

Maranatha: The Lord is Coming! ***Part 14***

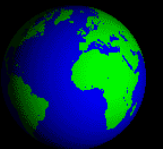


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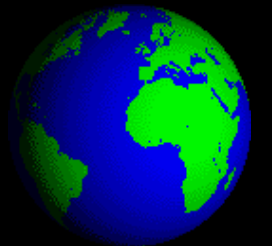
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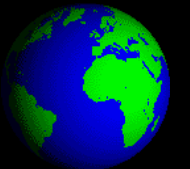


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**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Gobo

Health Benefits of Gobo (Seek Medical Advice)

Gobo also known as Burdock root is a vegetable native to Northern Asia and Europe, though it now grows in the United States. The burdock plant's deep roots are very long and vary in colour from beige to brown and nearly black on the outside. Burdock root has been used for centuries in holistic medicine to treat a variety of different conditions.

Health Benefits of Gobo:

1. It's a powerhouse of antioxidants - study found that it reduced inflammatory markers in blood of patients with osteoarthritis.
2. It may lower blood sugar levels - contains chlorogenic acid and fructo-oligosaccharides which have improves insulin sensitivity.
3. It may inhibit some types of cancer - "potent inhibitory effects" on cancer growth caused by cancers like pancreatic carcinoma.
4. It may be an aphrodisiac - enhances sexual function and increased the amount of sexual behaviour.
5. It may help treat skin issues - it has anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties that protect against skin infections and promote skin healing.

Potential risks and side effects:

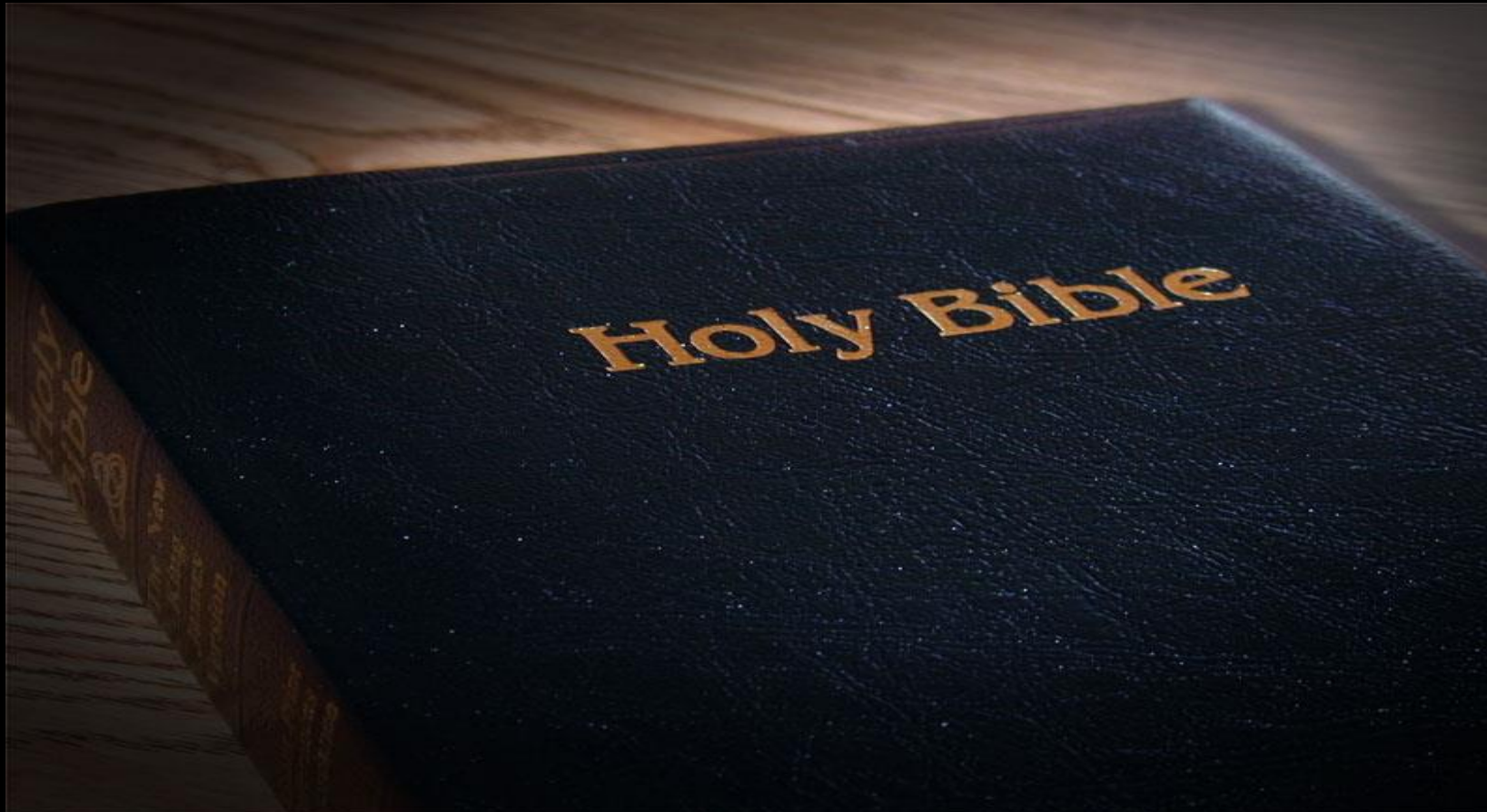
Burdock root is a natural diuretic, you shouldn't take it if you're dehydrated or on diuretics. Pregnant women or women trying to become pregnant shouldn't take burdock root or supplements.

10 Health Benefits of... Burdock Root

1. Rids Kidney & Gallbladder Stones
2. Lowers Blood-Sugar levels
3. Assists with PMS Symptoms
4. Increases Perspiration
5. Assists Indigestion
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8. Anti-Coagulant
9. Cleanses Blood
10. Diuretic



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Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.



Maranatha: The Lord is Coming! ***Part 14***



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Introduction: Satan Personates Christ - I

Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. [Luke 21:8](#).

"In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ, and then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world.

Rebellion against God's holy law will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him.

But Omnipotence will interpose, and to the apostate churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sentence will go forth, `Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.'" [Maranatha 205.1](#)



Introduction: Satan Personates Christ - I (cont'd)

Disguised as an angel of light, he [Satan] will walk the earth as a wonder-worker. In beautiful language he will present lofty sentiments. Good words will be spoken by him, and good deeds performed.

Christ will be personified, but on one point there will be a marked distinction. Satan will turn the people from the law of God. [Maranatha 205.2](#)

He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him.

[Maranatha 205.3](#)

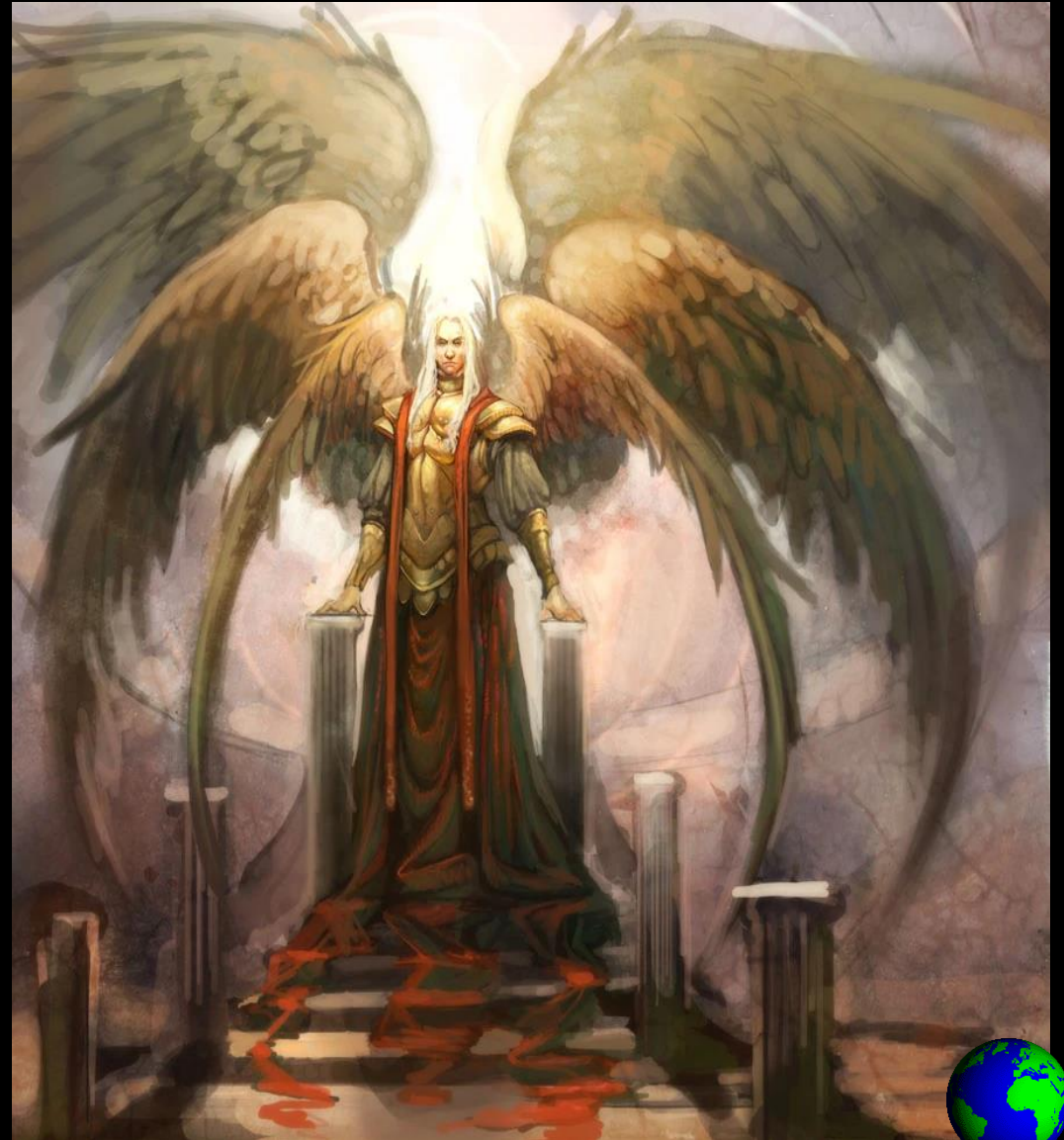


Introduction: Satan Personates Christ - I (cont'd)

It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth when celestial glory and a repetition of the persecutions of the past are blended. They will walk in the light proceeding from the throne of God. By means of the angels there will be constant communication between heaven and earth.

And Satan, surrounded by evil angels, and claiming to be God, will work miracles of all kinds, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. God's people will not find their safety in working miracles, for Satan will counterfeit the miracles that will be wrought. God's tried and tested people will find their power in the sign spoken of in [Exodus 31:12-18](#).

They are to take their stand on the living word: "It is written." This is the only foundation upon which they can stand securely. [Maranatha 205.4](#)



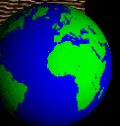
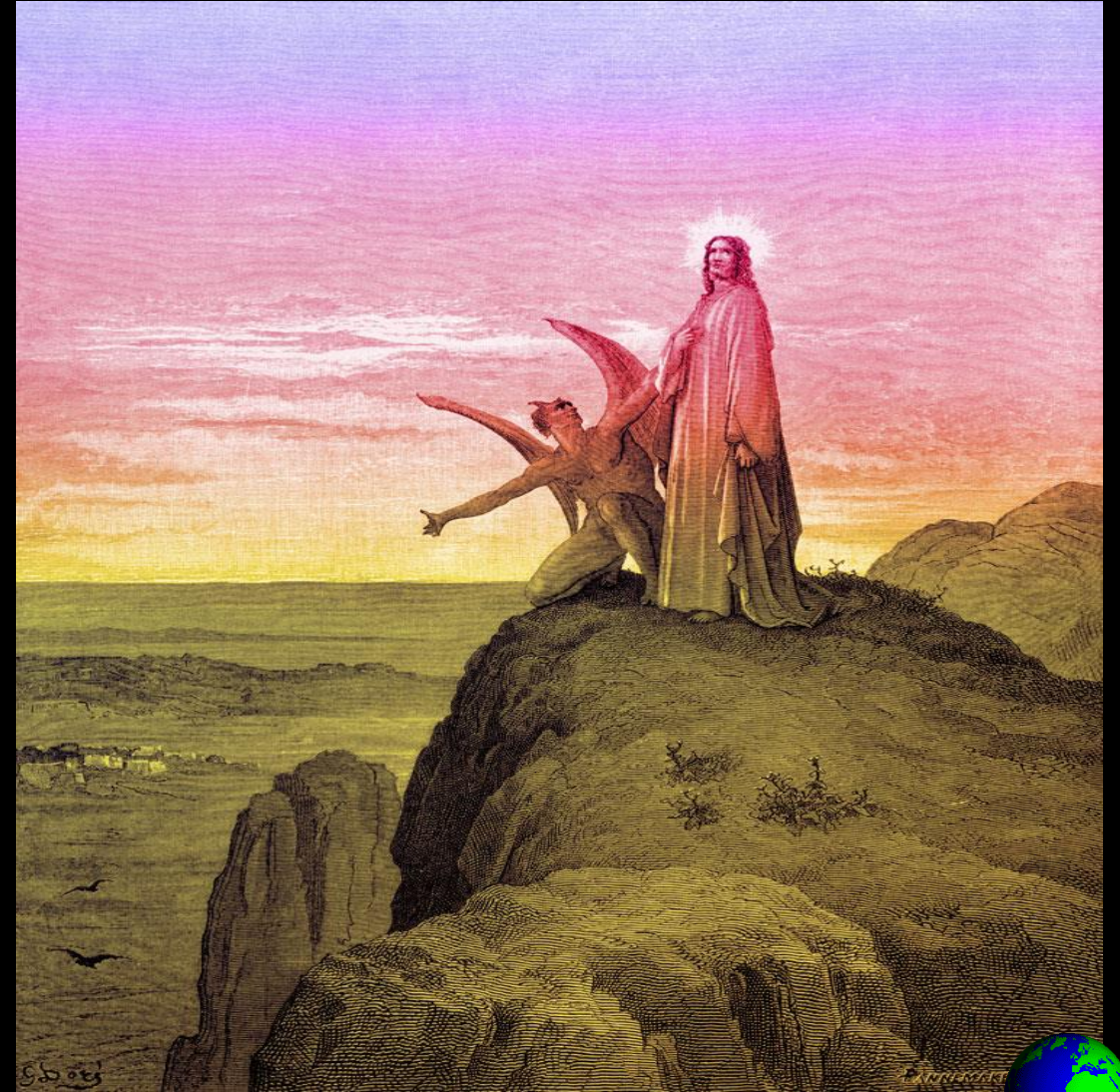
Satan Personates Christ - II

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14.

Satan is preparing his deceptions that in his last campaign against the people of God, they may not understand that it is he. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." . . . Satan will go to the extent of his power to harass, tempt, and mislead God's people. **Maranatha 206.1**

He who dared to face, and tempt, and taunt our Lord, and who had power to take Him in his arms and carry Him to a pinnacle of the temple, and up into an exceeding high mountain, will exercise his power to a wonderful degree upon the present generation, who are far inferior in wisdom to their Lord, and who are almost wholly ignorant of his subtlety and strength. **Maranatha 206.2**

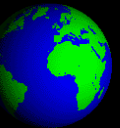
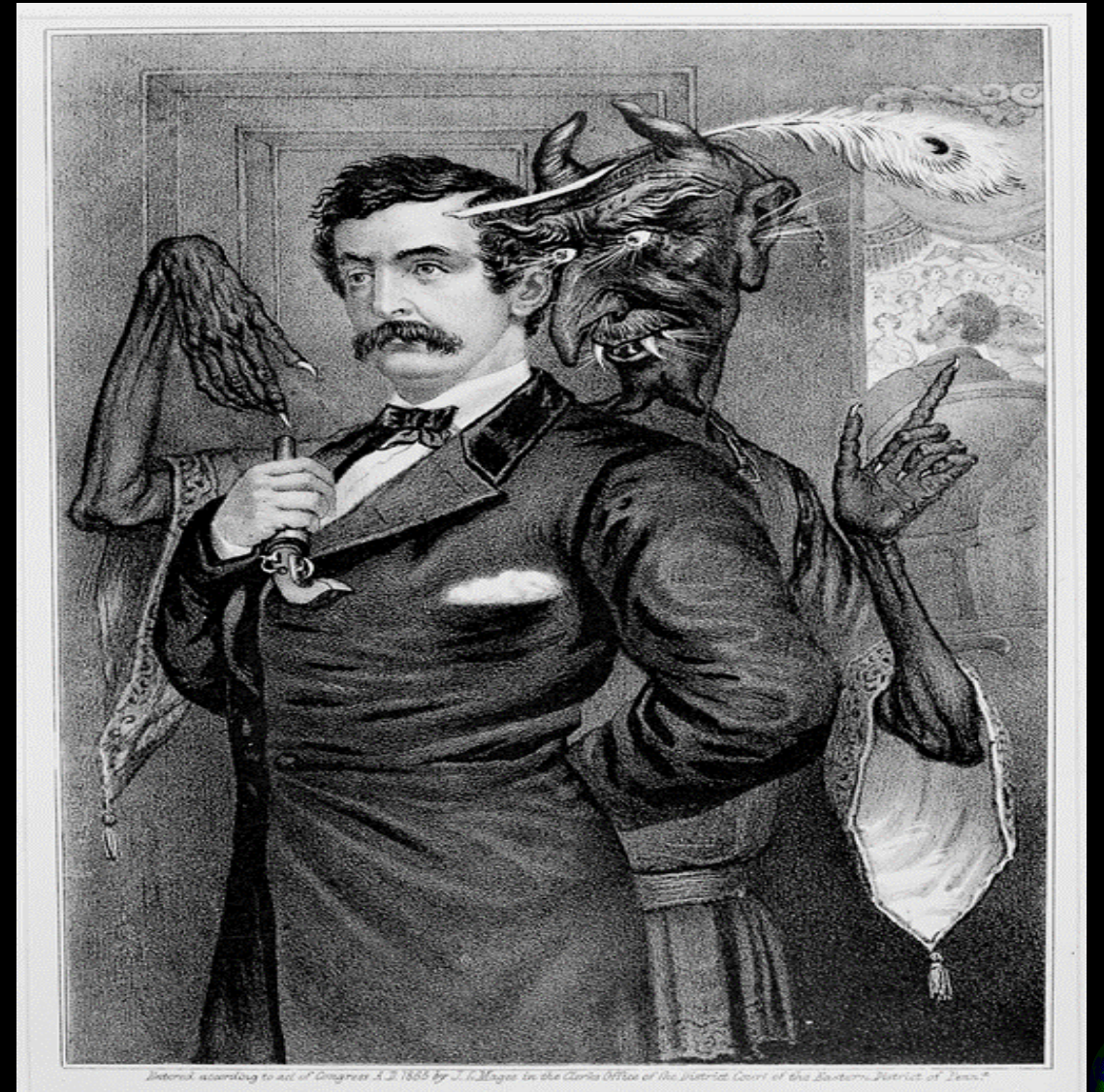


Satan Personates Christ - II (cont'd)

In a marvellous manner will he affect the bodies of those who are naturally inclined to do his bidding. [Maranatha 206.3](#)

He will come personating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles; and men will fall down and worship him as Jesus Christ. [Maranatha 206.4](#)

We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ. What shall we do?--Tell them that Christ has warned us against just such a foe, who is man's worst enemy, yet who claims to be God; and that when Christ shall make His appearance, it will be with power and great glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels and thousands of thousands; and that when He shall come, we shall know His voice. [Maranatha 206.5](#)



Satan Personates Christ - II (cont'd)

The time is coming when Satan will work miracles right in your sight, claiming that he is Christ; and if your feet are not firmly established upon the truth of God, then you will be led away from your foundation.

[Maranatha 206.6](#)

Satan is determined to keep up the warfare to the end. Coming as an angel of light, claiming to be the Christ, he will deceive the world. But his triumph will be short. No storm or tempest can move those whose feet are planted on the principles of eternal truth. They will be able to stand in this time of almost universal apostasy. [Maranatha 206.7](#)

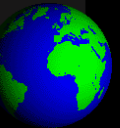


Satanic Miracles - I

There shall be arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. [Matthew 24:24](#).

The enemy is preparing to deceive the whole world by his miracle-working power. He will assume to personate the angels of light, to personate Jesus Christ. [Maranatha 207.1](#)

So far as his power extends, he will perform actual miracles. Says the Scripture: "He . . . deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do," not merely those which he pretends to do. Something more than mere impostures is brought to view in this scripture. [Maranatha 207.2](#)



Satanic Miracles - I (cont'd)

But there is a limit beyond which Satan cannot go, and here he calls deception to his aid and counterfeits the work which he has not power actually to perform. In the last days he will appear in such a manner as to make men believe him to be Christ come the second time into the world. He will indeed transform himself into an angel of light. [Maranatha 207.2](#)

He will come personating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles; and men will fall down and worship him as Jesus Christ. We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ. [Maranatha 207.3](#)

Just before us is *"the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."*
[Revelation 3:10.](#)



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THE SATANIC TEMPLE'S
HELPING HANDS INITIATIVE



Satanic Miracles - I (cont'd)

All whose faith is not firmly established upon the word of God will be deceived and overcome. Satan works "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness" to gain control of the children of men, and his deceptions will continually increase.

But he can gain his object only as men voluntarily yield to his temptations. Those who are earnestly seeking a knowledge of the truth and are striving to purify their souls through obedience, thus doing what they can to prepare for the conflict, will find, in the God of truth, a sure defence.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee" (verse 10), is the Saviour's promise. He would sooner send every angel out of heaven to protect His people than leave one soul that trusts in Him to be overcome by Satan. [Maranatha 207.4](#)



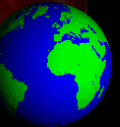
Satanic Miracles - II

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

[Revelation 13:13.](#)

As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith. He sees that the popular churches are already lulled to sleep by his deceptive power.

By pleasing sophistry and lying wonders he can continue to hold them under his control. Therefore he directs his angels to lay their snares especially for those who are looking for the second advent of Christ and endeavouring to keep all the commandments of God. [Maranatha 208.1](#)



Satanic Miracles - II (cont'd)

We are warned that in the last days he will work with signs and lying wonders. And he will continue these wonders until the close of probation, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness. [Maranatha 208.2](#)

Satan will come in to deceive if possible the very elect. He claims to be Christ, and he is coming in, pretending to be the great medical missionary. He will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men to prove that he is God. [Maranatha 208.3](#)

It is the lying wonders of the devil that will take the world captive, and he will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men. He is to work miracles; and this wonderful, miracle working power is to sweep in the whole world. [Maranatha 208.4](#)



Satanic Miracles - II (cont'd)

Some will be tempted to receive these wonders as from God. The sick will be healed before us. Miracles will be performed in our sight. Are we prepared for the trial which awaits us when the lying wonders of Satan shall be more fully exhibited?

Will not many souls be ensnared and taken? By departing from the plain precepts and commandments of God, and giving heed to fables, the minds of many are preparing to receive these lying wonders. We must all now seek to arm ourselves for the contest in which we must soon engage. Faith in God's word, prayerfully studied and practically applied, will be our shield from Satan's power and will bring us off conquerors through the blood of Christ.

[Maranatha 208.5](#)

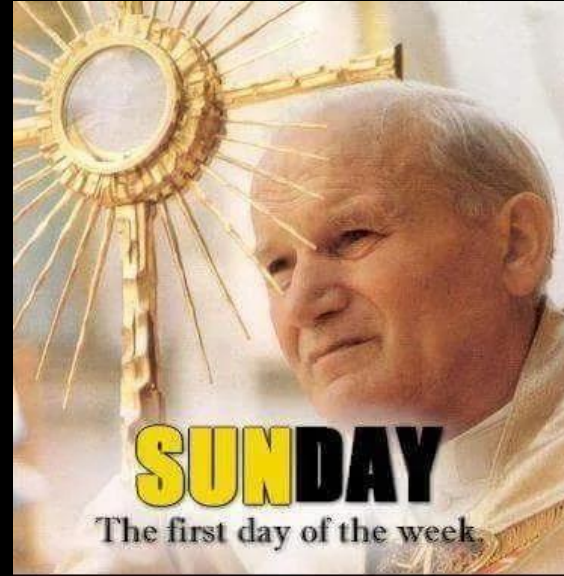


God's People Brought to the Test

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. [Matthew 7:22, 23.](#)

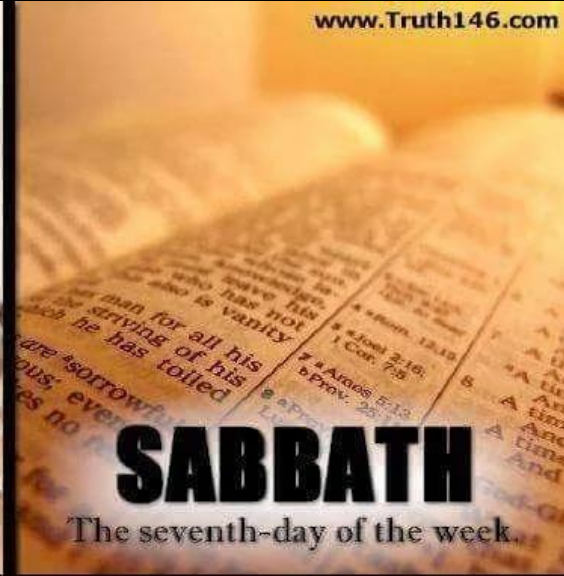
We need not be deceived. Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. God's Word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick, and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed.

These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test. Many who have had great light will fail to walk in the light, because they have not become one with Christ. [Maranatha 209.1](#)



"The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact."
Catholic Record
London Ontario, September 1, 1923

"It is always somewhat laughable, to see the Protestant churches, in pulpit and legislation, demand the observance of Sunday, of which there is nothing in their Bible."
Peter R. Kraemer
Catholic Church Extension Magazine, USA (1975)



"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."
(Exodus 20:8-11)

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."
(Matthew 6:24)



God's People Brought to the Test (cont'd)

I saw our people in great distress, weeping, and praying, pleading the sure promises of God, while the wicked were all around us, mocking us, and threatening to destroy us. They ridiculed our feebleness, they mocked at the smallness of our numbers, and taunted us with words calculated to cut deep.

They charged us with taking an independent position from all the rest of the world. They had cut off our resources so that we could not buy nor sell, and referred to our abject poverty and stricken condition.

They could not see how we could live without the world; we were dependent upon the world, and we must concede to the customs, practices, and laws of the world, or go out of it. If we were the only people in the world whom the Lord favoured the appearances were awfully against us. [Maranatha 209.2](#)



God's People Brought to the Test (cont'd)

They declared that they had the truth, that miracles were among them, that angels from heaven talked with them, and walked with them, that great power, and signs and wonders were performed among them, and this was the Temporal Millennium, which they had been expecting so long.

The whole world was converted and in harmony with the Sunday law, and this little feeble people stood out in defiance of the laws of the land, and the laws of God, and claimed to be the only ones right on the earth. [Maranatha 209.2](#)

God's people will not find their safety in working miracles, for Satan would counterfeit any miracle that might be worked.... They are to take their stand on the living Word--"It is written." [Maranatha 209.3](#)



Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why Do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

*A. **We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.***

The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (1957): 50



Sights of a Supernatural Character

Great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. [Luke 21:11](#).

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; and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled. [Maranatha 210.1](#)

The Saviour's prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem is to have another fulfilment, 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. [Maranatha 210.2](#)



Sights of a Supernatural Character (cont'd)

Signs and wonders appeared, foreboding disaster and doom. In the midst of the night an unnatural light shone over the temple and the altar. Upon the clouds at sunset were pictured chariots and men of war gathering for battle. [Maranatha 210.3](#)

Last Friday morning [August 24, 1906], just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration.

Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. [Maranatha 210.4](#)



Sights of a Supernatural Character (cont'd)

Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons.

The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer.

They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.

[Maranatha 210.5](#)



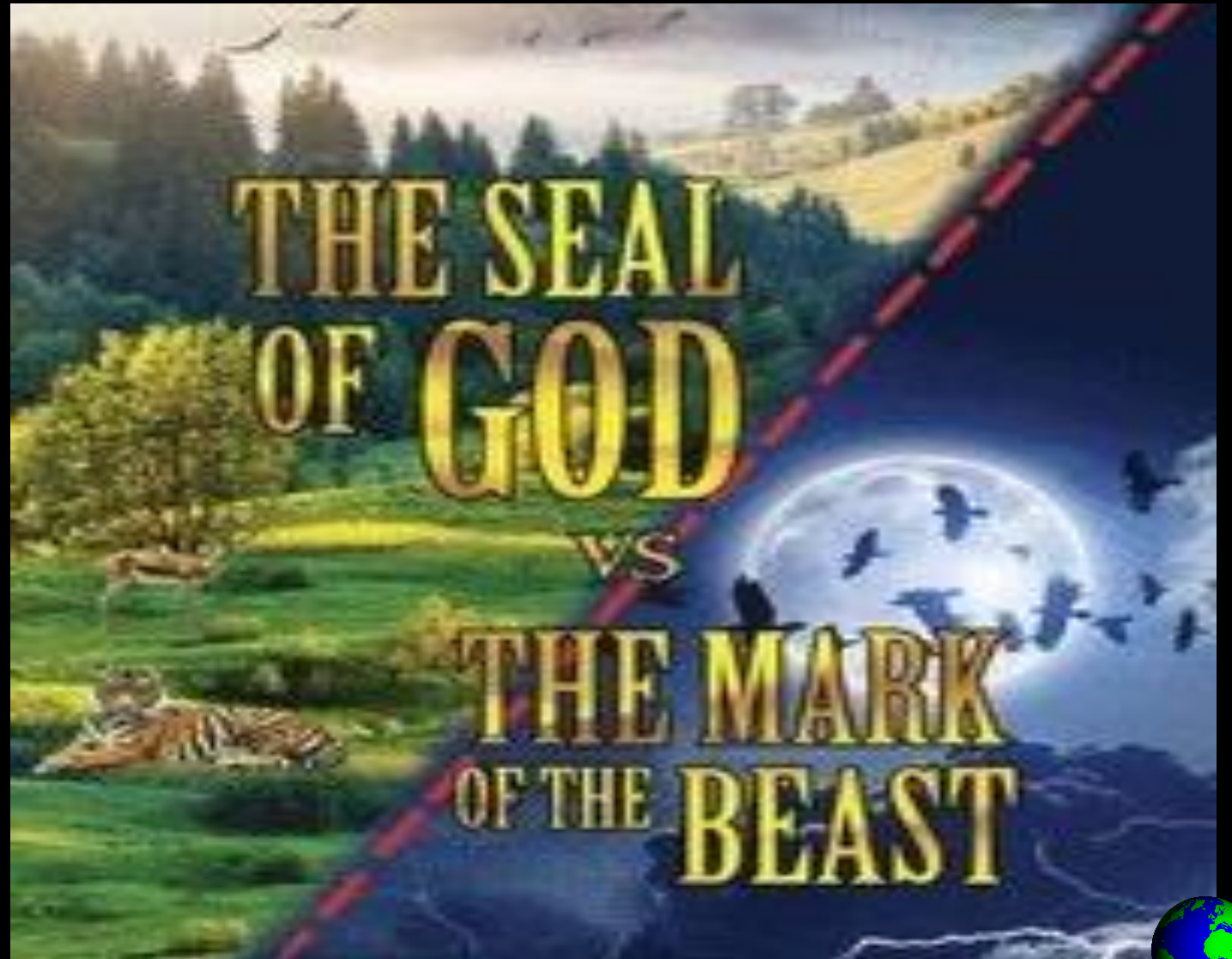
The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast

Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. [Isaiah 8:16](#).

The living righteous will receive the seal of God prior to the close of probation. [Maranatha 211.1](#)

The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of creation. . . . The mark of the beast is the opposite of this--the observance of the first day of the week. [Maranatha 211.2](#)

Sunday keeping is not yet the mark of the beast, and will not be until the decree goes forth causing men to worship this idol sabbath. The time will come when this day will be the test, but that time has not come yet. [Maranatha 211.3](#)



The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast (cont'd)

No one has yet received the mark of the beast. The testing time has not yet come. There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion.

None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment.

But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true.

Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast. [Maranatha 211.4](#)



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 Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast (cont'd)

If the light of truth has been presented to you, revealing the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and showing that there is no foundation in the Word of God for Sunday observance, and yet you still cling to the false sabbath, refusing to keep holy the Sabbath which God calls "my holy day," you receive the mark of the beast.

When does this take place? When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labour on Sunday and worship God, while you know that there is not a word in the Bible showing Sunday to be other than a common working day, you consent to receive the mark of the beast, and refuse the seal of God. [Maranatha 211.5](#)

In a little while every one who is a child of God will have His seal placed upon him. O that it may be placed upon our foreheads! Who can endure the thought of being passed by when the angel goes forth to seal the servants of God in their foreheads? [Maranatha 211.6](#)

**The Seal
of God**

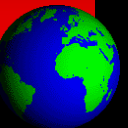


**A reflection
of God's
character
in our
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**The Mark
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Beast**



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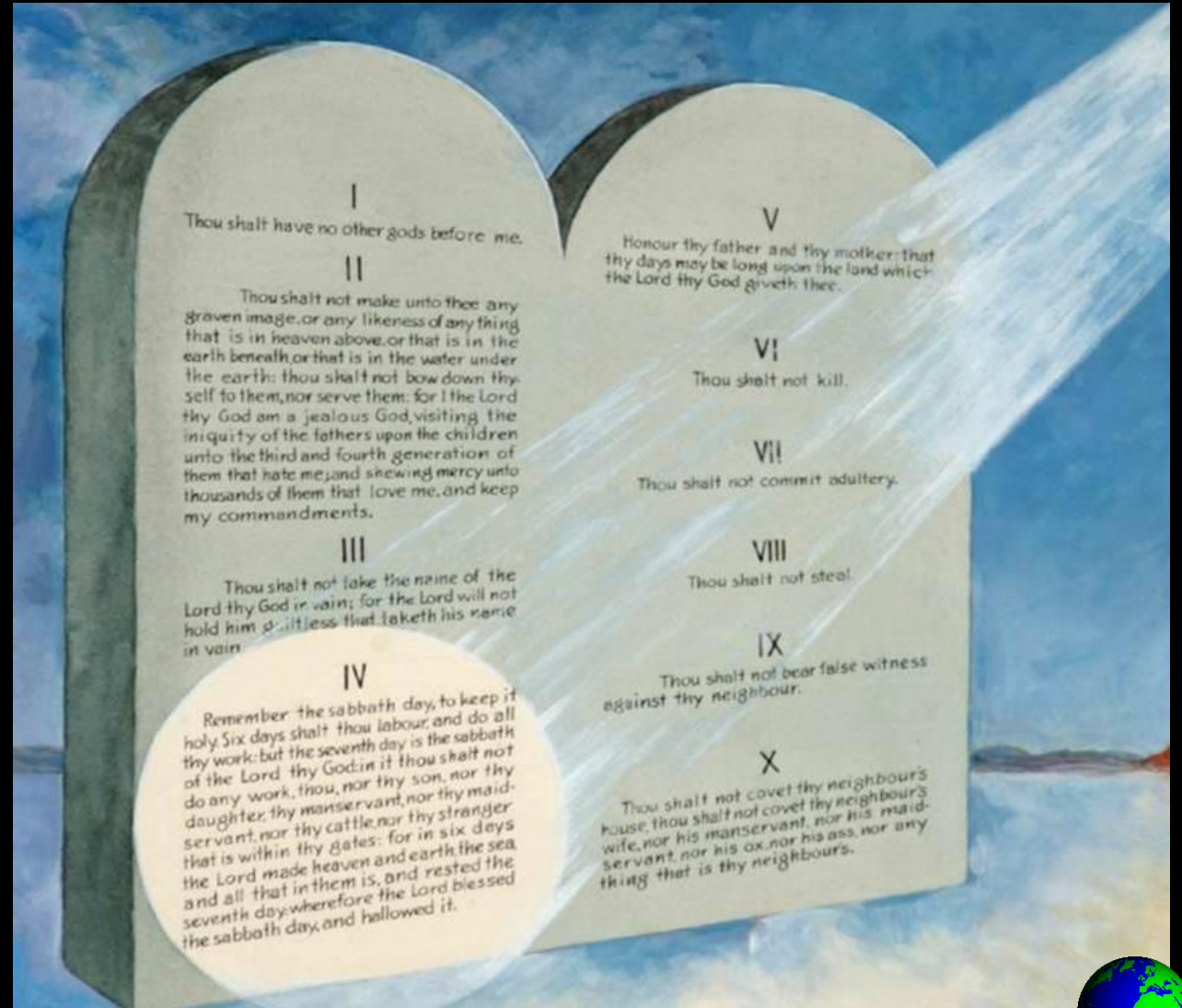


The Sealing and the Latter Rain

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. [2 Timothy 2:19](#).

Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God's people is finished, we shall receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Angels from heaven will be in our midst. [Maranatha 212.1](#)

Our heavenly Father claims not at our hands that which we cannot perform. He desires His people to labour earnestly to carry out His purpose for them. They are to pray for power, expect power, and receive power, that they may grow up into the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. [Maranatha 212.2](#)



The Sealing and the Latter Rain (cont'd)

Not all members of the church are cultivating personal piety; therefore they do not understand their personal responsibility. They do not realize that it is their privilege and duty to reach the high standard of Christian perfection. . . .

Are we looking forward to the latter rain, confidently hoping for a better day, when the church shall be endued with power from on high and thus fitted for work?

The latter rain will never refresh and invigorate the indolent, who do not use the powers God has given them.

[Maranatha 212.3](#)

We are in great need of the pure, life-giving atmosphere that nurtures and invigorates the spiritual life.



**IS THE SEVENTH-DAY
SABBATH THE SEAL OF GOD?**



The Sealing and the Latter Rain (cont'd)

We need greater earnestness. The solemn message given us to give to the world is to be proclaimed with greater fervency, even with an intensity that will impress unbelievers, leading them to see that the Most High is working with us, that He is the source of our efficiency and strength. . . . [Maranatha 212.4](#)

Are you using all your powers in an effort to bring the lost sheep back to the fold? There are thousands upon thousands in ignorance who might be warned. Pray as you have never prayed before for the power of Christ. Pray for the inspiration of His Spirit, that you may be filled with a desire to save those who are perishing.

Let the prayer ascend to heaven, "*God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations*" ([Psalms 67:1, 2](#)). [Maranatha 212.5](#)



The Remnant and the Sealing

And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? [Zechariah 3:2](#).

The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects; he has gained control of the apostate churches.

But here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God.

All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. Those who will be true to God and to duty will be menaced, denounced, and proscribed. They will be betrayed "both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends." [Maranatha 213.1](#)



The Remnant and the Sealing (cont'd)

Their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defence will be prayer. As Joshua was pleading before the Angel, so the remnant church, with brokenness of heart and earnest faith, will plead for pardon and deliverance through Jesus their Advocate. . . . [Maranatha 213.2](#)

Satan urges before God his accusations against them, declaring that they have by their sins forfeited the divine protection, and claiming the right to destroy them as transgressors. . . . [Maranatha 213.3](#)

But while the followers of Christ have sinned, they have not given themselves to the control of evil. They have put away their sins, and have sought the Lord in humility and contrition, and the divine Advocate pleads in their behalf. . . .

[Maranatha 213.4](#)



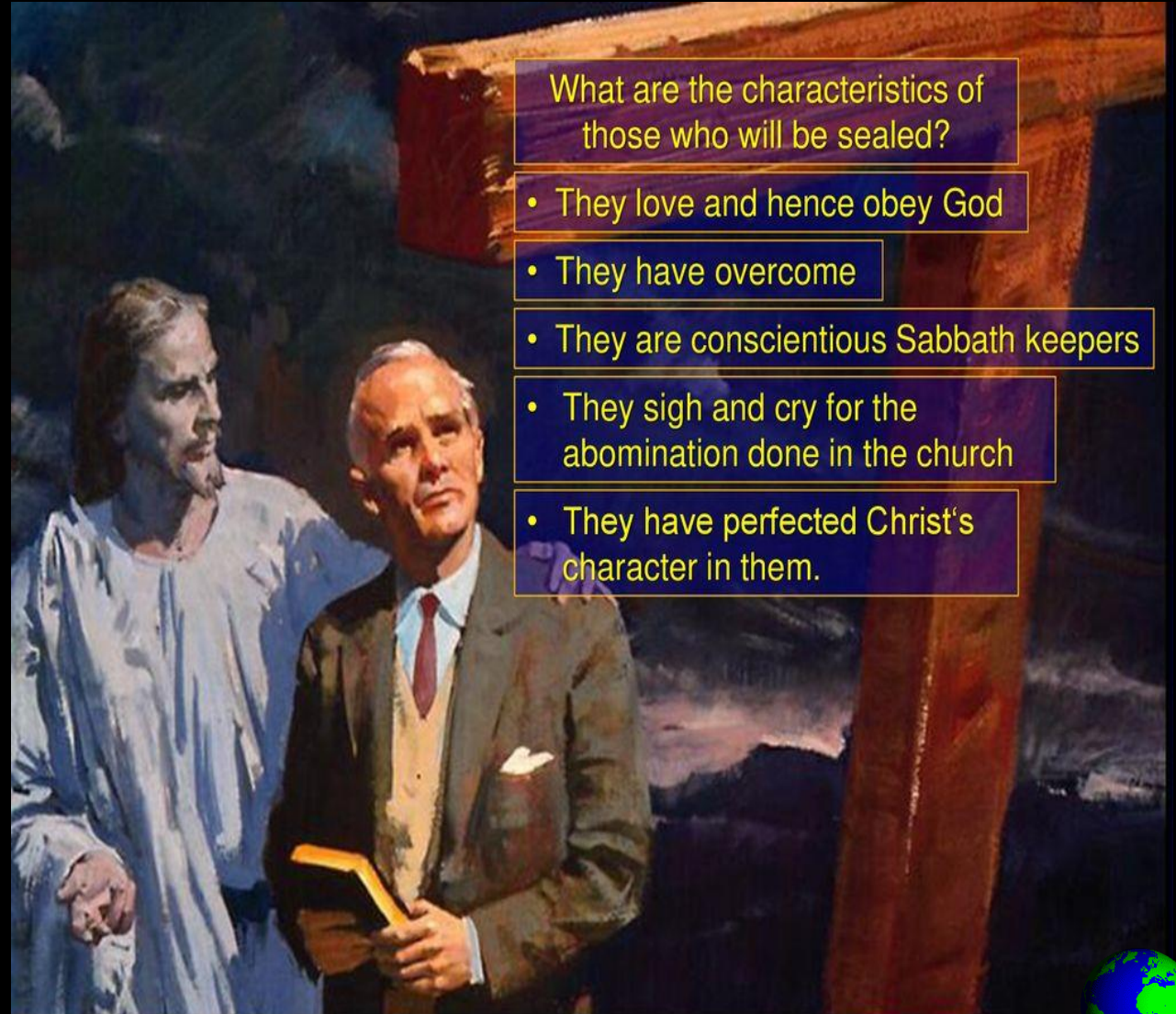
The Remnant and the Sealing (cont'd)

The people of God are sighing and crying for the abominations done in the land. With tears they warn the wicked of their danger in trampling upon the divine law, and with unutterable sorrow they humble themselves before the Lord on account of their own transgressions.

The wicked mock their sorrow, ridicule their solemn appeals, and sneer at what they term their weakness. But the anguish and humiliation of God's people is unmistakable evidence that they are regaining the strength and nobility of character lost in consequence of sin. . . .

[Maranatha 213.5](#)

While Satan was urging his accusations, holy angels, unseen, were passing to and fro, placing upon them the seal of the living God. [Maranatha 213.6](#)



What are the characteristics of those who will be sealed?

- They love and hence obey God
- They have overcome
- They are conscientious Sabbath keepers
- They sigh and cry for the abomination done in the church
- They have perfected Christ's character in them.



All Nations Follow America's Lead

When all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. [Daniel 3:7](#).

History will be repeated. False religion will be exalted. The first day of the week, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, will be set up as was the image at Babylon. All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath.

This is Satan's plan to make of no account the day instituted by God, and given to the world as a memorial of creation. [Maranatha 214.1](#)



All Nations Follow America's Lead (cont'd)

The decree enforcing the worship of this day is to go forth to all the world.

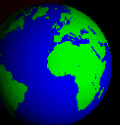
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As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honour the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. [Maranatha 214.3](#)

Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.

[Maranatha 214.4](#)

Nations will be stirred to their very centre. Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character.



All Nations Follow America's Lead (cont'd)

And all who will not bow to the decree of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin, to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast. [Maranatha 214.5](#)

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.

To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death. [Maranatha 214.6](#)



A Sunday Law

And that no man might **BUY** or **SELL** save he that had the **MARK**, or the name of the **BEAST**, or the number of his name.
(Revelation 13:17)

Is Coming

The poster features a man in a red suit and white cap, seen from behind, with a globe in the bottom right corner.

The Beginning of the End

Evil on evil! says the Lord the Eternal--it is coming, the hour has come, the hour is striking, and striking at you, the hour and the end! [Ezekiel 7:5, 6](#).

Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," shall conform to the customs of the church by observance of the false sabbath.

All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death. On the other hand, the law of God enjoining the Creator's rest day demands obedience, and threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts. [Maranatha 215.1](#)

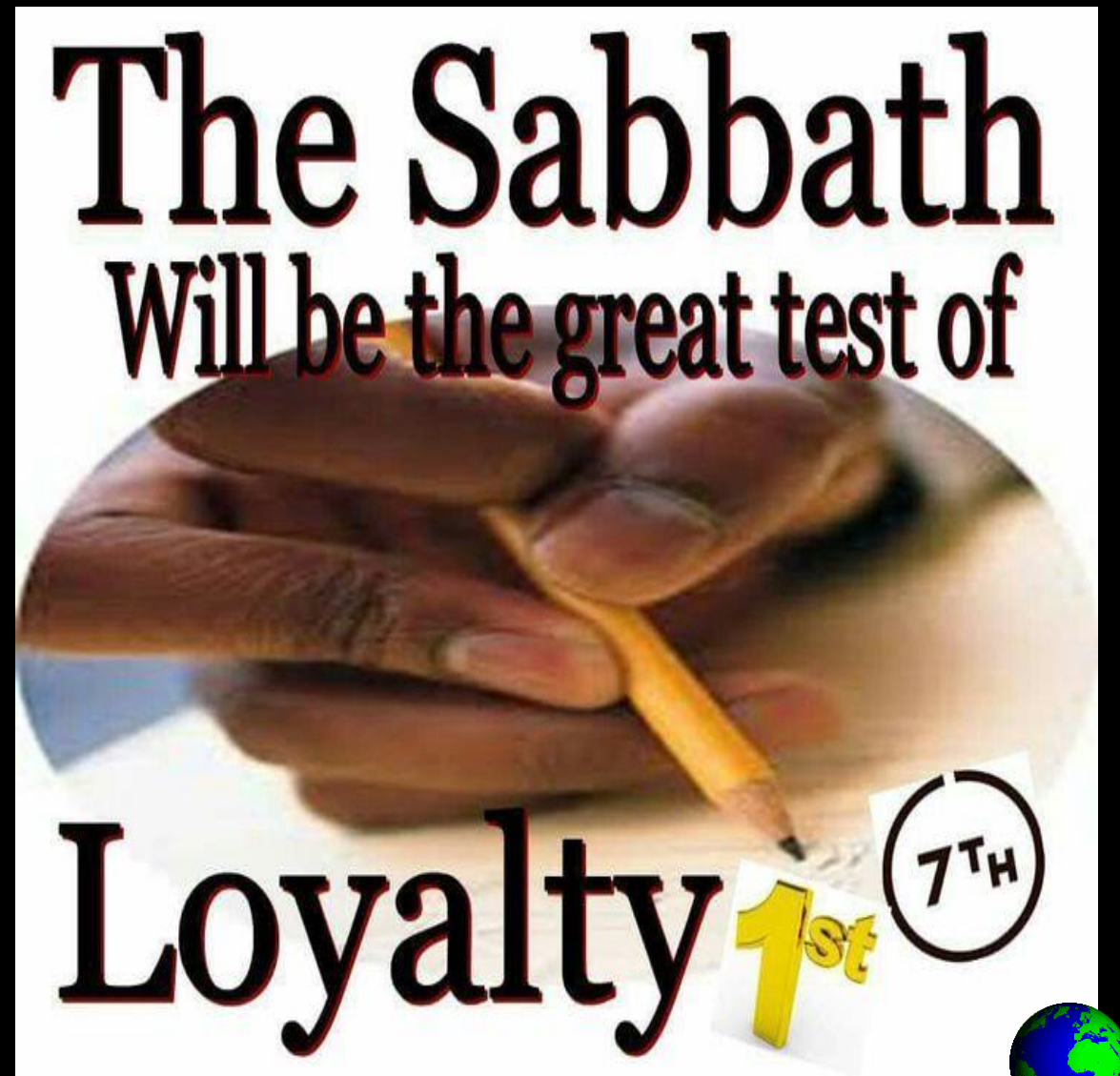


The Beginning of the End (cont'd)

With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whosoever shall trample upon God's law to obey a human enactment, receives the mark of the beast; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God. . . . [Maranatha 215.2](#)

The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not.

While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of an allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator.




The Beginning of the End (cont'd)

While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other, choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God.

[Maranatha 215.3](#)

Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have been often regarded as mere alarmists. . . . But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before. [Maranatha 215.4](#)



The observance of the Lord's memorial, the Sabbath instituted in Eden, the seventh-day Sabbath, is the test of our loyalty to God.

{Last Day Events, 220.5}

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National Ruin Follows National Apostasy

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. [Isaiah 24:5](#).

The people of the United States have been a favoured people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and "national apostasy" will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin.

[Maranatha 216.1](#)

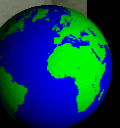
By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness.

Targeting America

Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state. This national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin"

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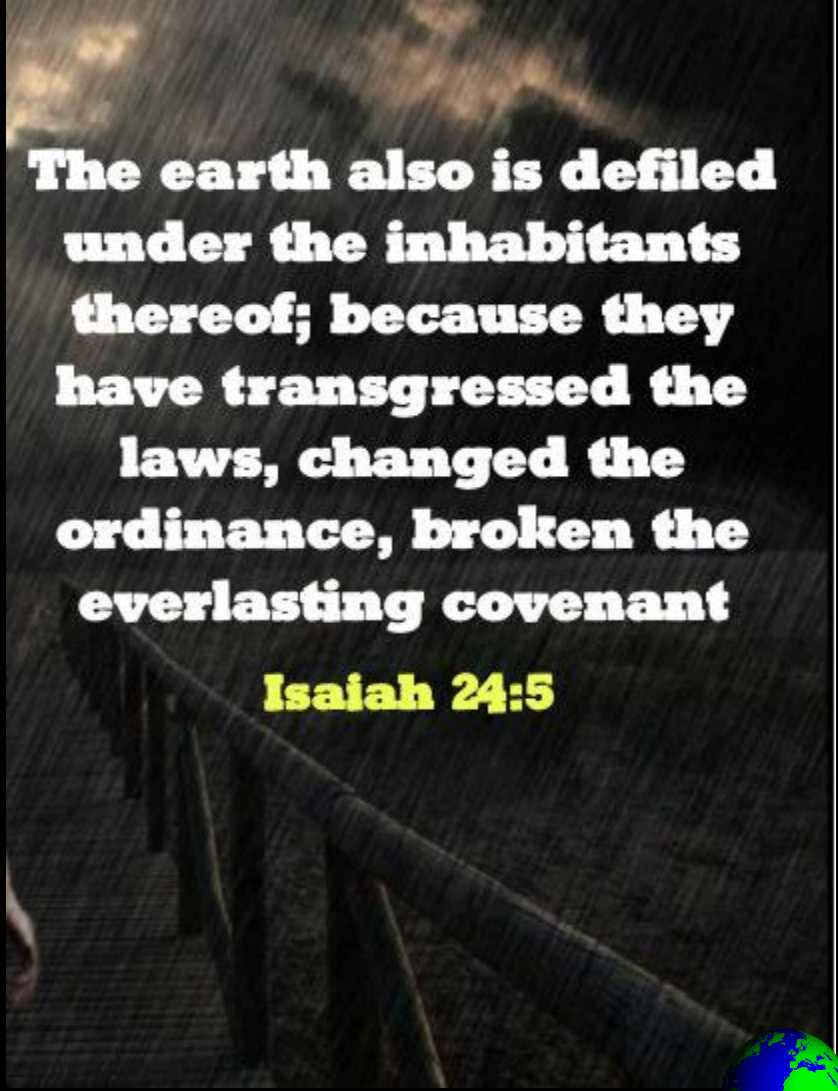


National Ruin Follows National Apostasy (cont'd)

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 marvellous working of Satan and that the end is near. [Maranatha 216.2](#)

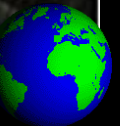
Through spiritualism, Satan appears as a benefactor of the race, healing the diseases of the people, and professing to present a new and more exalted system of religious faith; but at the same time he works as a destroyer. . . . [Maranatha 216.3](#)

While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. . . . [Maranatha 216.4](#)



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everlasting covenant**

Isaiah 24:5




National Ruin Follows National Apostasy (cont'd)


And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. [Maranatha 216.5](#)

As men depart further and further from God, Satan is permitted to have power over the children of disobedience. He hurls destruction among men. There is calamity by land and sea. Property and life are destroyed by fire and flood. Satan resolves to charge this upon those who refuse to bow to the idol which he has set up. His agents point to Seventh-day Adventists as the cause of the trouble.

"These people stand out in defiance of law," they say. "They desecrate Sunday. Were they compelled to obey the law for Sunday observance, there would be a cessation of these terrible judgments." [Maranatha 216.6](#)




Climate Sunday

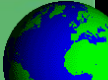


'One of the early Christians said there are three dimensions to the cross – the vertical, which is about reconciliation with God; the horizontal, which is about reconciliation to other humans; and finally the **cross is firmly planted into the earth, which calls us to reconcile with creation.**'

Shane Claiborne



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The World Against God's People

The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

[Revelation 12:17.](#)

Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice, but a change will come. The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring commandment-keeping people into prominence. [Maranatha 217.1](#)

The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-day Adventists, because they will not yield homage to the papacy, by honoring Sunday, the institution of this antichristian power. It is the purpose of Satan to cause them to be blotted from the earth, in order that his supremacy of the world may not be disputed. [Maranatha 217.2](#)

*“God and the world
will never agree.
We shall never be
able to serve both.”*

Charles Spurgeon



The World Against God's People (cont'd)

Every position of truth taken by our people will bear the criticism of the greatest minds; the highest of the world's great men will be brought in contact with truth, and therefore every position we take should be critically examined and tested by the Scriptures. Now we seem to be unnoticed, but this will not always be. Movements are at work to bring us to the front, and if our theories of truth can be picked to pieces by historians or the world's greatest men, it will be done. [Maranatha 217.3](#)

We must individually know for ourselves what is truth, and be prepared to give a reason of the hope that we have with meekness and fear, not in a proud, boasting, self-sufficiency, but with the spirit of Christ. We are nearing the time when we shall stand individually alone to answer for our belief. [Maranatha 217.4](#)

TRUTH

**is not subject
to your opinion**

According to the Bible

**SUNDAY IS NOT
THE SABBATH DAY**



The World Against God's People (cont'd)

We shall be attacked on every point; we shall be tried to the utmost. We do not want to hold our faith simply because it was handed down to us by our fathers. Such a faith will not stand the terrible test that is before us. We want to know why we are Seventh-day Adventists, what real reason we have for coming out from the world as a separate and distinct people. . . . [Maranatha 217.5](#)

The powers of darkness will open their batteries upon us; and all who are indifferent and careless, who have set their affections on their earthly treasure, and who have not cared to understand God's dealings with His people, will be ready victims. No power but a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, will ever make us steadfast; but with this, one may chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. [Maranatha 217.6](#)

**I Refuse to Remain
Silent**



**Sunday is NOT
The Sabbath
of the Lord**



The Angel of Revelation 18

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. Revelation 18:1.

The prophecies in the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel's message, "another angel" is to "come down from heaven, having great power," and the earth is to be "lightened with his glory."

The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously bless consecrated human instrumentalities that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and thanksgiving, filling the earth with the knowledge of God, and with His unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea. [Maranatha 218.1](#)



The Angel of Revelation 18 (cont'd)

Those who have held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be wide-awake during the time that the third angel's message is proclaimed with great power. During the loud cry, the church, aided by the providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light will be communicated to every city and town.

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere. [Maranatha 218.2](#)

There is to be, at this period, a series of events which will reveal that God is Master of the situation. The truth will be proclaimed in clear, unmistakable language. As a people, we must prepare the way of the Lord, under the overruling guidance of the Holy Spirit.



1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.



The Angel of Revelation 18 (cont'd)

The gospel is to be given in its purity. The stream of living water is to deepen and widen in its course. In all fields, nigh and afar off, men will be called from the plough and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind, and will be educated in connection with men of experience.

As they learn to labour effectively, they will proclaim the truth with power. Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulties will be removed, and cast into the sea. The message that means so much to the dwellers upon the earth will be heard and understood.

Men will know what is truth. Onward, and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned. And then shall the end come. [Maranatha 218.3](#)

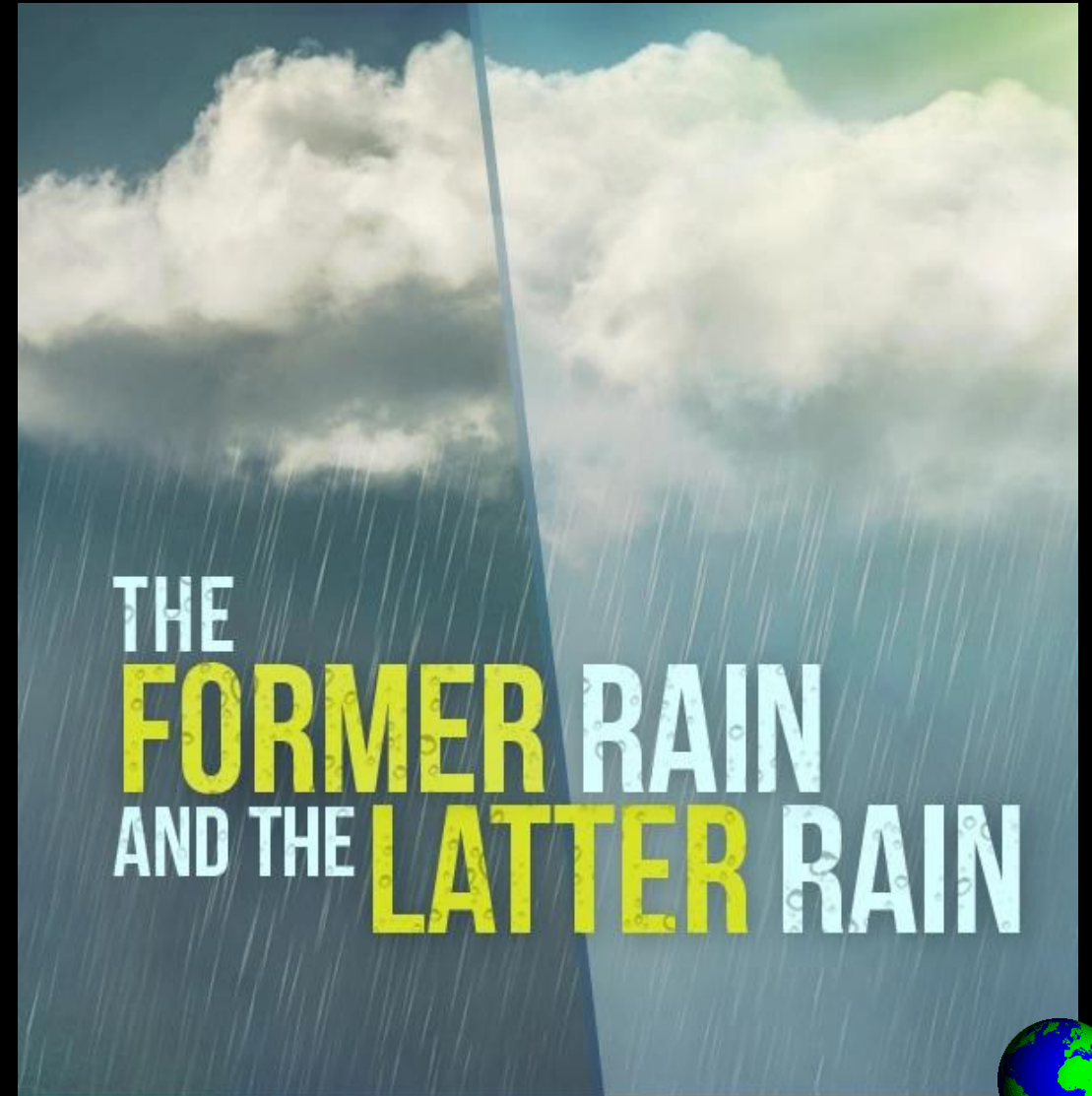


The Early and the Latter Rain

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. Joel 2:23.

There is to be in the churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of their heart by confession and repentance.

In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their expectations and ideal, they will oppose the work.



The Early and the Latter Rain (cont'd)

"Why," they say, "should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?" Because they did not respond to the warnings, the entreaties, of the messages of God, but persistently said, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." [Maranatha 219.1](#)

Talent, long experience, will not make men channels of light unless they place themselves under the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, and are called, and chosen, and prepared by the endowment of the Holy Spirit.

When men who handle sacred things will humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, the Lord will lift them up.

The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain, and prepares it for the sickle.

Joel 2:23

Former and Latter Rain

In Due Season



The Early and the Latter Rain (cont'd)

He will make them men of discernment--men rich in the grace of His Spirit. Their strong, selfish traits of character and their stubbornness will be seen in the light shining from the Light of the world. "I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." If you seek the Lord with all your heart, He will be found of you. [Maranatha 219.2](#)

There must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it. [Maranatha 219.3](#)

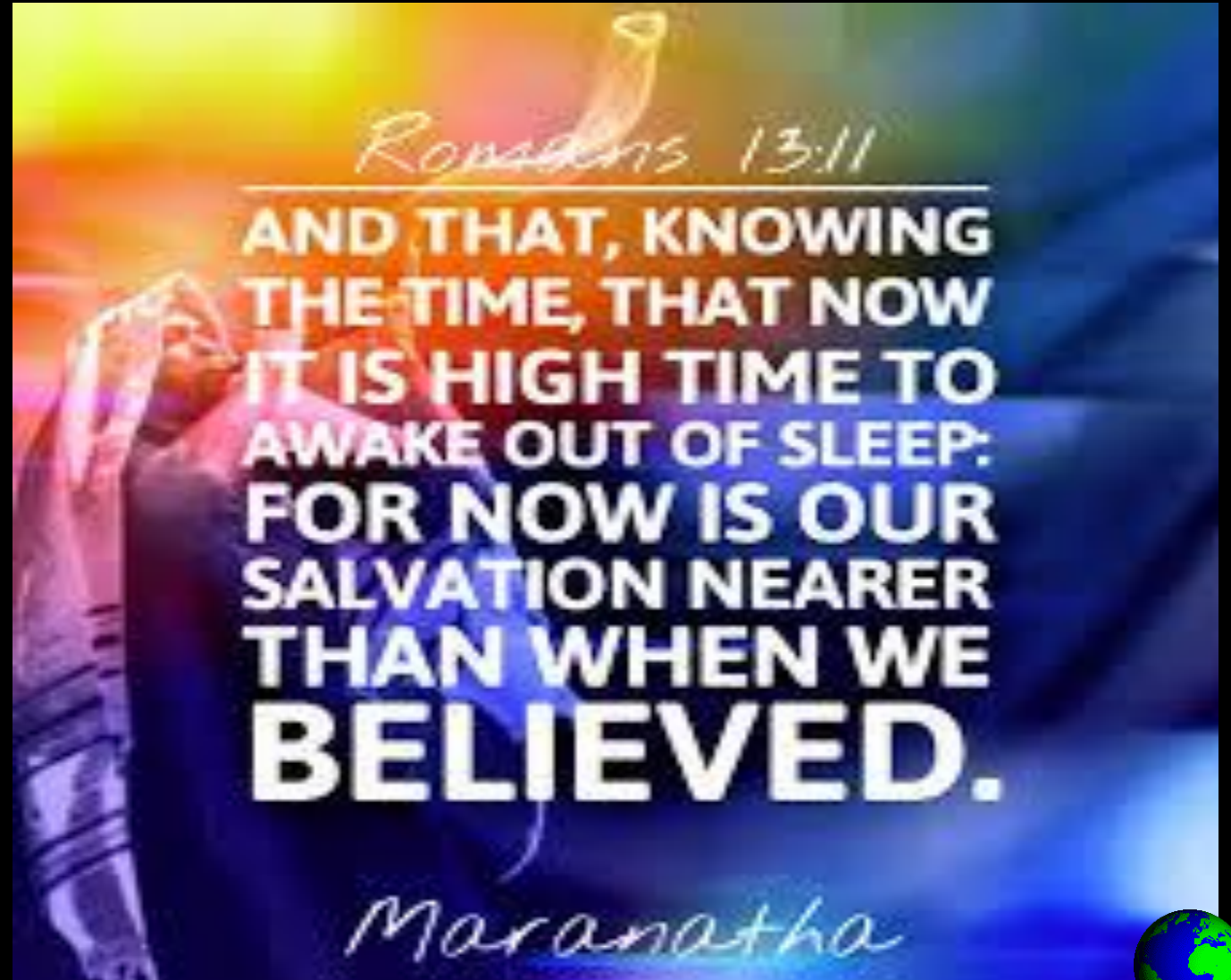


Conclusion: High Time to Awake!

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. [Romans 13:11, 12](#).

The great controversy is nearing its end. Every report of calamity by sea or land is a testimony to the fact that the end of all things is at hand. Wars and rumours of wars declare it.

Is there a Christian whose pulse does not beat with quickened action as he anticipates the great events opening before us? The Lord is coming. We hear the footsteps of an approaching God. [Maranatha 220.1](#)

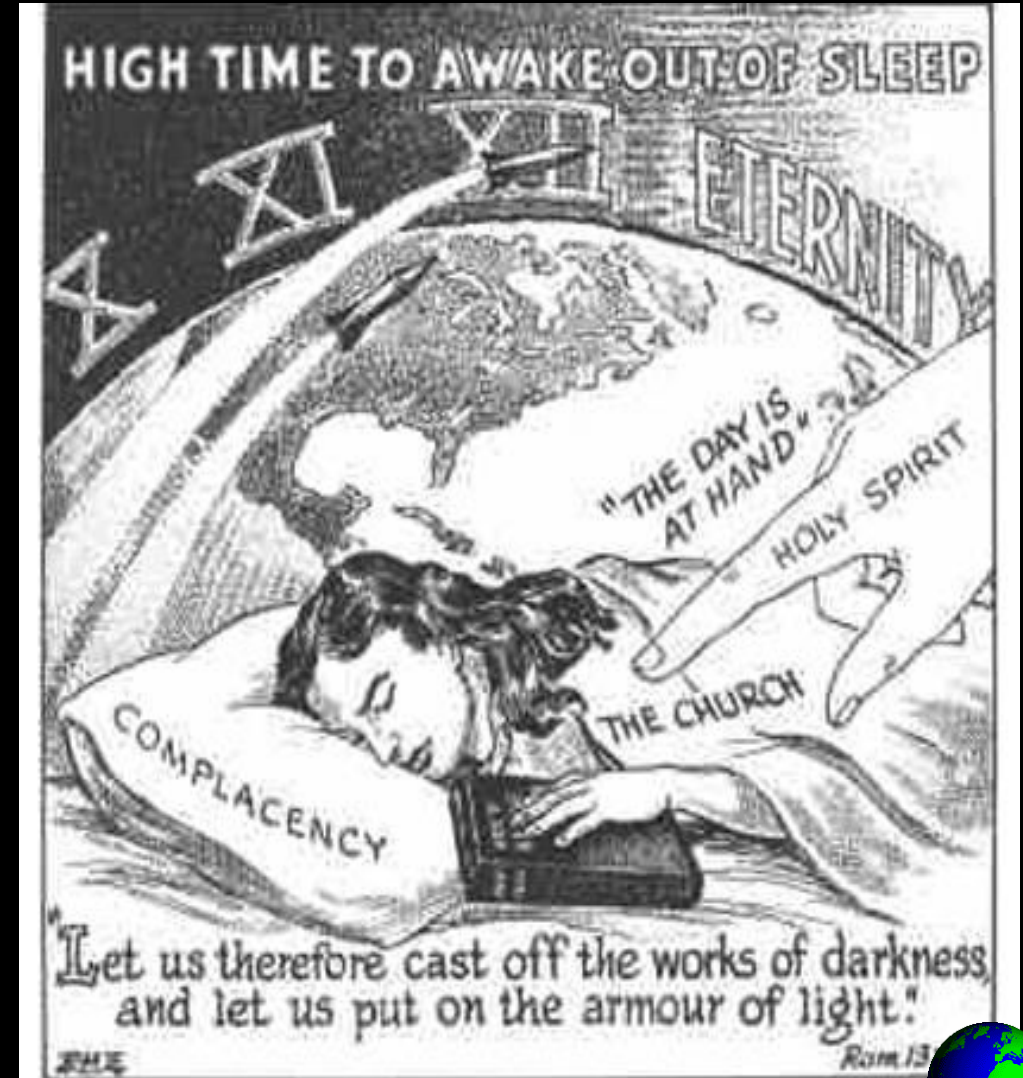


Conclusion: High Time to Awake! (cont'd)

This knowledge of the nearness of Christ's coming should not be allowed to lose its force, and we become careless and inattentive, and fall into slumber--into an insensibility and indifference to realities. In slumber we are in an unreal world, and not sensible of the things which are taking place around us. . . . [Maranatha 220.2](#)

There are those who have the blazing light of truth shining all around them, and yet are insensible to it. They are enchanted by the enemy, held under a spell by his bewitching power. They are not preparing for that great day which is soon to come to our world. They seem utterly insensible to religious truth. [Maranatha 220.3](#)

Are there not some youth who are awake? Those who see that the night cometh, and also the morning, should work with untiring energy to arouse their sleeping associates.



Conclusion: High Time to Awake! (cont'd)

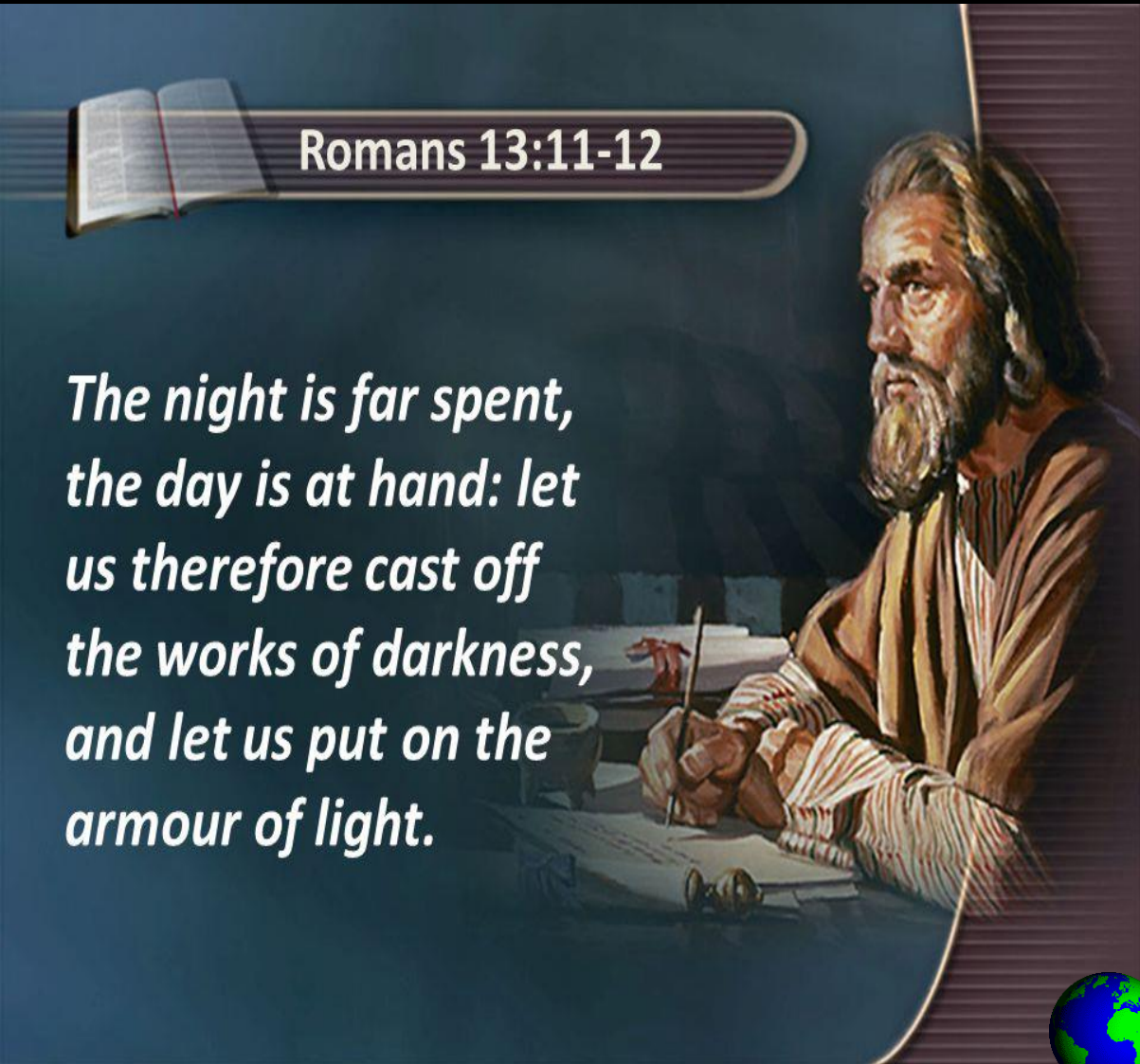
Can they not feel their peril, pray for them, and show them by their own life and character that they believe themselves that Christ is soon to come? . . .

The rapidly diminishing space of time between us and eternity should more deeply impress us. Every day that passes makes one less left us to complete our work of perfecting character. . . .

[Maranatha 220.4](#)

As long as there are many asleep, many sporting away the precious hours in careless indifference, as it were, upon the very brink of the eternal world, those who do believe must be sober, must be awake, must be earnest and diligent, and watch unto prayer. . . . [Maranatha 220.5](#)

Have you, dear youth, your lamps trimmed and burning? [Maranatha 220.6](#)

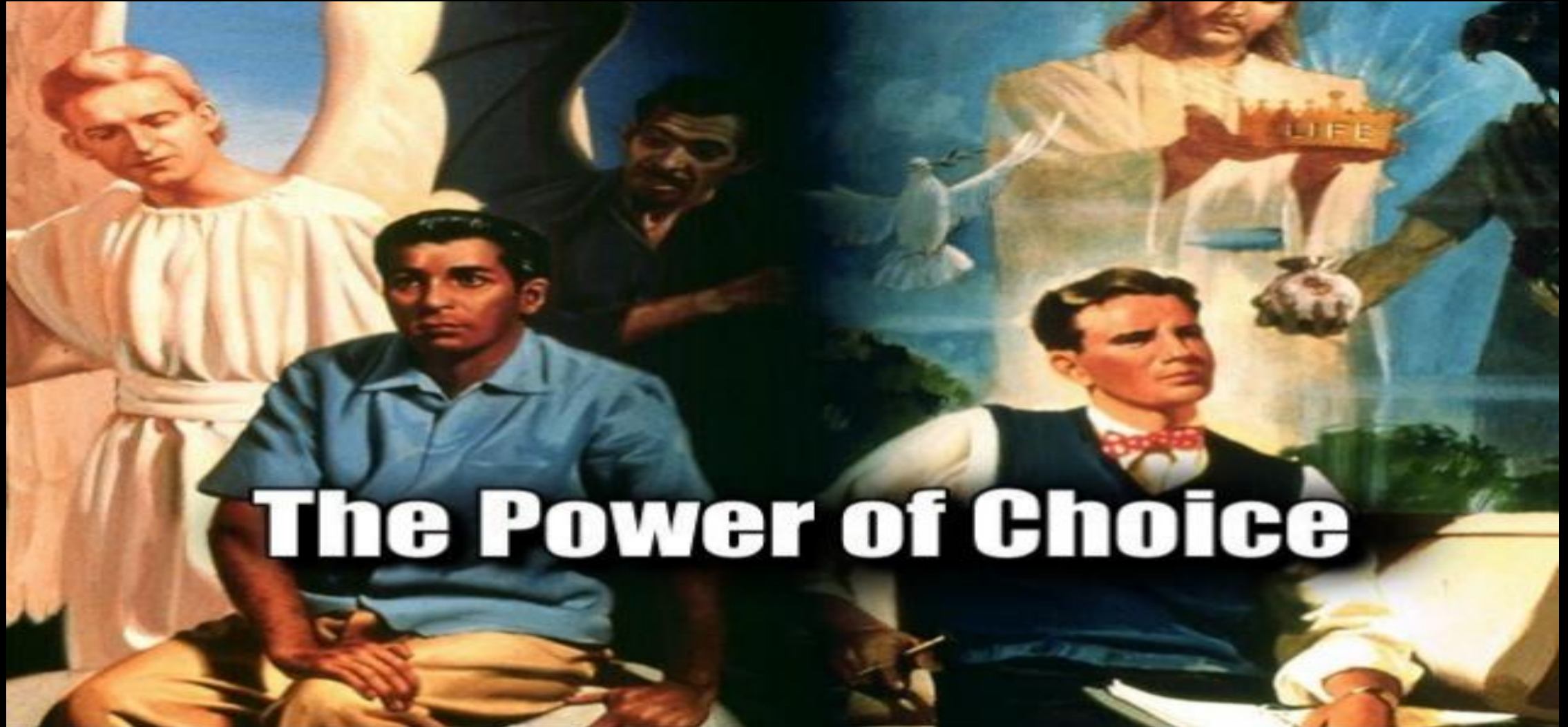


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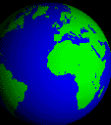
*The night is far spent,
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God has given all:



The Power of Choice





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?