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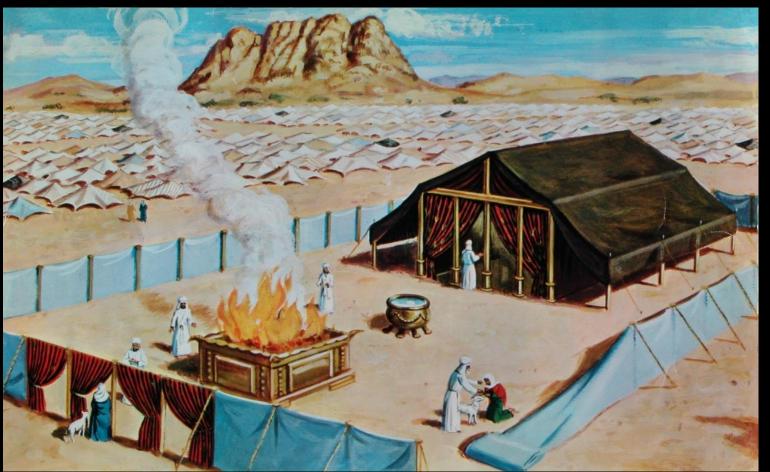
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Exodus 25:8

**Psalms 77:13** 



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**ISAIAH 42:11** 



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### Introduction - The Divine Ideal

Although everything God had made was in the perfection of beauty, and there seemed nothing wanting upon the earth which God had created to make Adam and Eve happy, yet He manifested His great love to them by planting a garden especially for them. A portion of their time was to be occupied in the happy employment of dressing the garden, and a portion in receiving the visits of angels, listening to their instruction, and in happy meditation. Their labour was not wearisome, but pleasant and invigorating. This beautiful garden was to be their home, their special residence.—Spiritual Gifts 3:34.



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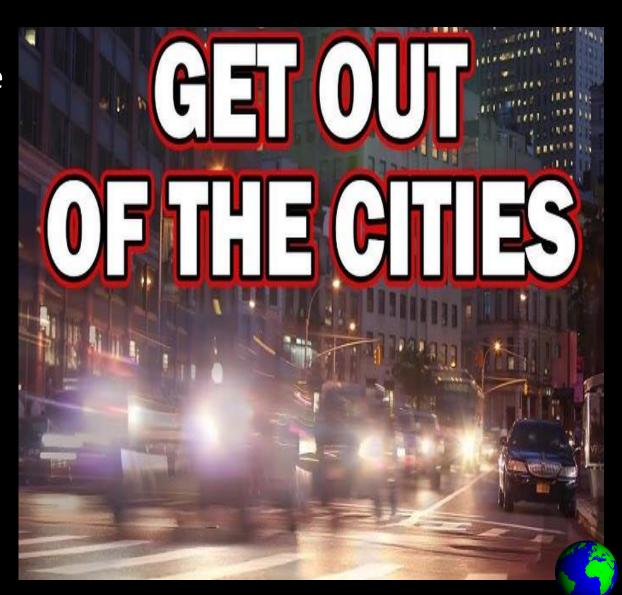
What were the conditions chosen by the infinite Father for His Son? A secluded home in the Galilean hills; a household sustained by honest, self-respecting labour; a life of simplicity; daily conflict with difficulty and hardship; self-sacrifice, economy, and patient, gladsome service; the hour of study at His mother's side, with the open scroll of Scripture; the quiet of dawn or twilight in the green valley; the holy ministries of nature; the study of creation and providence; and the soul's communion with God—these were the conditions and opportunities of the early life of Jesus.—The Ministry of Healing, 365, 366.



### Away From the Cities

Get out of the cities as soon as possible and purchase a little piece of land where you can have a garden, where your children can watch the flowers growing and learn from them lessons of simplicity and purity.—Selected Messages 2:356.

Out of the cities, is my message at this time. Be assured that the call is for our people to locate miles away from the large cities. One look at San Francisco as it is today would speak to your intelligent minds, showing you the necessity of getting out of the cities....



### Away From the Cities (cont'd)

The Lord calls for His people to locate away from the cities, for in such an hour as ye think not, fire and brimstone will be rained from heaven upon these cities. Proportionate to their sins will be their visitation. When one city is destroyed, let not our people regard this matter as a light affair, and think that they may, if favourable opportunity offers, build themselves homes in that same destroyed city....

Let all who would understand the meaning of these things read the eleventh chapter of Revelation. Read every verse, and learn the things that are yet to take place in the cities. Read also the scenes portrayed in the eighteenth chapter of the same book.—MR 1518 (May 10, 1906).

Fathers and mothers who possess a piece of land and a comfortable home are kings and queens.—The Adventist Home, 141.



### Cities to Be Worked From Outposts

As God's commandment-keeping people we must leave the cities. As did Enoch, we must work in the cities but not dwell in them.—Evangelism, 77, 78.

The cities are to be worked from outposts. Said the messenger of God, "Shall not the cities be warned? Yes, not by God's people living in them but by their visiting them, to warn them of what is coming upon the earth."—
Selected Messages 2:358.

For years I have been given special light that we are not to center our work in the cities. The turmoil and confusion that fill these cities, the conditions brought about by the labour unions and the strikes, would prove a great hindrance to our work.—Testimonies for the Church 7:84.



#### Cities to Be Worked From Outposts (cont'd)

When iniquity abounds in a nation there is always to be heard some voice giving warning and instruction, as the voice of Lot was heard in Sodom. Yet Lot could have preserved his family from many evils had he not made his home in this wicked, polluted city. All that Lot and his family did in Sodom could have been done by them even if they had lived in a place some distance away from the city.—Evangelism, 78.

For the present, some will be obliged to labour in Chicago, but these should be preparing working centres in rural districts from which to work the city. The Lord would have His people looking about them and securing humble, inexpensive places as centres for their work. And from time-to-time larger places will come to their notice, which they will be able to secure at a surprisingly low price.—Evangelism, 402.



### Rich Blessings in a Natural Environment

We say again, "Out of the cities." Do not consider it a great deprivation that you must go into the hills and mountains, but seek for that retirement where you can be alone with God, to learn His will and way.... I urge our people to make it their lifework to seek for spirituality. Christ is at the door. This is why I say to our people, "Do not consider it a privation when you are called to leave the cities and move out into the country places. Here there await rich blessings for those who will grasp them. By beholding the scenes of nature, the works of the Creator, by studying God's handiwork, imperceptibly you will be changed into the same image."— Selected Messages 2:355, 356.



### Character Development Easier in the Country

Parents flock with their families to the cities because they fancy it easier to obtain a livelihood there than in the country. The children, having nothing to do when not in school, obtain a street education. From evil associates they acquire habits of vice and dissipation.— Testimonies for the Church 5:232.

Send the children to schools located in the city, where every phase of temptation is waiting to attract and demoralize them, and the work of character building is tenfold harder for both parents and children.—
Fundamentals of Christian Education, 326.

The cities are filled with temptation. We should plan our work in such a way as to keep our young people as far as possible from this contamination.—The Adventist Home, 136.



### Character Development Easier in the Country

It is time for our people to take their families from the cities into more retired localities, else many of the youth, and many also of those older in years, will be ensnared and taken by the enemy.—

Testimonies for the Church 8:101.

There is not one family in a hundred who will be improved physically, mentally, or spiritually, by residing in the city. Faith, hope, love, happiness, can far better be gained in retired places, where there are fields and hills and trees. Take your children away from the sights and sounds of the city, away from the rattle and din of streetcars and teams, and their minds will become more healthy. It will be found easier to bring home to their hearts the truth of the Word of God.—The Adventist Home, 137.



### Better Physical Health in Rural Environment

It is not God's will that His people shall settle in the cities, where there is constant turmoil and confusion. Their children should be spared this, for the whole system is demoralized by the hurry and rush and noise.—Selected Messages 2:357.

To many of those living in the cities who have not a spot of green grass to set their feet upon, who year after year have looked out upon filthy courts and narrow alleys, brick walls and pavements and skies clouded with dust and smoke—if these could be taken to some farming district, surrounded with the green fields, the woods and hills and brooks, the clear skies and the fresh, pure air of the country, it would seem almost like heaven.— The Ministry of Healing, 191, 192.





#### Better Physical Health in Rural Environment (cont'd)

The physical surroundings in the cities are often a peril to health. The constant liability to contact with disease, the prevalence of foul air, impure water, impure food, the crowded, dark, unhealthful dwellings, are some of the many evils to be met. It was not God's purpose that people should be crowded into cities, huddled together in terraces and tenements.— The Ministry of Healing, 365.



### Raise Your Own Provisions

The Lord desires His people to move into the country, where they can settle on the land, and raise their own fruit and vegetables, and where their children can be brought in direct contact with the works of God in nature. Take your families away from the cities, is my message.—Selected Messages 2:357, 358.

Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions, for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one. We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies.—Selected Messages 2:141.





### Locate Institutions "Just Out From the Large Cities"

Let men of sound judgment be appointed, not to publish abroad their intentions, but to search for such properties in the rural districts, in easy access to the cities, suitable for small training schools for workers, and where facilities may also be provided for treating the sick and weary souls who know not the truth. Look for such places just out from the large cities, where suitable buildings may be secured, either as a gift from the owners or purchased at a reasonable price by the gifts of our people. Do not erect buildings in the noisy cities.—Evangelism, 77.



### Locate Institutions "Just Out From the Large Cities" (cont'd)

Should schools be located in the cities or within a few miles from them it would be most difficult to counteract the influence of the former education which students have received in regard to these holidays and the practices connected with them, such as horse racing, betting, and the offering of prizes....

We shall find it necessary to establish our schools out of, and away from, the cities, and yet not so far away that they cannot be in touch with them, to do them good, to let light shine amid the moral darkness.—Fundamentals of Christian Education, 310, 313.



### Locate Institutions "Just Out From the Large Cities" (cont'd)

As the years have passed by the city has grown, and it is now necessary to establish the printing plant in some more rural place, where land can be secured for the homes of the employees. Those who are connected with our offices of publication should not be obliged to live in the crowded cities. They should have opportunity to obtain homes where they will be able to live without requiring high wages.—Fundamentals of Christian Education, 492.

God has been calling upon His people to leave the cities. The youth who are connected with our institutions should not be exposed to the temptations and the corruption to be found in the large cities.—Country Living, 29.



### So Why Country Living?





### AD 66 parallel with 1888 calls to leave the cities

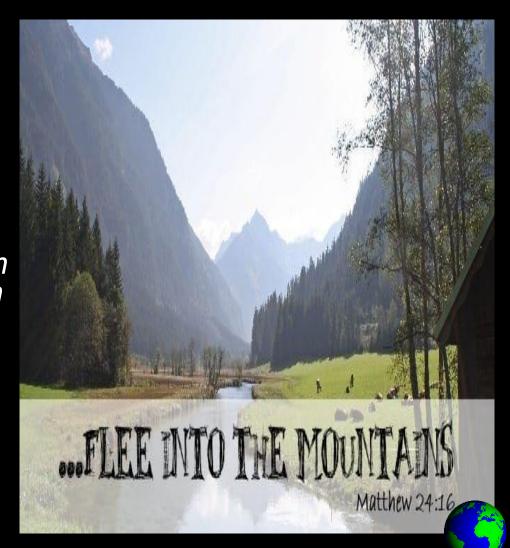
"The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains" – printed 1885 {T32 220.3}; reprinted 1889 {5T 464.3}.



The signal for the disciples to flee from the city was given by our Lord Jesus. In Matthew 24:15-16, Christ told His disciples: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:). Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains."

As to what that "abomination of desolation" would be, we find further details in Luke 21:20: "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh."

Armies threatening to desolate the holy city was a signal that the desolation of the city was near, and the disciples were to flee to the mountains. In old days, in tactics of war, armies could compass cities, build trenches, and try to starve people inside the city. Christ told His disciples to flee when they see this tactics used.



Roman armies came to Jerusalem in AD66 and they compassed around Jerusalem. For some reasons, they withdraw, which made it possible for God's people to flee. The Judean Christians who heeded what Christ had said, left the city and went to live in the country. In AD70 the Romans returned and destroyed the city. "Not one Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem. Christ had given His disciples warning, and all who believed His words watched for the promised sign" {GC 30.2}.

How do the siege of old Jerusalem relate to us today? "As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains" – 1885 {T32 220.3}; 1889 {5T 464.3}.





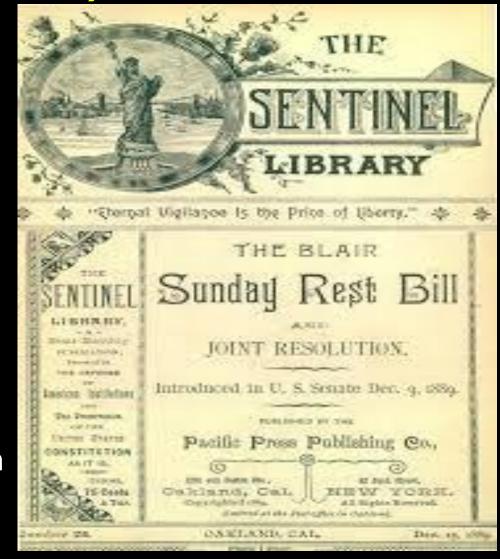
In prophecy, the United States of America, a lamb-like beast (Revelation 13:11), is to pass a national Sunday Law in honour of the Papacy, a leopard-like beast (Revelation 13:2). "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12).

By a universal Sunday decree, "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark" (Revelation 13:17). An attempt to pass a national Sunday Law in the United States was made in 1888.



We read of the 1888 Bill: "For many years Sunday legislation had been on the statute books of several states. Early in 1888, senator HW Blair, of New Hampshire, introduced into the united states congress a bill that, if passed, would have enforced in all federal territories the observance of Sunday as a day of worship. An amendment to the constitution to that effect had also been proposed. For several years national Sunday legislation threatened religious freedom in the United States" {3BIO 376.4}.

The Sabbath truth provoked the 1888 Blair Bill. "At a meeting held on Sabbath day, April 3, 1847" {LS 100.1}, Adventists were led by the Spirit of God to proclaim in earnest the Sabbath truth – "this enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth" {LS 101.1}.



Just less than a year after the 1888 Sunday Bill failed, in 1889, writing about the work of the National Reform Association, which was a major backer of the Blair Bill, Ellen White wrote: "We must show to the world that we recognize, in the events that are now taking place in connection with the National Reform movement, the fulfillment of prophecy. That which we have, for the last thirty or forty years, proclaimed would comé, is now here; and the trumpet of every watchman upon the walls of Zion should raise the alarm" {RH, January 1, 1889 par. 3}.

"Prophecy represents Protestantism as having lamb-like horns, but speaking like a dragon. Already we are beginning to hear the voice of the dragon. There is a satanic force propelling the Sunday movement, but it is concealed" {RH, January 1, 1889 par. 4}.

## THE LAMBLIKE BEAST

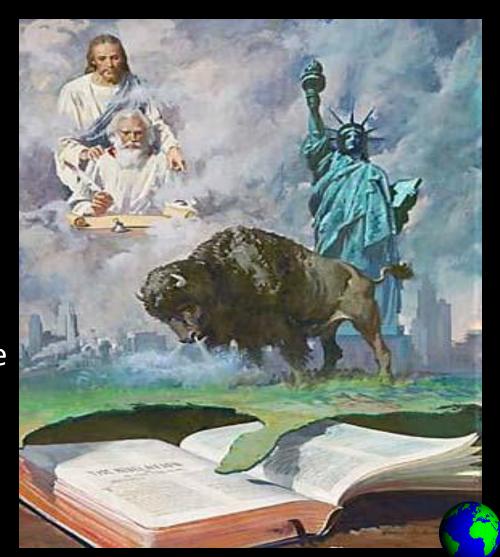
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Apostate Protestantism

Notice that what had been proclaimed over thirty years prior to 1888 was "now here" in 1889. Prior to the failed 1888 Sunday Bill there had been State 'blue laws' (Sunday closing laws), which continued to remain in force and protestant America resorted to giving 'teeth' to 'blue laws.' While in the failed 1888 Sunday Bill we were "beginning to hear the voice of the dragon", in the state 'blue laws' we continued "to hear the voice of the dragon."

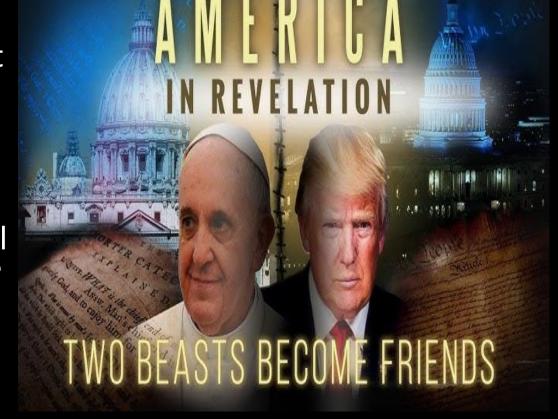
Less than a year after the United States Supreme Court gave some 'teeth' to state Sunday 'blue' laws in 1896, we find this statement made by Ellen White in 1897: "The protestant world have set up an idol sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy. For this reason I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country places" {12LtMs, Lt 90, 1897, par. 16}.



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Notice the parallel: the disciples were to flee when in AD66 Rome "set up idolatrous standards" and Adventists were to flee when after 1888 the protestant world "set up an idol sabbath." The time for Adventists to leave the cities is not future but already begun. Notice that it was in 1897 when Ellen White said because the "protestant world have set up an idol sabbath" there was "necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities" {12LtMs, Lt 90, 1897, par. 16}.



AD 66 parallels with 1888.



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Do not dismiss the parallel due to the common argument that the 1888 Sunday Bill was not passed into actual United States law, for if such argument is credible, then the same should be said of the AD66 siege that did not pass into actual destruction of Jerusalem.

Both AD66 and 1888 incidents were "assumption of power" or threatening of action for future incidents. When the Christians saw the AD66 sign, they did not dismiss it as not actual destruction, they flee from the city: "Not one Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem" {GC 30.2}.

The Jews who presumptuously waited for the desolation of the city to come in AD70, perished in the city: "Terrible were the calamities that fell upon Jerusalem when the siege was resumed by Titus" {GC 30.2}.



### Calls to Noah to Lot to Disciples and Seventh-day Adventists

"Before the destruction of Sodom, God sent a message to Lot, 'Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.' The same voice of warning was heard by the disciples of Christ before the destruction of Jerusalem: 'When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains.' Luke 21:20, 21. They must not tarry to secure anything from their possessions, but must make the most of the opportunity to escape" {PP 166.3}.

"There was a coming out, a decided separation from the wicked, an escape for life. So it was in the days of Noah; so with Lot; so with the disciples prior to the destruction of Jerusalem; and so it will be in the last days. Again the voice of God is heard in a message of warning, bidding His people separate themselves from the prevailing iniquity" {PP 166.4}.



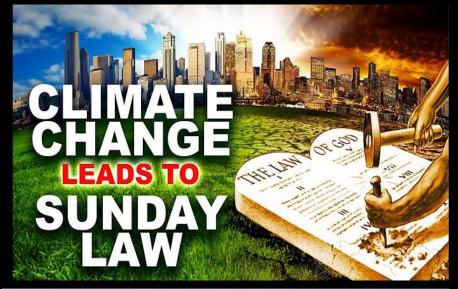


### Too late at Sunday Law to leave the cities

It will be too late at Sunday Law for Seventh-day Adventists to leave the cities! Whoever has a property in the city, who would not receive the mark of the beast, must have long sold it and bought a country property before Sunday Law, otherwise when the decree goes forth "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).

A property in the city will be useless if not converted into a country property before Sunday Law. At Sunday Law, Adventists will not be able to sell their city property to buy a country property and so their heart will be in the cities where their property is, "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34).

The thought of walking away without selling their city property will crush their faith. If they flee without selling their city property, they will look back and their faith will turn into a pillar of salt.

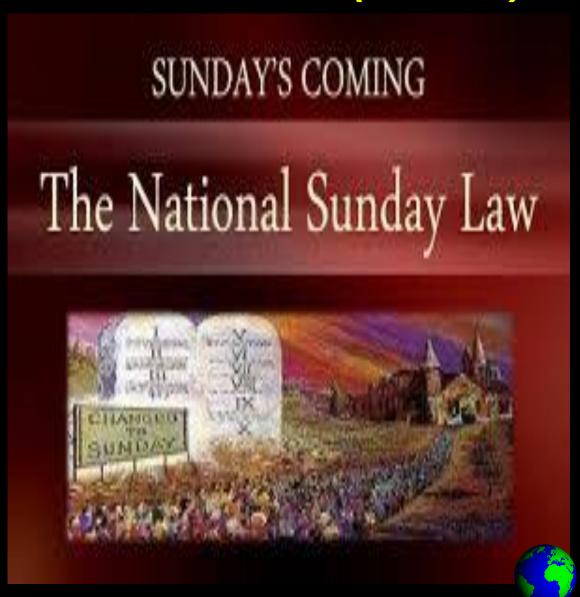




### Too late at Sunday Law to leave the cities (cont'd)

"But erelong there will be such strife and confusion in the cities that those who wish to leave them will not be able. We must be preparing for these issues. This is the light that is given me" {GCB April 6, 1903, page 88.1; RH April 14, 1903, par. 33}.

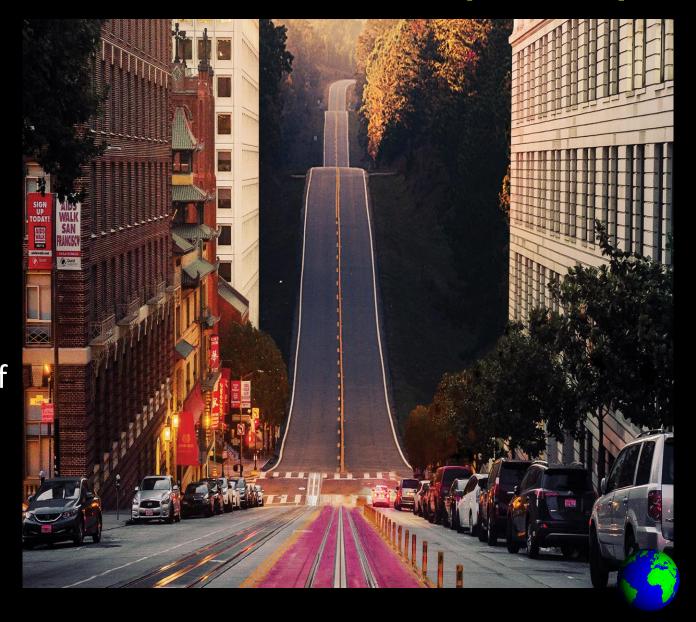
As "not one Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem" in AD70 because they "watched for the promised sign" in AD66 {GC 30.2}, so not one true Seventhday Adventist Christian who watched for the 1888 sign will be living in the cities by Sunday Law. Surely it is "at the peril of their souls' salvation" {22LtMs, Ms 115, 1907, par. 6} that the professed Adventists remain in the cities until Sunday Law.



### Too late at Sunday Law to leave the cities (cont'd)

Multitudes of professed Adventists still living in cities by Sunday Law shall condemn themselves and will fret themselves under the condemnation that they did not get out of the cities when they had the chance. They will flee in fear and not having real faith in the country living truth. But a flight of fear and not of faith is sin, "for whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23).

With such a sin-motivated flight out of the cities, coupled with the demands of their city-raised children or their own artificial city lifestyle needs, they will find it practically impossible to suddenly adapt to country living life and they will quickly turn back to the life of ease in the city and receive the mark of the beast in order to survive.



### Too late at Sunday Law to leave the cities (cont'd)

Professed Seventh-day Adventists living in cities by Sunday Law, who as a result receive the mark of the beast, will prove to have been apostates! "They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath-keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them" {GC 608.2}.



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).

### Conclusion: Practical Considerations

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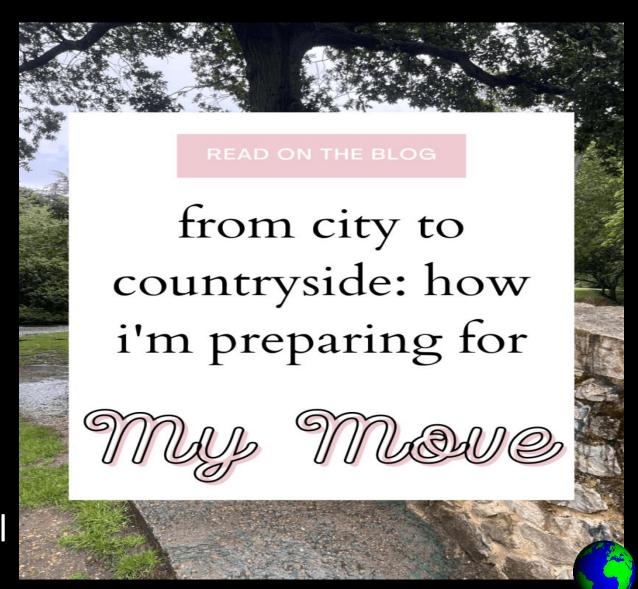
The counsel also provides guidance on suitable occupations in rural areas.

#### **Preparing for the Sunday Law Crisis:**

It emphasizes the importance of preparing for the potential crisis of a Sunday law.

#### **Colonizing at Institutional Centres:**

Adventists are encouraged to establish institutional centres in rural areas.



### Conclusion (cont'd): Reasons for the Counsel

#### **Not a Rash Decision**:

The counsel warns against acting rashly and encourages individuals and families to study the instruction, pray about it, and seek God's guidance before making any decisions about moving to the country.

#### **Ongoing Relevance**:

The "Country Living" counsel remains relevant for Adventists today, as it continues to challenge them to examine the effects of urban living and reevaluate their choices about where they live.



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#### **Avoiding Urban Dangers:**

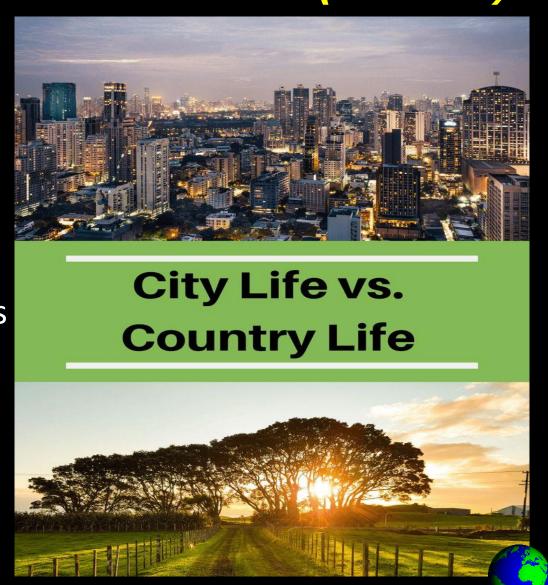
Ellen G White's counsel highlights the dangers of urban environments, including involvement with labour unions and other sources of strife.

#### **Preparing for the End Times:**

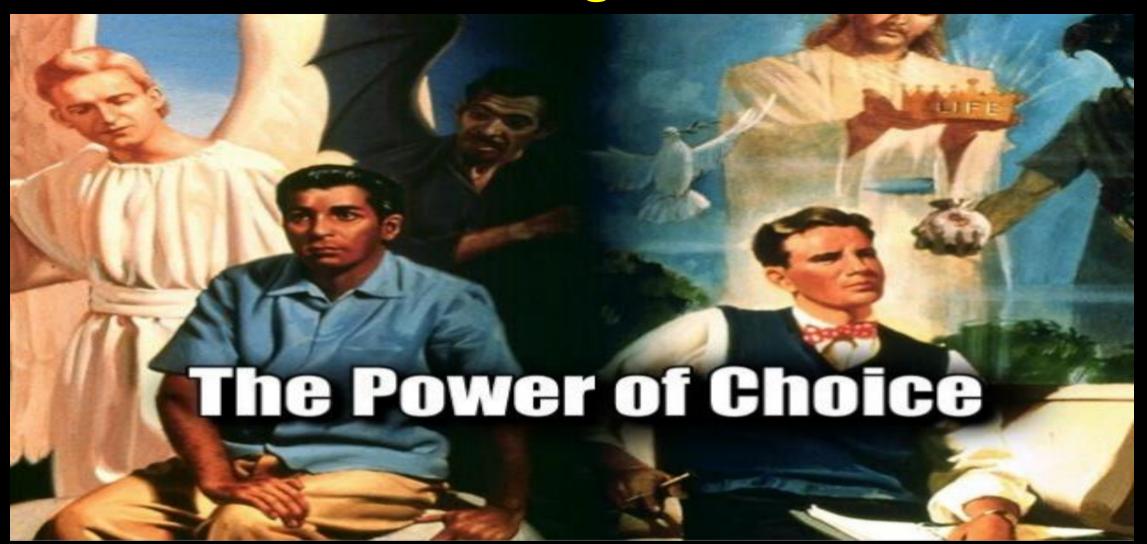
As the end of time approaches, Seventh-day Adventists are encouraged to heed the Lord's instruction to leave cities and seek refuge in rural areas, preparing for the final events.

#### **Desire for a Better Country:**

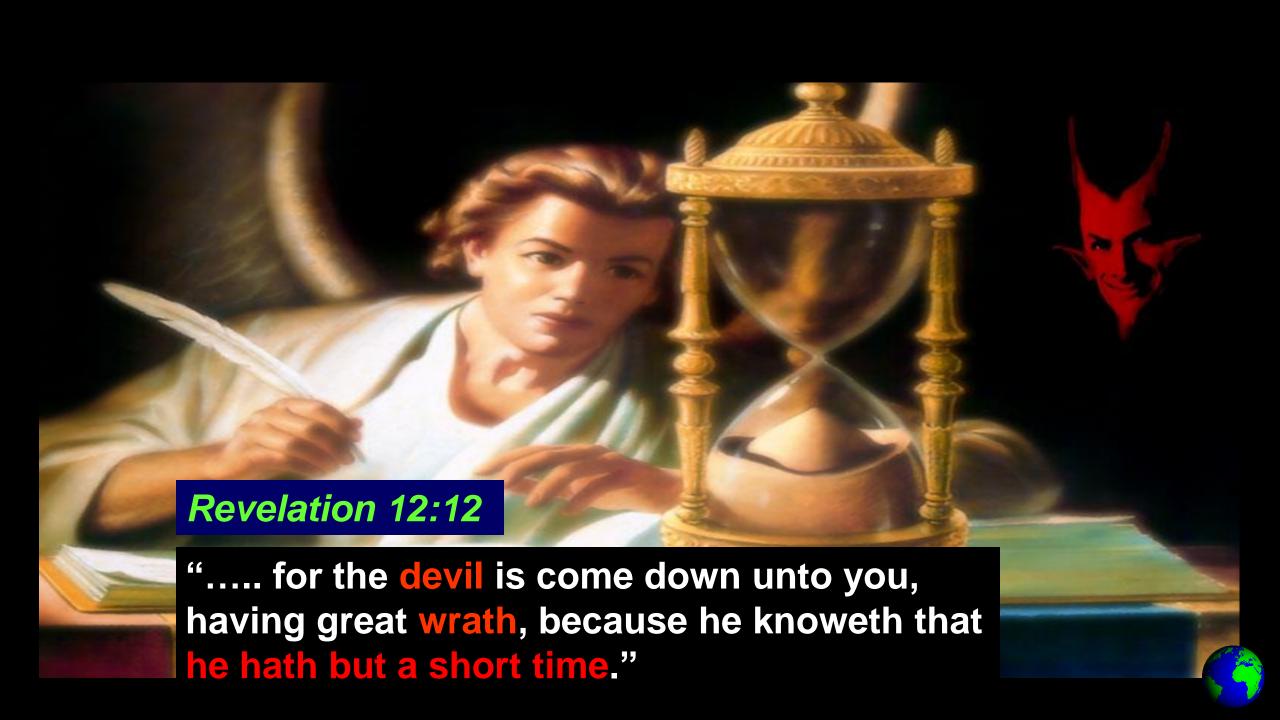
Seventh-day Adventists are reminded that their ultimate home is in heaven, and no place on earth can compare to that heavenly home.



### God has given all:







### 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

