.5](#)

AN HONEST ENEMY
IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN
A FRIEND WHO LIES.
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TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY,
AND MORE ATTENTION
TO WHAT THEY DO.
THEIR ACTIONS WILL
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Under Threat of Death

For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

[Esther 4:14.](#)

Wonderful events are soon to open before the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of trouble is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the decree will go forth forbidding those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord to buy or sell, threatening them with punishment, and even death, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath. [Maranatha 198.1](#)



1 Peter 4:7



Under Threat of Death (cont'd)

The decree which is to go forth against the people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews in the time of Esther. . . . Satan instigated the scheme in order to rid the earth of those who preserved the knowledge of the true God. But his plots were defeated by a counterpower that reigns among the children of men. . . . [Maranatha 198.2](#)

The Protestant world today see in the little company keeping the Sabbath a Mordecai in the gate. His character and conduct, expressing reverence for the law of God, are a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling upon His Sabbath; the unwelcome intruder must by some means be put out of the way. [Maranatha 198.3](#)



Under Threat of Death (cont'd)

The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions.

Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. . . . Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack...

On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.

[Maranatha 198.4](#)

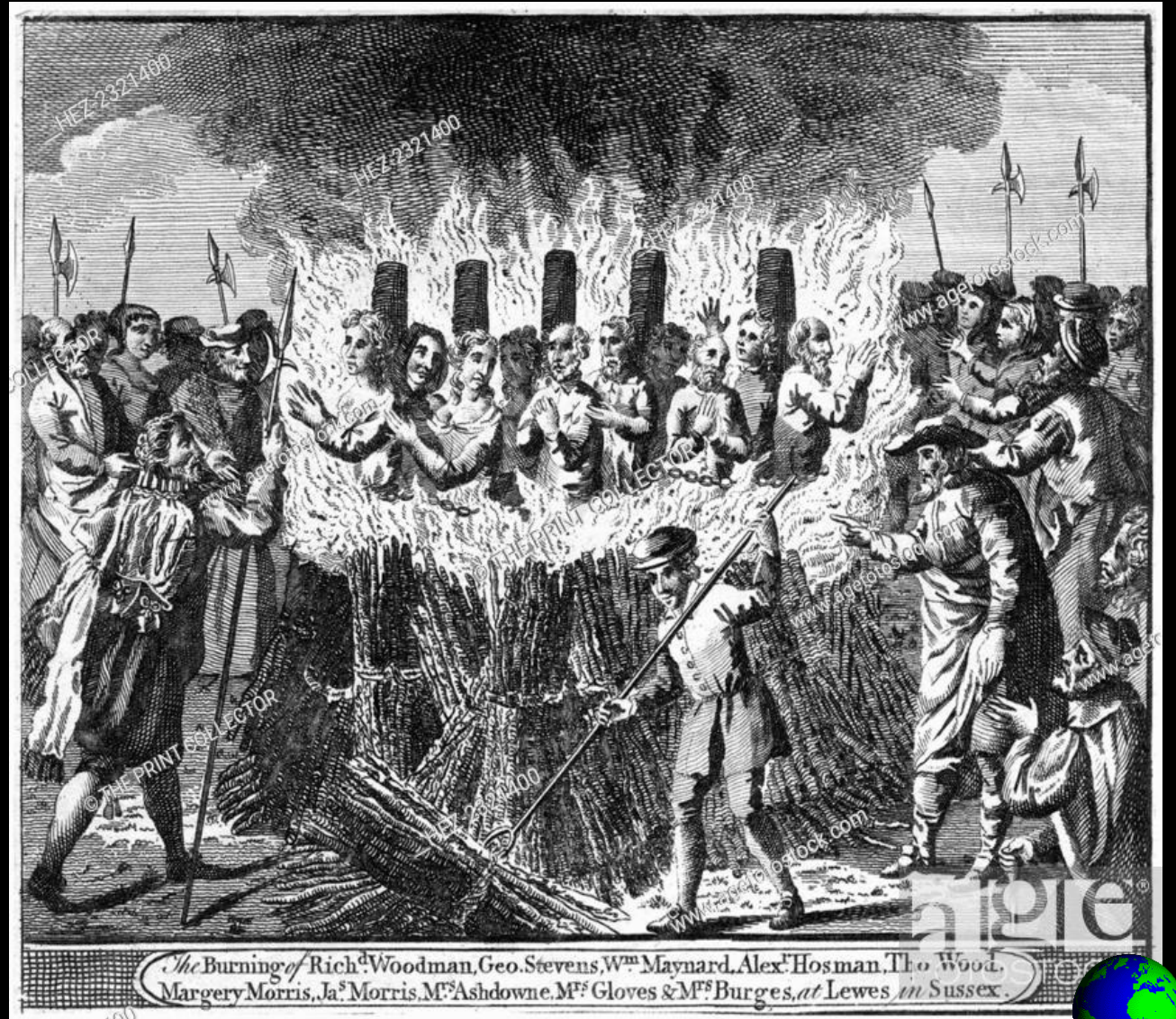


Martyrs in the Last Days

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. [John 16:2](#).

Every individual in our world will be arrayed under one of two banners.
[Maranatha 199.1](#)

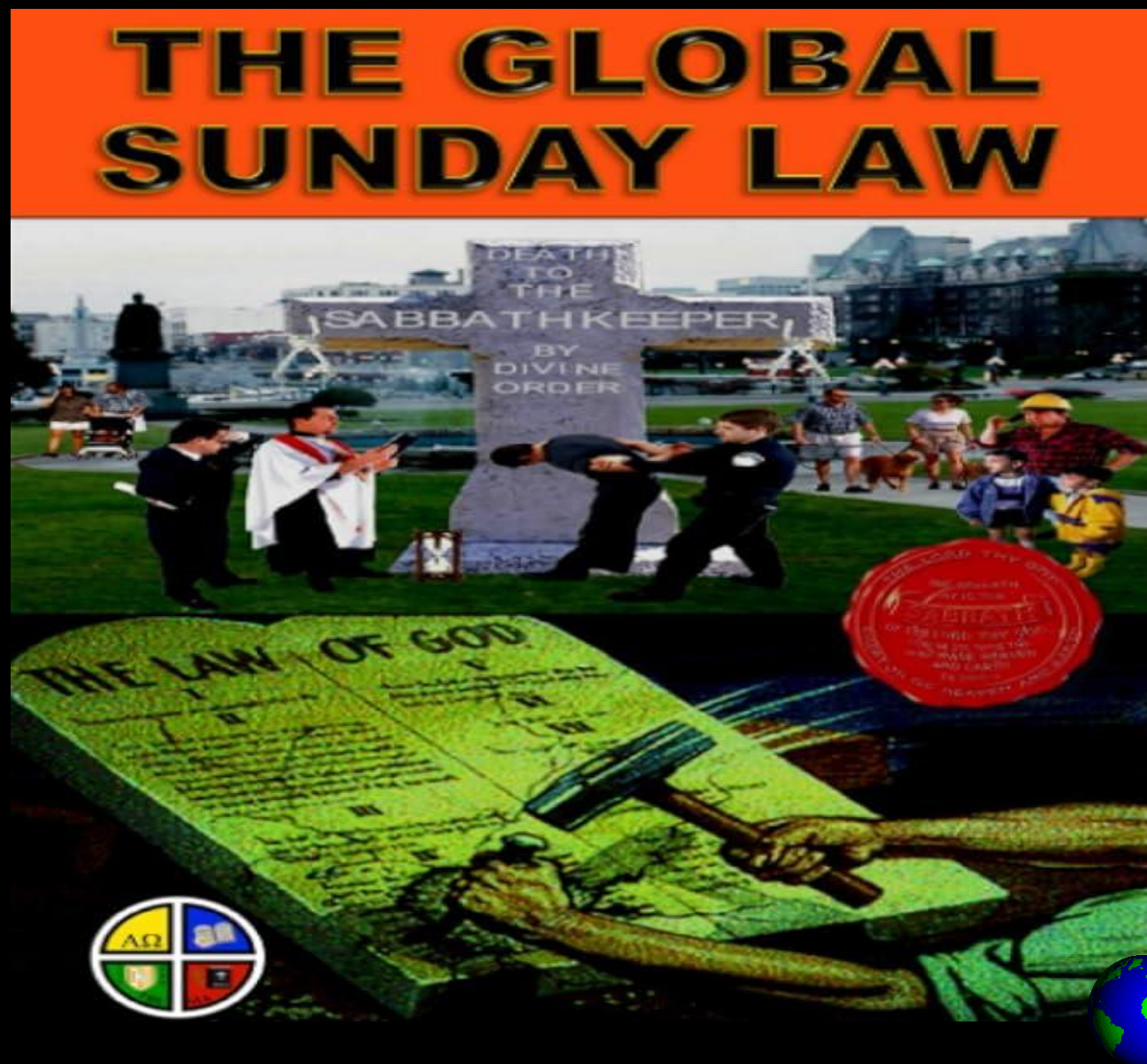
The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defence of the truth. [Maranatha 199.2](#)



Martyrs in the Last Days (cont'd)

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation [the United States] will disconnect herself fully from righteousness.... [Maranatha 199.3](#)

As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. [Maranatha 199.4](#)



Martyrs in the Last Days (cont'd)

And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convents vaults: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" [Maranatha 199.4](#)

When the fifth seal was opened, John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. After this came the scenes described in the eighteenth of Revelation, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon. [Maranatha 199.5](#)

Christ will restore the life taken; for He is the Life-giver: He will beautify the righteous with immortal life. [Maranatha 199.6](#)



The Shaking Time

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. [Matthew 24:12](#).

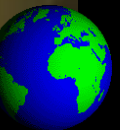
Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming. [Maranatha 200.1](#)

The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. . . . [Maranatha 200.2](#)

GOD'S SEAL
contains:



- 1. NAME:** *The Lord your God*
- 2. TITLE:** *Creator*
- 3. TERRITORY:** *Heaven & Earth*



The Shaking Time (cont'd)

The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death.

The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness. [Maranatha 200.3](#)

Seal of God

- ▼ True Worship
- ▼ Adoration to the Creator
- ▼ Commandment of God
- ▼ Protection signal
- ▼ Placed on the forehead



Sabbath

Revelation 12:17 & 14:12

Mark of the Beast

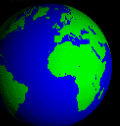
- ▼ False Worship
- ▼ Adoration to the Beast
- ▼ Commandment of man
- ▼ Sign of condemnation
- ▼ On the forehead & in the hand



Sunday

Revelation 13:16

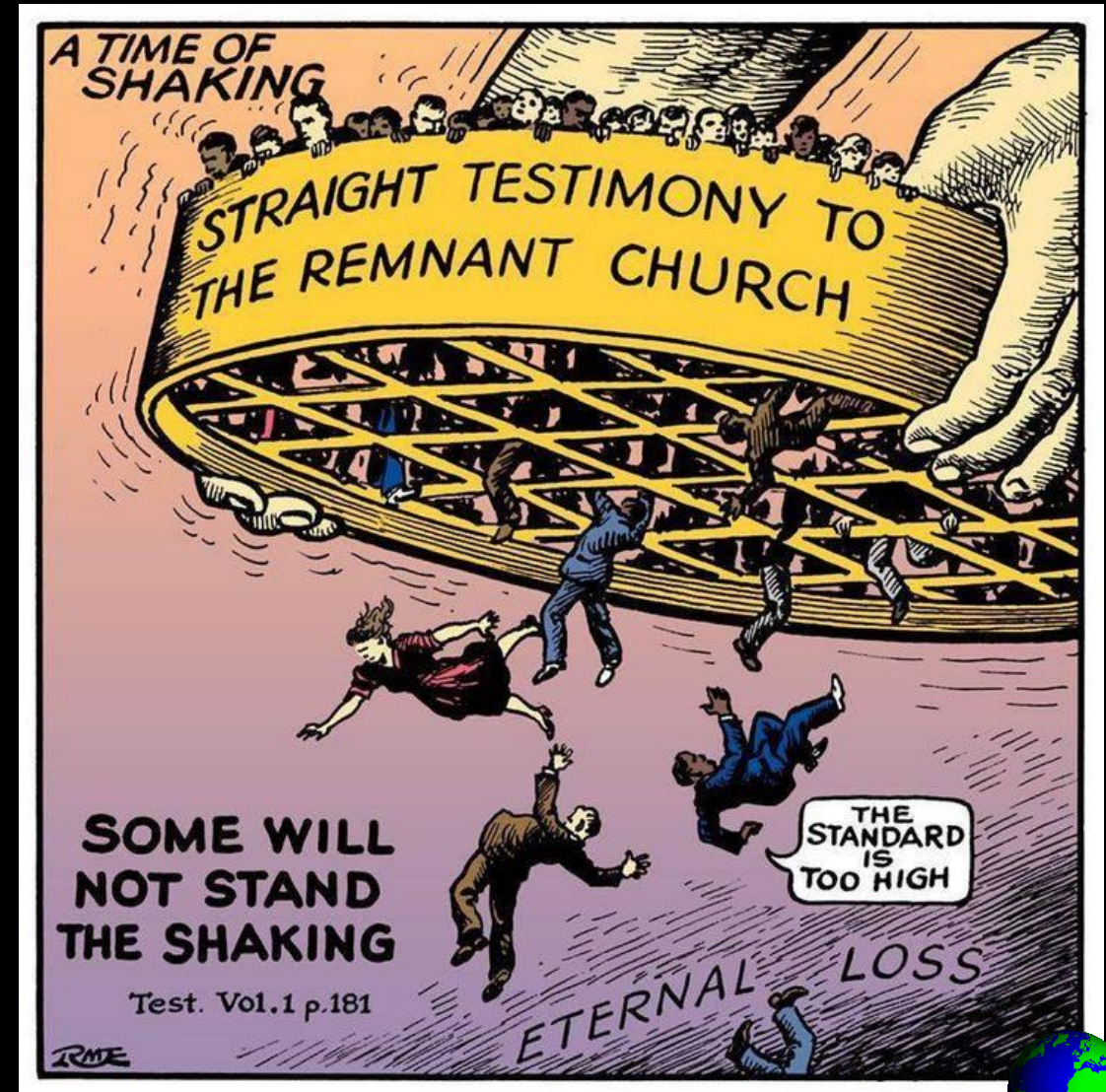
When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).



The Shaking Time (cont'd)

But there are men who will receive the truth, and these will take the places made vacant by those who become offended and leave the truth.... [Maranatha 200.4](#)

Men of true Christian principle will take their place, and will become faithful, trustworthy householders, to advocate the word of God in its true bearings, and in its simplicity. The Lord will work so that the disaffected ones will be separated from the true and loyal ones.... The ranks will not be diminished. Those who are firm and true will close up the vacancies that are made by those who become offended and apostatize. [Maranatha 200.5](#)



A View of the Shaking

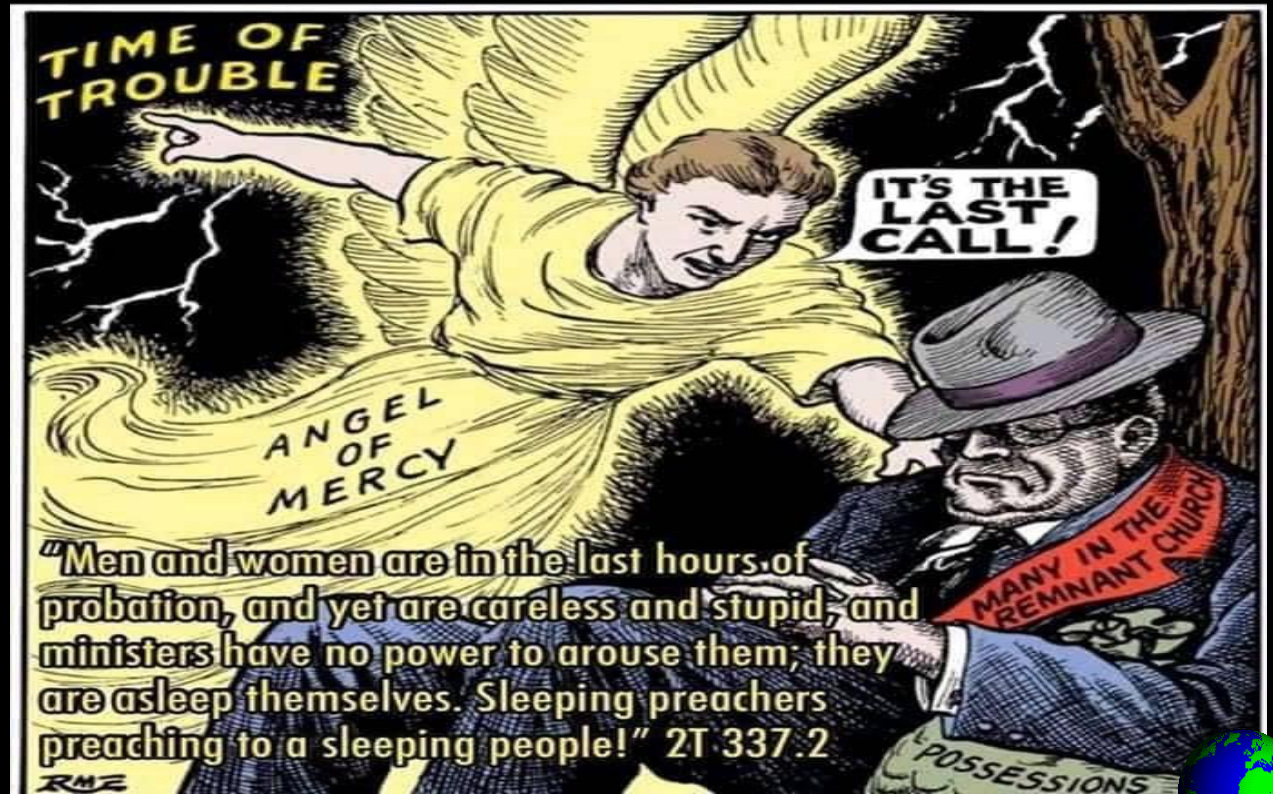
For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel. [Ezekiel 38:19](#).

I saw some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God. Their countenances were pale and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle.

Firmness and great earnestness was expressed in their countenances; large drops of perspiration fell from their foreheads.... [Maranatha 201.1](#)

Evil angels crowded around, pressing darkness upon them to shut out Jesus from their view, that their eyes might be drawn to the darkness that surrounded them, and thus they be led to distrust God and murmur against Him.

WAKE UP CHURCH!



A View of the Shaking (cont'd)

Their only safety was in keeping their eyes directed upward. Angels of God had charge over His people, and as the poisonous atmosphere of evil angels was pressed around these anxious ones, the heavenly angels were continually wafting their wings over them to scatter the thick darkness. [Maranatha 201.2](#)

As the praying ones continued their earnest cries, at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, to encourage their hearts and light up their countenances. Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless.... The angels of God... went to the aid of the earnest, praying ones. . . . But His angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them. [Maranatha 201.3](#)



A View of the Shaking (cont'd)

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness of the Laodiceans. . . . [Maranatha 201.4](#)

My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken. . . . The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armour from their head to their feet. . . .

[Maranatha 201.5](#)

I heard those clothed with the armour speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect....I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel." [Maranatha 201.6](#)



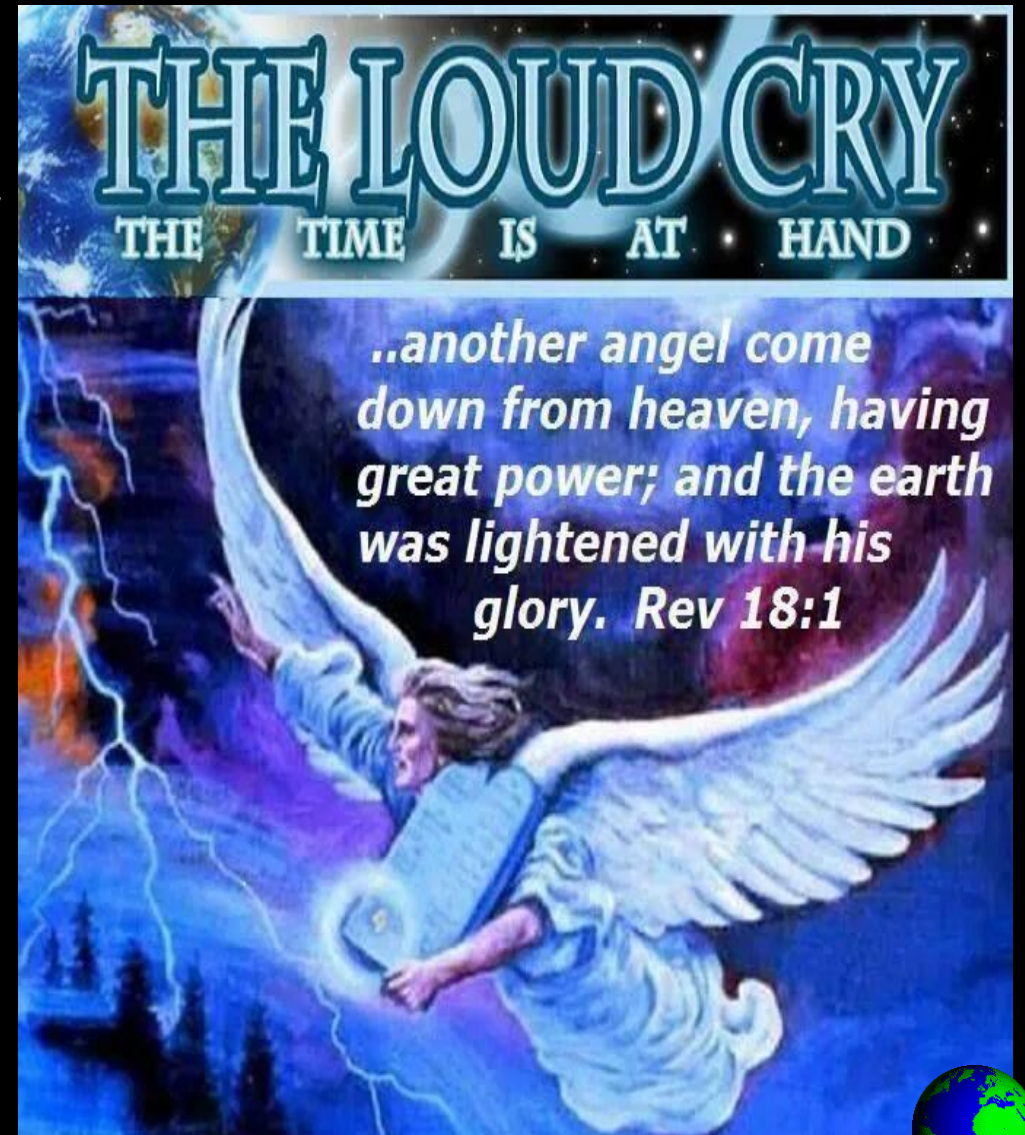
Unity and Separation Under the Loud Cry

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. [Isaiah 60:1, 2](#).

As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make it manifest that they have not built upon the solid rock; they will yield to temptation.

Those who have had great light and precious privileges, but have not improved them, will, under one pretext or another, go out from us.

Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and will depart from the faith. [Maranatha 202.1](#)



Unity and Separation Under the Loud Cry **(cont'd)**

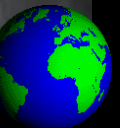
But, on the other hand, when the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd. The people of God will draw together and present to the enemy a united front. In view of the common peril, strife for supremacy will cease; there will be no disputing as to who shall be accounted greatest. No one of the true believers will say: "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas." The testimony of one and all will be: "I cleave unto Christ; I rejoice in Him as my personal Saviour."

[Maranatha 202.1](#)

The Loud Cry -

& the Glory of God !

[Revelation 10:6-7](#)



Unity and Separation Under the Loud Cry (cont'd)

As the third angel's message swells into a loud cry, great power and glory will attend its proclamation. The faces of God's people will shine with the light of heaven. [Maranatha 202.2](#)

Many of the rulers are those whom Satan controls; but... God has His agents, even among the rulers. And some of them will yet be converted to the truth....A few of God's agents will have power to bear down a great mass of evil. Thus the work will go on until the third message has done its work, and at the loud cry of the third angel, these agents will have an opportunity to receive the truth, and some of them will be converted, and endure with the saints through the time of trouble. [Maranatha 202.3](#)



The Church Appears About to Fall

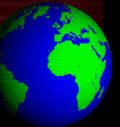
But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. [Isaiah 49:14, 15](#).

Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place.

None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths.... [Maranatha 203.1](#)

Observation

1. The faithful sigh and cry for the condition of the church when its "danger and depression are greatest" - the church appears as if "about to fall."
2. In this attitude of deep affliction for the sins in the church they are sealed .



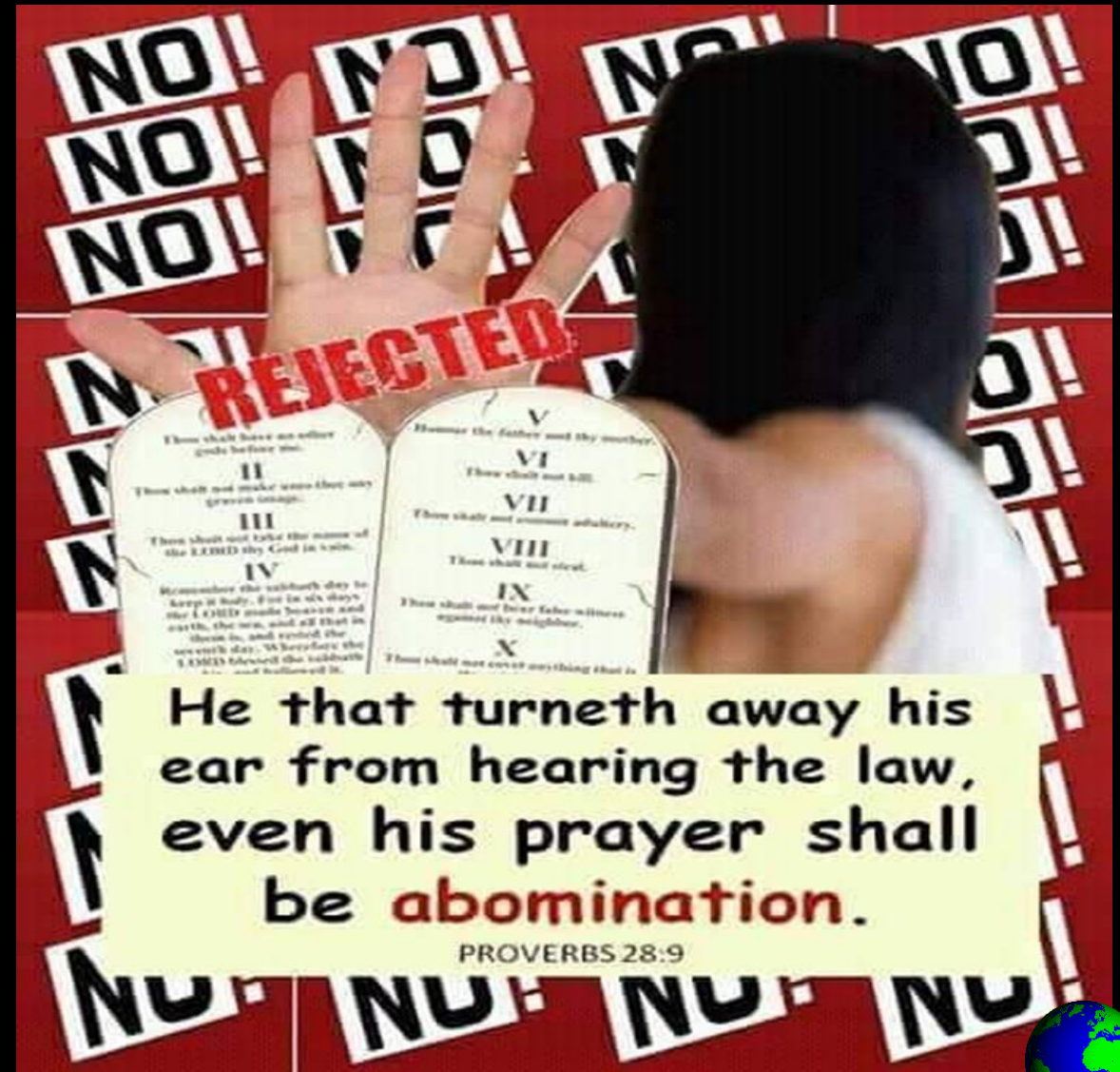
The Church Appears About to Fall (cont'd)

The remnant that purify their souls by obeying the truth gather strength from the trying process, exhibiting the beauty of holiness amid the surrounding apostasy.

[Maranatha 203.1](#)

I know that the Lord loves His church. It is not to be disorganized or broken up into independent atoms. There is not the least consistency in this; there is not the least evidence that such a thing will be. Those who shall heed this false message and try to leaven others will be deceived and prepared to receive advanced delusions, and they will come to nought. [Maranatha 203.2](#)

I am encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people, and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end. [Maranatha 203.3](#)



The Church Appears About to Fall (cont'd)

We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth. [Maranatha 203.4](#)

The church, soon to enter upon her most severe conflict, will be the object most dear to God upon earth. The confederacy of evil will be stirred with power from beneath, and Satan will cast all the reproach possible upon the chosen ones whom he cannot deceive and delude with his satanic inventions and falsehoods. But exalted "to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins," will Christ, our representative and head, close His heart, or withdraw His hand, or falsify His promise? No; never, never. [Maranatha 203.5](#)

**The Bible Says
God's End-time People**

HOLY BIBLE
Revelation 12:17

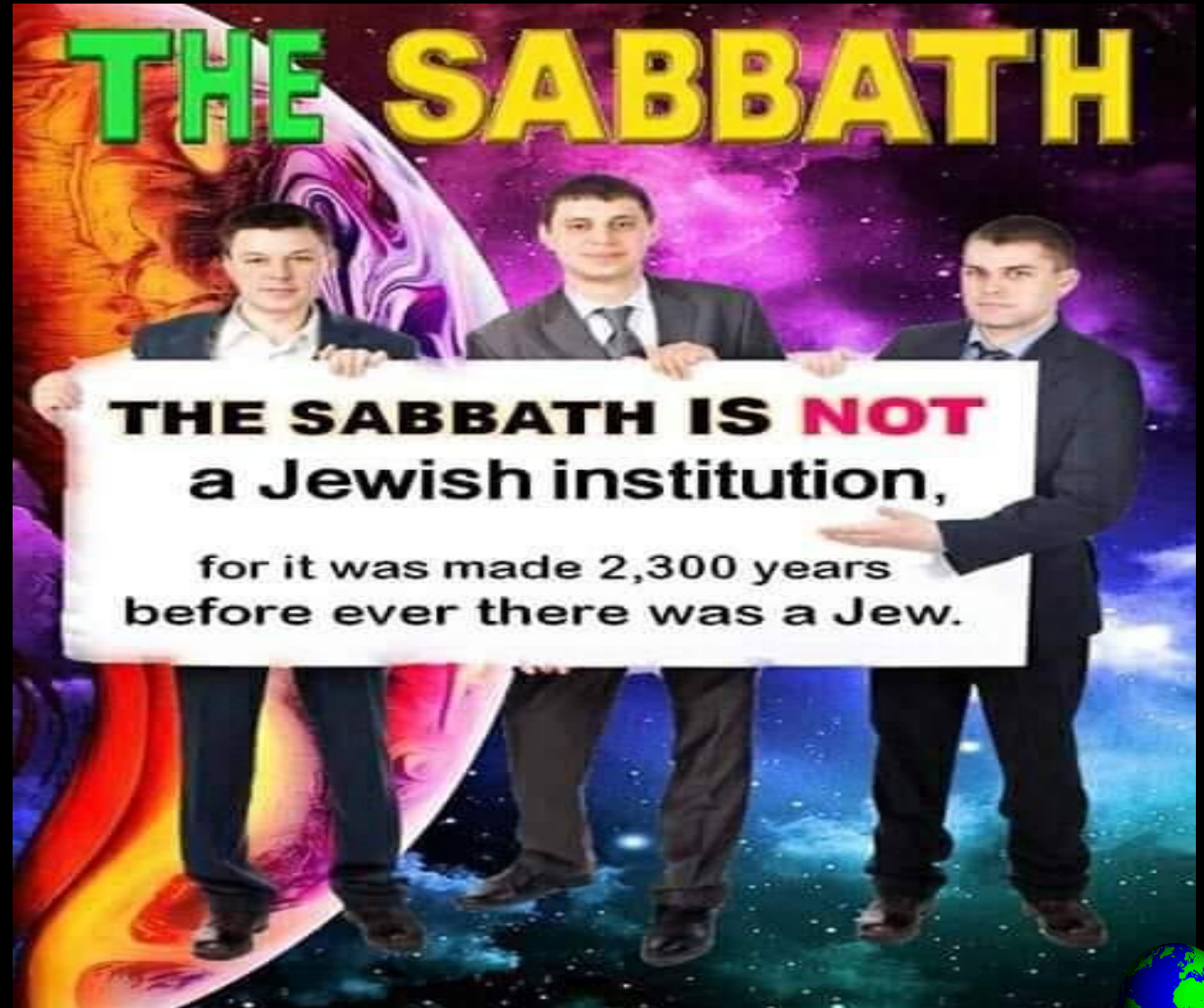
**Keep THE & THE
Commandments OF GOD**

**Have THE & THE
Testimony of Jesus Christ**

Conclusion: The Purification of the Church

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. [Malachi 3:3](#).

The time is upon us when the miracle-working power of the archdeceiver will be more decidedly revealed. And his deceptions will increase in their delusive attraction, so that they will perplex, and if possible, deceive, the very elect. The prince of darkness with his evil angels is working upon the Christian world, inducing those who profess the name of Christ to stand under the banner of darkness, to make war with those who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus. [Maranatha 204.1](#)



Conclusion: The Purification of the Church **(cont'd)**

An apostate church will unite with the powers of earth and hell to place upon the forehead or in the hand, the mark of the beast, and prevail upon the children of God to worship the beast and his image. They will seek to compel them to renounce their allegiance to God's law, and yield homage to the papacy.

Then will come the times which will try men's souls; for the confederacy of apostasy will demand that the loyal subjects of God shall renounce the law of Jehovah, and repudiate the truth of His word. Then will the gold be separated from the dross, and it will be made apparent who are the godly, who are the loyal and true, and who are the disloyal, the dross and the tinsel. What clouds of chaff will then be borne away by the fan of God! [Maranatha 204.2](#)

**The Seventh-day
Adventist Church
IS THE REMNANT CHURCH**

*It will be the target of Satan's
attacks in the last days.*



Conclusion: The Purification of the Church

(cont'd)

Where now our eyes can discover only rich floors of wheat, will be chaff blown away with the fan of God. Every one who is not centred in Christ will fail to stand the test and ordeal of that day. While those who are clothed with Christ's righteousness will stand firm to truth and duty, those who have trusted in their own righteousness will be ranged under the black banner of the prince of darkness. Then it will be seen whether the choice is for Christ or Belial. [Maranatha 204.2](#)

Those who have been self-distrustful, who have been so circumstanced that they have not dared to face stigma and reproach, will at last openly declare themselves for Christ and His law; while many who have appeared to be flourishing trees, but who have borne no fruit, will go with the multitude to do evil, and will receive the mark of apostasy in the forehead or in the hand.

[Maranatha 204.3](#)

The church is God's fortress, His city of refuge, which He holds in a revolted world.

Any betrayal of the church is

treachery to Him who has bought

mankind through the blood of His only-begotten Son....He has sent forth His

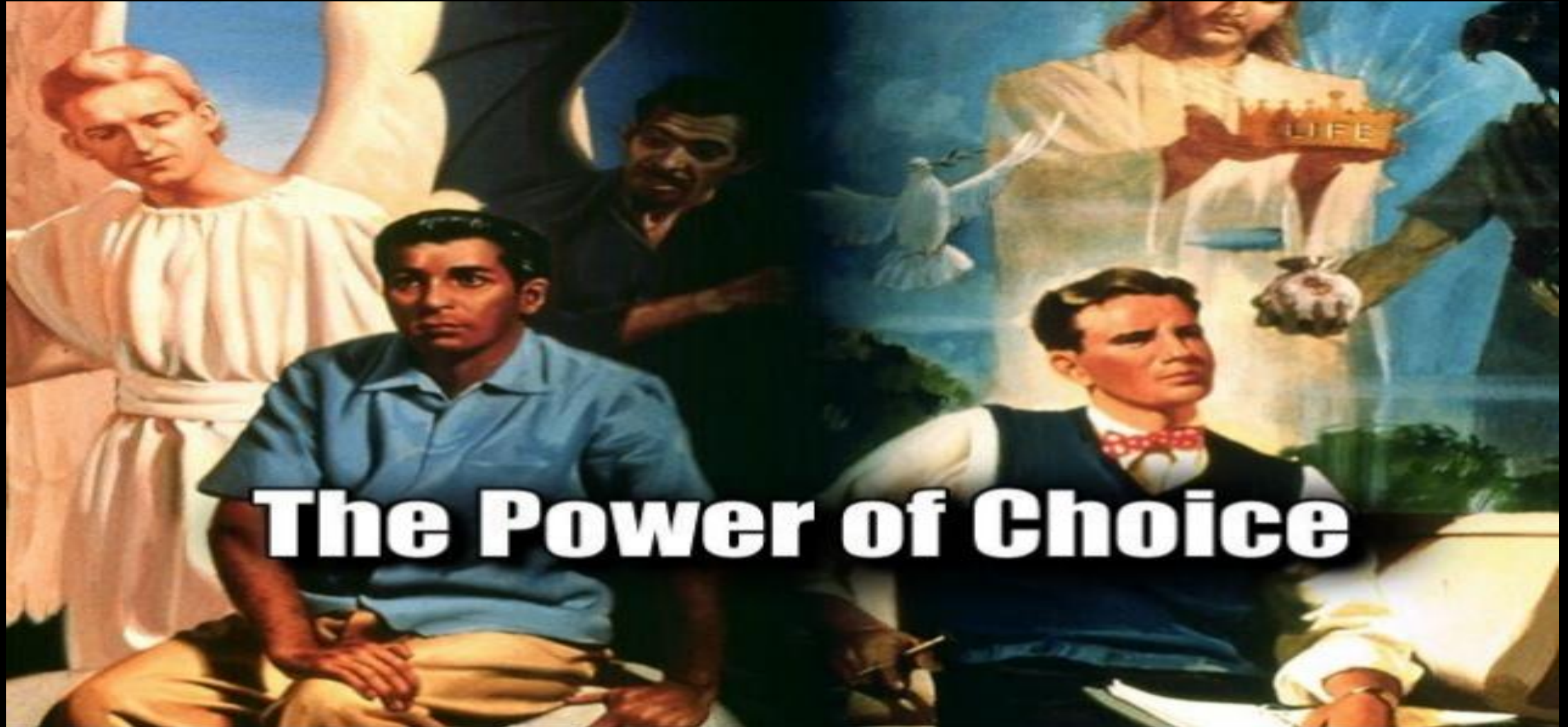
angels to minister to His church, and the gates of hell have not been able to

prevail against His people"

(Acts of the Apostles, p. 11).



God has given all:



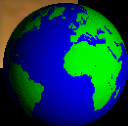
The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?